

March 2, 2026  
Leadore City Community Building  
202 S. Railroad St.  
Leadore, ID 83464

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### **WATER DISTRICT 74-W MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Thayne Kauer called the 2026 annual meeting of Water District 74-W to order at 2:10 P.M., Monday, March 2, 2026, at the Leadore Community Building, Leadore, ID with 8 members and/or representatives in attendance.

Merrill Beyeler motioned to accept the 2025 minutes as presented. Carl Ellsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL:** Chairman Kauer asked for the financial report. Treasurer Beyeler reported that with a 7-month budget for fiscal year 2025 the district received \$20,800.00 in water billing and \$0.00 in late fees. Water District 74-W earned \$1.45 of interest on the checking account. Water District 74-W had \$23,309.49 in expenses leaving a carryover from fiscal year 2025 of \$6,482.88 and a balance of \$8,990.86 in the checking account as of March 1, 2026. There were no late water bills. There were no calls for the heat of the day measurement. Carl Ellsworth motioned to approve of the financial report as presented. Jordan Whittaker seconded. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ADVISORY BOARD & CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:** Chairman Kauer called for nominations to elect the advisory board and credential committee. Merrill Beyeler motioned to retain James Whittaker, Kurt Bird, and Douglas Beyeler as the Advisory Board and Credential Committee. Kurt Bird seconded. Motion carried. Advisory Board and Credential Committee – James Whittaker, Douglas Beyeler, and Kurt Bird.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Douglas Beyeler motioned to accept and retain the current resolutions. Jake Zollinger seconded. Motion Carried.

**FIXED WAGES FOR WATER MASTER AND SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Carl Ellsworth motioned to increase the wage for the Assistant watermaster to \$450.00 per month with equipment rental for the assistant watermaster at \$600.00 per month. Jordan Whittaker seconded. Motion carried. Carl Ellsworth motioned to retain the wage for the Watermaster at \$900.00 per month with equipment rental for the watermaster at \$1,800.00 per month and that the Secretary/Treasurer be paid \$500.00 plus \$50.00 for postage and office supplies per year. Jordan Whittaker seconded. Motion carried.

**BUDGET:** Carl Ellsworth motioned to set a 7-month budget of \$29,245.43 using \$6,110.43 of the carryover with a billing assessment of \$21,135.00 for the fiscal year 2026. Kurt Bird seconded. Motion carried.

**WATER MASTER:** There was one applicant, Crystal Foster, for watermaster and one applicant, Gerald "Red" Pierce, for assistant water master. Chairman Kauer opened nominations for water master an/or assistant water master. Carl Ellsworth motioned to nominate Crystal Foster as watermaster covering the west side of highway 28; and retain Gerald "Red" Pierce as assistant watermaster covering the east side of highway 28, including wells. Jordan Whittaker seconded. Motion passed.

**CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Merrill Beyeler motioned to retain Thayne Kauer as Chairman of Water District 74-W and retain Douglas Beyeler as Secretary/Treasurer. Kurt Bird seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION and INPUT**

Discussion was held, light of concerns with retaining watermasters and the potential of a low water year, on encouraging and enforcing compliance of function diversion control structures and weirs. Kurt Bird moved that Secretary Beyeler draft a letter encouraging making sure headgates and weirs are in place and functioning, focusing on resolving issues within the district without having to go higher up. Jake Zollinger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kurt Bird asked who to find out from if the flow gauge on Big Timber Cr at Highway 28 was functioning and if we as users can access its data.

Kurt Bird asked if the questions on Canyon Cr minimum flows with the Fish and Game had been resolved and if there was anything the district could do to help.

Jake Zollinger addressed the issues on Texas Creek in 2025 and expressed appreciation on how they were resolved.

David Graybill followed up on Jake's Canyon Creek, it is not in Water District 74-W.

Having concluded all business of Water District 74-W, Thayne Kauer adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.

Water users and/or representatives in attendance were:

Jake Zollinger  
Merrill Beyeler  
Carl Ellsworth  
Jordan Whittaker  
Thayne Kauer  
Kurt Bird

David Graybill - IDWR

Douglas Beyeler, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Beyeler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas Beyeler,  
Secretary/Treasurer

**ROSTER OF  
ATTENDANCE 2026  
ANNUAL MEETING**

WATER DISTRICT NO. 74-W  
BIG TIMBER, LITTLE TIMBER, TEXAS  
WATER DISTRICT AREA EIGHTEEN MILE, HAWLEY, CALSWELL

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Date 3/2/2026 Time 2:00 am/pm (pm)  
Location Leadore Community Center  
Address 207 S. Railroad St  
LEADORE, ID 83464

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NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
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Douglas Beyler		
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Thayne Kauer		
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Jake Zollinger		Slavin's
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Carl Ellsund		
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Jordan Whittaker		
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Kurt Bird		
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David Graybill	1301 Main St Salmon	IDWR
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Merrill Beyler		
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# Annual Water District Meeting Checklist

Water district annual meetings must address certain topics. The checklist below will help ensure each water district is addressing the necessary topics during the annual meeting. Please return this completed checklist to the appropriate IDWR regional office along with the adopted budget, resolutions, and annual meeting minutes.

Water District Number and Name:

74-W

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 2:00 PM LEADORE COMMUNITY CENTER LEADORE, ID

- Election of meeting chairman and secretary (*chairman facilitates meeting and secretary must record meeting minutes and submit to IDWR within 5 business days following the meeting*)
- Read and approve previous year annual meeting minutes
- Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget
- Treasurer financial report
- Adopt budget (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- Elect watermaster\*
- Elect assistant watermaster(s)\* (optional)
- Elect water district treasurer\*
- Select an advisory committee (optional)
- Adopt resolutions (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- Determine next year's meeting date, time and location

Date 3/1/2026 Time 2:00 PM Location LEADORE COMMUNITY CENTER LEADORE, ID

\* An oath is required before the first year of service.

By signing below I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting.

Completed by:

Douglas Boyden SEC/TREAS  
Water District Representative / Title

3/7/2026  
Date