

## Water District 27 Year 2026 Resolutions

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the annual Water District 27 meeting shall hereafter, or until changed by further resolution of the district, be held on the first Monday of February of each year unless the director and advisory members should find it necessary to change the meeting date. The next annual meeting is to be held February 1, 2027.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the watermaster's responsibility to apply the best available methods and technology to assure accurate deliveries of natural flow and stored water, consistent with regulatory procedures, the Blackfoot River Management Plan and the availability of the water supply; that he maintain accurate records of water delivered to each water user.

That, the watermaster shall accurately allocate the expenses of delivering water of the district to each ditch, canal company, irrigation district, or other water user as provided by law; and that he shall prepare the annual watermaster's report required by Idaho Code 42-606 and a proposed budget for the succeeding year as required by Idaho Code 42-615.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The watermaster will investigate ways to expand and maintain automation where it can effectively improve water management, reduce personnel costs, travel costs, or result in cost or water savings for water users in Water District 27, or assure better and more current data.

The Watermaster will adjust the headgates of all natural flow rights. The Fort Hall Project Manager or his designee will adjust the central gates of the Blackfoot Reservoir, the equalizing reservoir, the Little Indian Canal, and the North and Main Canal headgates. The Watermaster will be duly advised of all changes made in the gates regulated by the Fort Hall Project Manager or his designee.

Brian Normandeau of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Eastern Region Office, be elected watermaster for the ensuing year, and be authorized to appoint deputies and hire such other assistants as provided by the adopted budget. Additionally, employee incentives may be given from within the watermaster's budget not to exceed \$5000 annually. These incentives are to be given at the discretion of the watermaster. The watermaster may hire additional assistants as authorized in Idaho Code 42-609 in an emergency.

Marvin Yancey be elected Water District 27 Treasurer.

Treasurer will be compensated \$50 a month to cover time and additional reimbursement for mileage. The duties of the watermaster and treasurer shall continue until the next annual meeting.

The budget for Water District 27 for the 2026 year beginning January 01 and continuing until December 31<sup>st</sup>, shall be as follows:

## Water District 27 2025 Budget

Expenses	Budget	Notes
Watermaster Expenses	\$40,000.00	
Website + Misc.	\$ 500.00	
Measurement & Reporting Equipment	\$5,000	
Measurements - Blackfoot River @ Rocky Ford	\$4,000.00	*Estimated cost
<b>Total to Assess</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>	

3. WHEREAS, it is the watermaster’s responsibility to assure the proper delivery of water to all water users, and

WHEREAS, the normal water district cost of delivering water to many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their total annual use of water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the watermaster of Water District 27 is hereby authorized to assess a \$60.00 minimum charge per water user within his jurisdiction. For water users with more than one point of diversion that is actively used and/or deemed functional by the watermaster, the minimum charge will be \$60.00 per diversion. The minimum charge is applicable whenever the prorated charge against the water user based on the volume of water delivered is less than the minimum charge.

4. WHEREAS, the water users of Water District 27 meeting in regular annual session find it necessary to confirm the continuation of the following “on-going” resolutions which direct the watermaster and the treasurer of the district in certain aspects of Water District 27 operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget of Water District 27 adopted at the annual meeting shall become the basis for the aggregate amount to be collected from all water users in the district for the current year based upon the water delivered to each user during the past season.

It is hereby agreed that the natural flow users shall pay 40% of Water District 27 Budget, and that the Fort Hall Project shall pay 60% of said expense. The rate of assessment per 24 hour second feet shall be computed in accordance with the above proportions.

No water shall be delivered to any delinquent water user until all delinquencies have been paid, and no water shall be delivered after June 1, 2026 , until the current year's assessment has been paid.

That the treasurer shall establish and maintain a general account and shall cause all monies received to be deposited and shall make all disbursements as necessary to conduct the business of the water district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no ditch, canal company, or other water users shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the watermaster shall not deliver to such person until receipt of the amount due and payable from such user, and

That copies of the minutes of the annual meeting, the approved budget, and related resolutions, shall be filed with the Director of the Department of Water Resources in accordance with Idaho Code 42-612 and 42-617.

5. WHEREAS, the water district meets in regular annual session, as provided by state law, and;

WHEREAS, there are, from time to time, decisions related to water district contracts, or policies that may not have been specifically addressed by resolution at the annual meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the advisory committee of Water District 27 is authorized to take such actions as they, by consensus deem necessary and appropriate to fulfill the duties for which the district was created.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advisory committee be authorized to modify the budget and approve the expenditure of funds held by the water district for unanticipated expenses of the water district.

6. WHEREAS Idaho Code 42-605 provides for voting by water users and election of an advisory committee, the water users of Water District 27 hereby resolve that the credentials for voting in any district meeting and for serving on the district advisory committee will be as follows:

- 1) The advisory committee is to consist of 5 members, geographically distributed to represent the interests within the district.
- 2) Each advisor must be a landowner, including an individual or a duly authorized person from an "Entity" which is defined as a cooperative; corporation; sole

proprietorship; unincorporated association; limited liability company; partnership; trust; estate; and body politic, and water user within the boundaries of Water District 27; except for the Designated Representative from Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

3) Must have paid all assessments owed Water District 27.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall continue from year to year until repealed or changed by the water users.

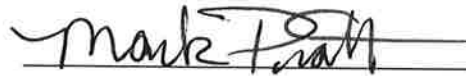
7. WHEREAS, Water District 27, Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes benefit from the proper administration of water distribution within Water District 27 and a cooperative program or contract outlines the benefits and responsibilities of each entity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the waterusers of Water District 27 hereby grant the authority to the Chairman to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the waterusers of Water District 27 hereby grant the authority to the Chairman to enter into a contract with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes regarding reimbursement of costs for the Rocky Ford Gaging Station.

8. ACCEPTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED that adoption of all resolutions become effective with respect to the Fort Hall Project and all water distributed to the Fort Hall Project from any source, when the Fort Hall Irrigation Project Manager has affixed his signature.



Mark Pratt, Chairman  
Water District 27



David Bollinger, Irrigation Project Manager.  
Fort Hall Irrigation Project

Approved and accepted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.