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3 Minutes of the meeting of Watermaster District 37N held February 3, 2026, at the Carey City Hall at 3:00 p.m. Present were board members Dusty Simpson, Dave Parke, Bob Simpson. Also Bryan Wood, and Kathi Peck.

Waterusers present were Greg Mann, Rich Payne, Corey Skinner, Kaden Hensley and Larry Hansen from IDWR, Milo Mecham, Nancy McAfee, Jessie Taylor, Sheldon Hansen, Jim Cenarrusa, Caleb Cenarrusa, Rich Payne, Scott Thorne, Morgan and Kyle Dreschel, and Jerry Cenarrusa.

Dusty Simpson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for a meeting chairman. Milo nominated Dusty, Dave seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Dusty then asked for nominations for a meeting secretary. Milo nominated Kathi, Nancy seconded and voting was unanimous. Kathi was nominated as treasurer by Nancy, seconded by Milo and voting was unanimous.

Bryan Wood presented the watermaster budget for 2026. The budget increased by \$75.00, in hopes of hiring an assistant watermaster to assist Bryan. Total budget is \$180,908.00 Caleb moved that it be accepted, Nancy seconded it and the voting was unanimous.

Dusty then opened the floor to nominations for watermaster. Sheldon nominated Bryan Wood. Nancy seconded the motion, voting was unanimous. Bryan was commended for the amazing job he has always done for all the waterusers and the board.

Bryan reported 18,000 a/f water currently in the dam. Bryan gave a report as to the weather forecast and snowpack. Little Wood is currently at 108% of normal. The forecast calls for more moisture the end of the month. Bryan then turned to the subject of the high shrink. Last year, he said that 50,000 a/f went over the diversion and he delivered 18,000 a/f, which is 35% delivered.

No resolutions were passed and the next year's meeting will be on the first Tuesday in February at 3:00.

The watermaster meeting ended at this time and discussion turned to irrigation district subjects.

Dusty declared a non-election for Dave Parke is district 5. He noted that the board is in the process of redrawing the districts so as to encompass more waterusers that could serve on the board.

Dusty presented a financial outlook for the irrigation district, noting that the hydro plant income was \$116,000 which is one of the lowest in recent years. Assessments were levied last November, based on the amount of water run in 2025. The job description was read for an assistant watermaster.

Dusty explained the ongoing lawsuit with Joel Sweat across the highway from the water office. There is a court date set for April 9th, hopefully to end all the contention.

Jim Cenarrusa complained about a part of the Dry Creek flood channel being filled in. Dusty referred him to the flood control board. Jerry Cenarrusa noted that a tree cutter from Montana is coming Friday to meet with him and interested parties about cutting some trees along the canals. Greg was concerned about the clean up after the trees are felled. Discussion followed.

Milo brought up the fact that there are very few meters on our systems and no real way to measure water used. Bryan explained his methods and what he does to measure water. Milo mentioned things being done in Lost River to conserve water.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m. By a motion from Bob and seconded by Dave.

Kathi Peck, Secretary