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**WATER DISTRICT NO. 45-O
GOLDEN VALLEY AREA
2026 RESOLUTIONS**

The water users of the Golden Valley Area Water District, designated as Water District 45-O, meeting at the annual district meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2026, HEREBY PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the watermaster perform the duties as required by Chapter 6, Title 42, IDAHO CODE and in accordance with the Order in the Matter of Ground Water Withdrawal in the Cottonwood Critical Ground Water Area dated 30th of August, 2004.
2. The Idaho Department of Water Resources be elected to provide watermaster services for Water District 45-O and the Director of IDWR appoints **Kaden Hensley**, an employee of IDWR, or other employees of IDWR as may be necessary, to serve as the watermaster for the ensuing year.
3. As provided in IDAHO CODE § 42-608(4), the watermaster shall begin service on this date and continue until the next annual meeting when a successor is elected or appointed.
4. The water users of Water District 45-O hereby authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Water District 45-O and the Director of IDWR that will provide for the following:
 - a. IDWR will provide full-time or part-time employees as necessary for watermaster duties during the dates of service as identified in Resolution #3. The watermaster shall maintain an office for the ensuing year within the IDWR Southern Regional Office, located in Twin Falls, Idaho.
 - b. IDWR will provide office space, vehicles and the use of all necessary office and field equipment, and other necessary watermaster expenses in exchange for compensation as set in the approved budget. This arrangement shall not give Water District 45-O any ownership interest in any IDWR office space and equipment.
 - c. Water District 45-O will reimburse IDWR for watermaster services an amount not to exceed the amount shown in the adopted budget. IDWR will provide an invoice to the Water District by March 5 of each year.
 - d. The Water District 45O advisory committee shall consist of **Taylor Duncan, Lincoln Pickett** and **Russell Patterson**. Russell Patterson shall be designated the chairman of the advisory committee with authority to sign the MOU.
5. The duties of the treasurer will be performed by the watermaster to approve expenses and disbursement of Water District funds, and to prepare or authorize a review of financial affairs of the district at the end of each fiscal year, in accordance with Idaho Code Section 42-619.

6. The budget for Water District 45-O for the fiscal year 2025 beginning March 18, 2026, and ending on March 9, 2027, be as follows: Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Dollars (**\$1950.00**) for Watermaster duties.
7. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-618, the Watermaster of Water District 45-O is hereby authorized to collect the expenses of the Water District directly from the water users.
8. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-612 (5), the assessment amount for each individual user as shown in the adopted budget shall constitute a final determination of the amount due for the current year.
9. The watermaster shall prepare assessments for the current year budget after the water users present at the annual meeting have formally adopted the budget. The annual assessments will be due to Water District 45-O on or before May 1, each year so that there will be sufficient funds early enough in the year to accommodate the expenses of the water district.
10. It is resolved that the Watermaster is authorized pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-618, to withhold or suspend deliveries of water to any water user who has not paid their assessment charges in full by the above mentioned due date.
11. The annual Water District 45-O meeting shall hereafter be held on the second Wednesday in March, of each year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by resolution of the district at any annual meeting.