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**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

**PRESENT:**

Tyler Cranney  
Jared Mitton  
Nate Pickett

**NOT PRESENT:**

Russell Patterson  
Arden Cranney.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Heidi Lloyd  
Chantry Whittle  
James Mullen  
David Pickett  
Slade Beck (Patterson)  
Kaden Hensley (IDWR)  
Will Cranney

**I.** Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:09 a.m., on January 20, 2026. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

**II. Appointment of Secretary:** David Pickett made a motion to appoint Heidi Lloyd as secretary, Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

**III. Minutes:** The minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting were read individually. Tyler Cranney made the motion to approve the minutes. Nate Pickett seconded the motion. All approved.

**IV. Election/reappointment of officers:**

1. David Pickett made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year, Slade Beck seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.  
The officers are: Jared Mitton – President  
Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.  
The board of advisors is as follows:  
Arden Cranney  
Nathan Pickett  
Russell Patterson- Triple Ace

2. Tyler Cranney made a motion to retain the services of Oakley Canal Company for another year with James Mullen as Watermaster. Nate Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**V. Financial Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports. As of December 31, 2025, there is \$14,378.11 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2026 Watermaster fee is \$7000; the secretarial fee is \$400.00. Tyler Cranney made a motion to pay the bills, Slade Beck seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VI. Budget:** David Pickett made a motion to approve the budget for 2026, with the assessment increase. Cottonwood will continue to get billed through the county with a 1% interest rate per month on late payments. Tyler Cranney seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

**VII. Watermaster's Report:** James Mullen gave the Watermaster's report.  
The 2026 Snow level at Bostetter is: 16" snow depth – 4.6" water equivalency  
2025: 39" snow depth - 11.3" water equivalency  
Reservoir Level is 60.1 or 14,163 acre feet  
Stream flows: Trapper: 10.0 or (500") Goose: 20.0 or (1000")

**VIII. Old Business:**

1. Catwalk – James Mullen reported that there is one catwalk that needs to be replaced at the Cranney / 3 Aces split, and another one built. The cost is \$2800 for each catwalk. After little discussion, all agreed to the repairs.
2. Cement Ditch – James Mullen requested that Cranney's and Pickett's go look at the cement ditch and see what repairs need done.
3. David Pickett stated that for the 2025 season it is Cranney's turn to burn the ditch.
4. Cement Box at Flats – James Mullen reported that the cement box at the flats needs cleaned out. Tyler Cranney said they can send some guys out there. David Pickett said it might require a backhoe.
5. Clean Diversions – James Mullen reported both diversions need cleaned with an excavator. Skylar Farnsworth (F&G) said to go ahead and clean the west side also.
6. Cleaning and Maintenance at West Ditch – James Mullen reported that there will be light cleaning this year in the west ditch and he still needs to bill for last years cleaning.
7. Tyler Cranney reported that he talked to David Mabey from NRCS about piping the cement ditch that was built in 1973. David Maybe told Tyler Cranney that Cottonwood might not qualify as Cottonwood has short water seasons. Tyler Cranney reported that the IDWR infrastructure grant application period is in August.

**IX. New Business:**

1. David Pickett stated that for the 2025 season it is Cranney's turn to burn the ditch.
2. Bank- Jared Mitton proposed switching from Wells Fargo bank to D.L. Evans bank. After little discussion David Pickett made a motion to switch to D.L. Evans bank. Nate Pickett seconded, all agreed, motion carried. Signers on the account are as follows: Jared Mitton, Tyler Cranney, Nate Pickett and to allow account access to Heidi Lloyd.
3. Cleaning and Maintenance of West Ditch – James Mullen reported that they will be spot burning this spring and will inform everyone before they do it.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, January 19, 2027 at the Canal office.

David Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Slade Beck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

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President

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Secretary/Treasurer