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Water District 55B – Jordan Creek
Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2026
Pleasant Vally School, Jordan Valley, OR

6:00 pm - Called the meeting to order

Attendees: Emily Hendrickson, Todd Gluch, Zeke Quintero, Josh Bruce, Teo Maestrejuan, Forrest and Nancy Fretwell, Matt Mock, Dennis and Wyatt Stanford, Kenny and Bryce Kershner, Tyler Johnson, Tara Echave, Landon Group representative Bryant Kuechle, Tal and Jennifer Trautman. Jes Erling (current Watermaster) and Nick Miller were present representing IDWR.

1. Dennis made motion (mm) to elect Nick Miller as meeting chair. Kenny Kershner seconded (2nd) the motion. Tara Echave was nominated and appointed as meeting secretary to record the meeting minutes.
2. Review of 2025 meeting minutes. Bryce Kershner mm to approve the 2025 minutes as presented. Matt Mock 2nd.
3. Treasurer's Report. No budget was adopted last year and IDWR provided watermaster services for free. Jes stated that he did not close the WD55B bank account with US Bank. Jes said there is \$634 still in the bank account. Some inactivity fees were refunded but only for the last few months. Jes recommended the district keep the bank account as is for now since debits and credits will accrue. Treasurer will need to provide minutes and oath to US Bank to be added to the bank account as the signing authority. Nick mentioned that the group can also choose to move the account to another bank (possibly closer to Jordan Valley) if they choose to do so.
4. Water Report. Jes went through the watermaster's report and presented a condensed version of the watermaster report which included a month to month summary of watermaster activities in 23025. A full copy of the watermaster report was given to all in attendance.
5. Nick proposed a \$17,297 budget. Josh suggested Zeke use his own vehicle for \$3.00/mile reimbursement. Todd asked if we needed to spend \$10,000 on a measuring device? Discussion ensued. Could buy used or budget half this year. Jes said he will train Zeke this year and the group can use his device if needed this year. Jes said the hours of the watermaster would need to be increased to an estimated

200 hours. Dennis said the lower water users would basically pay the entire bill. Nick showed who would have paid and the amount of water each user used last year. People could then estimate how much they would have to pay and get an idea of what their bill could look like. Nick proposed an adjusted budget of \$14,684 with measuring device or \$9,684 without measuring device. Users decided to keep measuring device on the budget splitting the cost in half on the budget over the next two years. DeLamar Mining Co. said they would pay half the entire bill to offset cost. There were objections from users of DeLamar paying for half the budget.

*Motion Made: Todd Gluch made motion to adopt the budget of \$14,684 as presented (see WD55B Adopted Budget).

Josh Bruce 2nd. All voted in favor, except Forrest Fretwell was opposed.

Who will pay for money required to operate this approved budget? Options: Teo suggested take the CFS of each user and divide out based on budget. Another option: Nick suggested the charges should start when the water master is called on to deliver water and be based on the users who get water and the amount delivered to each of them. Basically, if you have water in late summer, you will have to pay. Those who get the most benefit get to pay the most money. Proportion the budget out to users based on use after the watermaster is called on. Nick says to start with a projected estimate based on past use in 2025 and at the end of the year, based on the watermasters recorded numbers, charge the user for actual water usage. Users can be reimbursed (credit) or have to pay more (debit) at that time based on sage.

Here is what was proposed: "The adopted budget shall be collected based on a projected usage estimated based on relative priority and diversion quantity authorized. In general, most users will have an estimated usage of zero due to stream supplies and regulation likely will only impact users on Jordan Creek, Williams Creek, Rail Creel, Big Boulder Creek, Pole Bridge Creek, Glass Gulch, and West Creek. The district will use debits and credits to adjust assessments after the season to reflect actual deliveries in 2026."

Todd made motion to approve. Matt 2nd. All voted in favor, but Forrest opposed.

6. Resolutions.

#5. Kenny mm to strike #5. Bryce 2nd. All in favor.

#6. Bryce mm to strike the last sentence. Josh 2nd. All in favor.

#10. Overrode this by the vote - took on adopting the budget previously in the meeting.

#11. Advisory Committee. Replace Doug Rutan with Matt Mock.

#12. Water master services. We need to elect a water master. Kenny nominated Zeke Quintero. Tyler Johnson moved to close nominations. All approved except Forrest opposed.

#13. Bryce was nominated as treasurer and said he would not charge for treasurer services for the 2026 season. Josh Bruce mm. Dennis 2nd. All approved.

7. Next meeting is the third Monday in March 2027 at 6:00 p.m. at Pleasant Valley School. Dennis mm and Kenny 2nd. All in favor.

Tal said Jes did a good job and was fair last year as the water master.

Kenny agreed and said Jes did a good job and put in a lot of time.

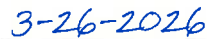
Kenny mm to adjourn and Dennis 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

I certify the minutes recorded herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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