

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
WATER SUB-DISTRICT 72D, CLAYTON AREA
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2026 7:00 PM**

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Meeting was called to order by Wayne Baker at 7:06 pm.

Present were: Wayne Baker, Ron Yacomella, Sandra K. Hill, Jon Bennetts, Jen Vogel, Patty Maloney, Lloyd Carr, Justin Baker, JR Baker, Howard Cutler, Preston Cutler, Gary Ingram, Jackie Ingram, Sarah Baker, Melodie Baker, Kristen Hurless, Jason Hurless and Larry Mellen.

Sarah D. Baker was nominated as Meeting Chairman by Wayne Baker. Second by Justin Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Baker was nominated as Meeting Secretary by Sandra Hill. Second by Jon Bennetts. Motion passed unanimously.

Melodie Baker read the 2025 meeting minutes. Howard Cutler moved to accept the minutes and Jon Bennetts second. Motion passed unanimously.

The advisory committee and WD170 Advisory Committee Representative are currently: Thompson Creek Mine-Richard Giampedraglia, East Fork-Wayne Baker, Main Salmon-Howard Cutler and Squaw Creek-Ron Yacomella. The WD 170 Advisory Committee Representative is currently Howard Cutler. Melodie Baker made the motion to keep the advisory committee and WD170 Advisory Committee Representative as they stand, Gary Ingram seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

WD170 Advisory Committee Representative, Howard Cutler, gave a brief report on the WD170 annual meeting held in January of 2026. They said if anyone has any problems in district get in touch with them. Howard said they seem to have more problems down river than we have. Jen Vogel added there was discussion to have the annual meeting every year in Salmon, but the final decision was to keep as is, with the meeting being in Challis on even years and Salmon on odd years. The meeting place in Salmon was being changed from the Fish and Game office to the IDWR field office in Salmon.

Financial Report was given by the Treasurer, Melodie Baker. Income was down around \$600. She collected from all but 10 water users, two of which she could not find a correct address. Jen Vogel said she would check to see if she had more current and correct addresses.

On delinquent accounts, there was discussion regarding if there was any way to enforce paying their assessments. If the water user isn't using their right, there isn't much that can be done, but if they are using their water right, then Jason and Kristi can curtail their use, as long as we have a resolution pertaining to this. Jason and Kristi said they would contact those who haven't paid. Discussion was tabled until resolutions were reviewed.

Office supplies will increase a bit, with stamps going from \$0.73 to \$0.78 and Mel can no longer carry the Sub-District cost of QuickBooks on her personal license, so there will now be an annual fee for QuickBooks every year. Treasurer's time was down this year with Jason and Kristi taking over more of the watermaster duties. Total expenses were a little higher than past years, but not significantly.

Patty Maloney moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given and Kristi Hurless seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Watermaster Report was given by Watermasters Jason and Kristi Hurless. Jason said the overall budget's biggest change was FY 2025 carried over \$3,052 and the unrealized collection we put back in budget, lowered cost. We only have \$1,689 this year, so assessments for larger users have gone up to compensate.

Budgeted expense will stay about the same, but since we can't discharge as much through the carry over, the collections will go from \$9,350 last year to \$10,302 for this year. Jason said they are hoping the watermaster fees will decrease next year, as a lot of the time was associated with getting to know the water district system and water users. To help reduce the expenses some, the contingency line was decreased to \$750 from \$2,000. It was high last year to give a buffer due to the new watermasters, but this year, there should be less of a risk of any significant overages. The supplies expense line was increased to cover the QuickBooks cost.

Kristi and Jason said they based the proposed budget on (1) the fiscal year adopted, (2) the expenses and actuals for 2025 and (3) what they thought it will be this year.

The carry over will help reduce the assessment. Expense items: Watermaster, Secretary and Workers Comp remain the same. Mileage and supplies were increased and the contingency was dropped to \$750 this year. Total budget expenses are \$10,352.32 which represents the total fee to collect.

Total collection-assessment is in the packet.

Wayne Baker moved to accept the Proposed Budget as given and Justin Baker second. Motion passed unanimously.

Other discussion included:

David didn't complete his review of the district's diversions last year, so who would be finishing it and when would the report be available? Jen said she would get David's report and get back to Kristi. David has been in touch with those that needed something done on their diversions.

Patty Maloney said she had talked to David last fall about their needing an allowance to get a measuring device on EF05 and David said he'd give them a letter showing he was giving them a year to get this completed and she hasn't gotten a letter from him. Jen will help with this. There was discussion about different types of measuring devices and where to get them. Sarah reminded everyone that the information is included in the minutes.

Jason and Kristi said they sent all of the readings in to David for review and will get the finalized Watermaster's report in tomorrow. Jen said their report was excellent.

Review Resolutions-Melodie Baker went over the changes made to the resolutions last year. There was discussion to have a resolution to withhold water deliveries if the water user does not pay their assessment. Jen looked up Idaho Code Title 42-613 (5) and we will incorporate that language in our resolutions. Sarah asked if we will have to pass this at each meeting annually, but Jen said just once, once was enough and then have it listed in the resolutions. Justin Baker moved to accept Idaho State Code Title 42-613 (5) as read by Jen Vogel into our resolutions, Ron Yacomella seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Yacomella made the motion to keep Kristen Hurless as the Watermaster, Justin Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Yacomella made the motion to keep Jason Hurless as the Assistant Watermaster, JR Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra Hill made the motion to keep Melodie Baker as Treasurer, Jon Bennetts seconded the motion, Motion passed unanimously.

Patty asked Jen if a ditch has multiple users and one doesn't pay, does the whole ditch get shut down? Jen said no, this was only for a ditch with a single user on it.

Howard questioned why we can't charge when a watermaster is called out for some reason other than regular water assessing. Justin reminded us that David had said last year that was his job, not the watermaster's. David (and now it'll be Jen) won't make a charge, but will go and check out what the issue is.

Gary Ingram made the motion to accept the changes and addition to the resolutions, Ken Ryan seconded the motion, Motion passed unanimously.

Other Items of Business-Sarah brought to our attention that on a yearly basis, we need to identify the nonconsumptive right which will be assessed a pro-rata charge each year, as laid out in RESOLUTION TO ASSESS NONCONSUMPTIVE WATER RIGHTS. That nonconsumptive right being for the fish pond on Squaw Creek (SQ3) owned by the Fish and Game. If the water usage is over the \$75 flat fee they will be charged the additional cost factor as other large users. Everyone was in agreement to keep resolution 5 nonconsumptive and enforcing it again this year.

Jason and Kristi also said they are trying to get a contact for Fish and Game that can give them a key for the measuring device at SQ3 (the pond) to make sure they have a water device and to read the meter.

With there being no more business to discuss, Justin Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Wayne Baker. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Minutes submitted by Meeting Secretary, Melodie L. Baker



Melodie L. Baker, Meeting Secretary