



Water District 29-D Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

Water District 29-D met on March 9, 2026 at Pocatello City Hall. There was some confusion about when the meeting was to start with postcards sent out saying the time was 6:30 and the website saying it started at 7.

Call to Order: Rich Diehl called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. No representative from IDWR attended the meeting.

Selection of meeting chairman: George Chandler nominated Rich Diehl to chair the meeting and Audrey Additon seconded the nomination. Rich Diehl was selected as the Chairman of the annual meeting.

Selection of meeting secretary: George Chandler nominated Mary Spinner to serve as meeting secretary. Aubrey Additon seconded the nomination and Mary Spinner was selected to serve as secretary for the annual meeting.

Approval of minutes from the 2025 annual meetings: George Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Aubrey Additon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Watermaster report for 2025: Kristin Evans gave the report. Kristin shared the curtailment date links., which are:

<https://www.waterdistrict1.com/current-data/>

<https://user.xmission.com/-halarm/downloads/district29d.html>

Any diversion junior to the priority date (on the webpage) will be curtailed.

Locked diversions – any water users that have not fully paid their bill by June 30th (including the interest that has accrued throughout the prior season) WILL be locked.

Measuring device maintenance – must be maintained and able to read. Many measuring devices in District 29D have blank screens. Maintenance is REQUIRED from the water user.

Kristin reported Aspen Hubbard had been hired as an Assistant Watermaster. She also reported 199 surveys had been recorded for diversions that have measuring devices. All diversions including 5.0 acres or less were monitored more than twice to make sure all water users were in compliance. Kristin said she dealt with many compliance issues and investigations in District 29-D. Applications for tribal water leases must be completed prior to July 1 each year. 23 water users leased tribal water from District 29-D. Total 24 Hour CFS measured in 2025 was 1064.58 (24 Hour CFS).

Treasurer's Report for 2025: Dianna Burden reported the 2025 budget was \$30,000 with \$1,000 from the cash in the bank. She invoiced \$29,000 and collected \$24,300. The budgeted expenses were \$30,000 and the actual expenses were \$29,880. Dianna reported that the past due accounts total \$8,529. The Advisory committee suggested we send the past due accounts to collections. However, they take about 50% of the balance due and will ding credit ratings. So, the district will continue to collect in-house and ask that users support this effort by paying and notifying the watermaster or treasurer when the property is sold.

Discussion of Proposed Budget for 2026: A handout of the proposed budget was handed out for attendees to review. There was a concern about nothing being left in the contingency fund. Dianna said she is reluctant to send past due users to collections. Holding the meeting sooner and sending assessments out sooner was suggested. Having an assistant was questioned. Kristin said there are a lot of compliance issues and investigations. Kristin is the watermaster for 3 districts and has an assistant in each district. Kristin is paid the same in the WD29H surface water district. Larry Burden said watermasters in other districts are paid much more.

Adoption of 2026 Resolution and Budget: George Chandler proposed the proposed budget that was presented be approved and Dennis Hill seconded the motion. The Resolutions and Budget were adopted as presented.

Election of Watermaster: George Chandler nominated Kristin Evans and Hal Armstrong seconded the nomination. Kristin Evans was elected to serve as Watermaster.

Election of Treasurer: Aubrey Additon nominated Dianna Burden for Treasurer and Hal Armstrong seconded the motion and Dianna was elected to serve as Treasurer.

Selection of Advisory Committee members: It was proposed to retain the current Advisory Committee members and the proposal passed.

IDWR Update: No report because no IDWR representative attended.

2027 Meeting Date: March 8, 2027

Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mary Spinner

Meeting Secretary

Prepared March 16, 2026

Roster of Attendance

WATER DISTRICT 29 D – LOWER PORTNEUF & TRIBUTARIES 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

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911 North 7th Avenue
Pocatello ID 83201
Monday, March 9th, 2026, 7 p.m.

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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:

Water District 29-D Lower Pootung & Tributaries

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

3/9/26 7pm Pocatello Council Chambers

- 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 3/8/27 Time 7pm Location City of Pocatello

* 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:

[Signature] Chairman
Water District Representative / Title

3/9/26
Date