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Water District No. 161
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 20 2026

Water District No. 161 annual meeting was held at the Mountain Home Elks Lodge on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Refer to attached roster sheet for attendees.

Larry Jewett called annual meeting to order.

Jim Blanton nominated Larry Jewett to be the chair for the meeting and also nominated Chris Alzola to be the secretary for the meeting. Second by David Olson. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Chairman Larry Jewett asked everyone to take a minute to review last years (January 21, 2025) annual meeting minutes. David Olson made motion to accept minutes as written, second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Watermaster Report:

Watermaster Ed Van Etten introduced Scott King from IDWR, Ed said Scott is working in the position that was once held by Nick Miller at IDWR. Nick has moved to the State IDWR office. Ed said all meters are installed except one at a dairy. Ed said he has completed his fall meter reads. Ed said he's calling people that have meter issues most of them are dead batteries.

Chris provided financial report. Jim Blanton made motion to approve financial report. Seconded by David Olson. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Review previously adopted Resolutions and Proposed 2026 Resolutions and Budget:

Jim Blanton wanted everyone to know that the Advisory Board held a meeting December 19, 2025 and has recommended the Proposed Resolutions and Budget.

David Olson made motion to approve the \$51,714.72 proposed budget as presented, second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Larry Jewett made motion to elect Chris Alzola secretary/treasurer, second by Eric Orr. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Jim Blanton made motion to elect Ed Van Etten for 2026 Watermaster services, second by David Olson. Vote taken all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Jim Blanton made motion to leave Advisory Committee the same as last year acknowledging that the City will have a new representative. Daniel Brennan is no longer affiliated with the City.

Member #1: David Olson – Large Irrigation

Member #2: Jim Blanton - Domestic

Member #3: Kresta Davis (or as designated by Idaho Power) - Commercial/Industrial

Member #4: Larry Jewett – Small Irrigation

Member #5: Katie Gomez (or as designated by USAF) - MHAFB

Member #6: Eric Orr – Large Irrigation

Member #7: _____ (or as designated by City of Mtn. Home) - Municipal

Motion was seconded by David Olson. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

David Olson made motion to adopt the 2026 Proposed Budget and Proposed Resolutions with the existing Resolutions already in place as printed, second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion by Larry Jewett to set 2027 annual meeting Tuesday January 19, 2027 @ 7:00 pm and the Advisory Board to make determination of location. Second by David Olson. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion by David Olson to adjourn. Second by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.


Chris Alzola, Secretary/Treasurer