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**Birch Creek Water District 32-D  
Annual Water Users Meeting  
March 3, 2026**

The Birch Creek Water District 32-D Water Users meeting was held March 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, for the purpose of electing a Watermaster, Chairman and Secretary, and transacting such other business that might come before the meeting pertaining to the irrigation water of the district.

Andy Wagoner called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

Those attending were Andy Wagoner (Chairman), Heath Wagoner, Jon Davidson (IDWR), Tanner Wood (IDWR), Brett Murdock (Deputy Watermaster), and Laurie Small (secretary).

Minutes were read individually. **Heath Wagoner made a motion to accept the previous year's minutes as written. Andy Wagoner seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY**

Mr. Wagoner asked for nominations for chairman and secretary. **Heath Wagoner motioned to have Andy Wagoner remain as chairman and Laurie Small as secretary. With no other nominations, Andy Wagoner seconded. Nominations passed.**

**APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Chairman, Andy Wagoner, waived appointing a credentials committee at this time. If one is needed, they can be appointed at that time.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORT**

Mr. Murdock presented the Watermaster's report for 2025. The 2025 diverted flows totaled 14,259, A.F., down 1447 A.F. from 2024 flows. A chart with the yearly delivery in acre feet for the past 15 years was included in the report. Measurements of stream bed losses taken by contract with U.S.G.S. between the reaches of Blue Dome to the Birch Creek Power Hydro Pond were included. The weir on both ends of this reach gives very accurate measurement of the total reach as long as weirs are properly maintained along with annual silt removal. The advantage of a weir is to give accurate and immediate flows when read. Measurement reports including all sections measured were attached to the report. Records show a continual decrease from the 2011 delivery.

Snow course measurements were 118% of average at Meadow Lake with 50" of depth and 13.7" water content, 92% of average at Beagle Springs with 28" of depth and 6.6" water content, 70% of average at Spring Mountain with 33.4" of depth and 8.0" water content, 78% of average at Haun Homestead with 23.8" of depth and 3.8" water content. Snow measurements taken on February 25, 2026. Snotel data acquired on February 26, 2026.

The Haun and Spring Mountain sites are based on a twenty-five year average. The Haun average is 4.8 inches of water, Spring Canyon average is 11.4” of water. Beagle Springs 30-year average is 7.2” and Meadow Lake 30-year average is 11.6”.

Cloud seeding continues but with the lack of storm patterns have not been run as much this year.

Mr. Murdock reported that \$230.00 remains in the district’s checking account. This money has been used in the past to clean out the dam at Blue Dome. It was noted that the weir replacement at Wagoner’s is working well, and the weir at Blue Dome has not been replaced but is still working.

**PROPOSED AND ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2026**

	Proposed	Adopted
Watermaster Salary, Mileage & Other	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00
Secretary Salary	\$300.00	\$300.00
Snow Survey	\$600.00	\$600.00
USGS Measurements	\$800.00	\$800.00
Total Budget	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00

The same budget is being proposed for 2026.

**Heath Wagoner made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Andy Wagoner seconded. Motion passed.**

**NOMINATION FOR WATERMASTER**

Mr. Wagoner entertained a motion for nomination of Watermaster. **Heath Wagoner made a motion to have Greg Shenton continue as Watermaster. Andy Wagoner seconded the motion. Nomination passed.**

**Heath Wagoner made a motion that the Water District adopts the following resolutions.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**COLLECTION OF WATER ASSESSMENT**

No ditch, canal, or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water until full payment due is paid. Payment shall become due April 15, and shall become delinquent May 15, and if not paid by May 15, the payment shall bear interest from April 15, at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.

The Watermaster shall not deliver any water until full payment due is paid.

**WATERMASTER TERM OF SERVICE**

The Watermaster shall be elected for a term of one full year. The purpose is so the Watermaster can serve in the legal capacity to do official business for the district in the

event of emergencies, legislative actions, hearings, disputes or other water related or job-related activities. The Watermaster cannot be required to make deliveries before April 1, or after November 1, (the normal irrigation season) unless an emergency exists. The Watermaster shall not be paid before April 15, or after November 1, from the Water District Budgeted regular funds.

#### **HEADGATES & WEIRS**

All control devices and measuring devices shall be in good working order before water can be demanded or delivered. The Watermaster shall not deliver any water unless such devices are in good working order.

#### **USGS MEASUREMENTS**

Two USGS measurements will be done each year.

#### **WATER DELIVERY**

Allow Brandie Terry and Mrs. Sorenson to receive water for their lawns, with no daily records required, no cost to them until any future changes are made.

**Andy Wagoner seconded the motion. All resolutions passed.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD**

Chairman, Andy Wagoner, appointed the following: Lewis Newman, Heath Wagoner and James Palmer (representing Ted Sorenson) and himself as the Advisory Committee.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rocks are being placed in Birch Creek through the campground area that is causing slowing of the stream flow. IDWR, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Wood suggested several steps that can be taken to address this issue. Speak with the camp host and request campers not put rocks in the creek, work with BLM to oversee, contact the Stream Channel Protection Program for assistance and contact the Corp of Engineers before any rocks are removed for guidance or any permits needed.

#### **IDWR REPORT**

Mr. Davidson did not have a report but entertained any questions the district may have. Mr. Davidson noted that there is a House Bill ID S1269 that revises provisions related to cloud seeding programs in Idaho. This bill seeks to update state statutes regarding cloud seeding, enhancing accountability, transparency, and operations definitions.

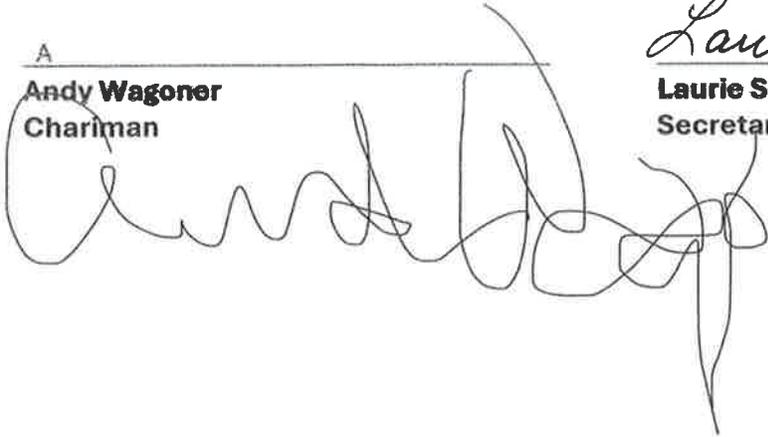
#### **MEETING DATE AND TIME**

**Heath Wagoner motioned that the next year's annual water meeting be held Tuesday, March 2, 2027, 10:00 a.m., at the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, ID. Andy Wagoner seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Heath Wagoner moved to adjourn. Andy Wagoner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.**

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**Andy Wagoner**  
Chairman

*Laurie Small*  
**Laurie Small**  
Secretary

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Andy Wagoner". The signature is written over a horizontal line that spans across the names of both Andy Wagoner and Laurie Small.



# 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:

Water District 32-D - Birch Creek

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Meeting Date, Time and Location:

March 3, 2026 Clark County Annex Building Dubois 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*) *included in minutes.*
- Determine next year's meeting date, time and location

Date 03/02/2027 Time 10:00 am Location Clark County Annex Building Dubois 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:

Lauri Small

Water District Representative / Title

03/09/2026

Date