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Water District 67 Annual Meeting minutes

The annual meeting of Water District 67 was called to order by Chairman Jim Harberd at 1:00 PM on February 5, 2025 at the Washington County Fair Exhibit Hall.

The first item on the agenda was to select the chairman for the upcoming year. Jim Harberd was nominated and seconded to continue as Chairman. No other nominations were made so it was moved and seconded to elect Jim as chairman and the motion passed.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved as read.

Watermaster Kathy Summers gave a report on the past years activities. The determination of curtailment dates was a major item this past year. She explained the method used to determine the priority date for the curtailments. There was some discussions about the Rush Creek/Pine Creek area not being properly administered. It is planned to have Jim Brewer assist in this drainage in the upcoming year. There may be a need for an extra Assistant Watermaster to handle this area in the future.

The treasurer gave a report on the finances over the past year. The major difference from past years was the start of the River measurement project that started this year. The expenses in this area totaled \$38,790.27. The money had been set aside in past years in anticipation of this project. It was discussed about the increased demands on the treasurer and the motion was made and seconded to increase the pay of the treasurer to \$800 per month. The motion passed. It was also moved and seconded to increase the Watermaster pay by 4% which amounts to an increase of \$100 per month. The motion passed. The next area of discussion was regarding the Idaho Water Users Association membership fees. Following the discussion it was moved and seconded to have the secretary contact IWUA and offer to pay \$2500 rather than the nearly \$6000. With these changes it was moved and seconded to accept the budget as revised. The motion passed. The assessment level will remain the same.

It was moved and seconded to retain Kathy Summers as Watermaster. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to retain Jack Holmes as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to retain the Assistant Watermasters from last season. Motion Passed. The assistant Watermasters are Jim Harberd, Ryan Davis, Jim Brewer, and Tim Bumgarner.

The next item was to select the Advisory Committee members. It was moved and seconded to have Chris Fry replace Randy Noah and re-elect all other Advisory Committee members. Motion passed and Advisory Committee consists of Jim Harberd as Chairman, Jerry Yantis as Vice Chairman, Howard Sutton, Vern Lolley, Robert Sachtjen, Chris Fry, Curtis Hickey, Paul Striker, Colton Chandler, and Casey Chandler.

Kellie Smith of IDWR gave a short update on the projects she is concentrating on this upcoming year. The primary area is the East Fork Ditch and the devices to control and measure their water.

Dale Barton gave an update on the Lost Valley Reservoir enlargement project. The latest USFS meeting went well and it is hoped to finish the Environmental Impact Statement soon and move ahead with the permitting process. All the Shares involved in the enlargement have been sold. They have raised the necessary funds to meet the matching grant requirements. Sundance Engineering is doing the EIS and hopes are to get the permits in place to do the Engineering work on the design this fall and hopefully do construction work in spring of 2027.

Jack Holmes gave a quick update on the river measurement project and plans for the upcoming year. Four sights are installed and hope is to have two or three more installed this year. The costs of the equipment is nearly complete so not much more expense is anticipated. There is an annual subscription fee of \$120 per sight that will be ongoing.

It was moved and seconded to change bank accounts to Umpqua Bank in Weiser to be more convenient for the treasurer. Motion passed and it was also designated that the following persons be signers on the account. Jim Harberd, Jerry Yantis and Jack Holmes.

It was moved and seconded to have the County Tax collectors from Adams and Washington Counties collect the assessments as in past years. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to have the next annual meeting be held on February 4, 2026 at 1PM at the Washington County Fair Exhibit hall. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.


Jack Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

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