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WATER DISTRICT #41 ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2026

The annual water meeting was held at the Rockland City Building on March 2, 2026 and was called to order by Chairman Brent Walker at 1:02 pm. A welcome was extended to all in attendance including Kellie Smith from the (IDWR).

Chairman Walker asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be made available to be read by all in attendance. A motion was made by Bart Ralphs to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by LaDean Barnard. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker then asked for a motion to elect a Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. A motion to retain Brent Walker as Chairman and Alan Permann as Secretary/Treasurer was made by James Robinson and seconded by Bart Ralphs. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker asked Water master Brian Woodworth to report on the previous water year. "The 2025 water year in Rockland valley closely resembled the previous year in overall supply and distribution. Most water users were able to exercise their full rights throughout the growing season, although some irrigators on the South Fork of Rock Creek experienced periodic shortages. Changes in ownership and ongoing irrigation improvements required added oversight within the district to educate new tenants and maintain accurate and consistent water measurement practices. While stretches of hot weather increased demand at times, timely late-summer moisture helped offset shorfalls. Overall, the season was productive and generally successful for the majority of water users."

James Robinson is concerned that when someone buys a property in our district they may not be aware that our system of measurement is different from other districts in the state i.e. (miners inches). (1 miners inch equals 7 gallons per minute). Kellie Smith from the IDWR spoke at length about water districts in the state and was not aware that Rockland Dist. #41 had a different measuring system i.e. miners inches. She also advised that if there is a change in point of diversion or a change in measuring devises that change needs to be registered with the IDWR. Kellie also spoke of a probable upcoming public meeting in our district to bring the ground water into the confines of Rockland Water District #41 along with the surface water.

Chairman Walker then asked for the financial report including a proposed budget for the coming year. Secretary Permann reported that \$8562.50 was spent the previous budget year out of a budget of \$8925.00. The checking account has a balance of \$1448.93 as of today. The 2026 budget was discussed and it was suggested that we increase the water master salary by \$500.00 to \$7500.00 and increase the Secretary pay by \$50.00 to 600.00. The last increase was made in 2022. There may need to be an increase in the Social Security to cover the salary increase. The following budget for 2026 was then presented.

BUDGET FOR 2026

WATER MASTER	\$7500.00
SEC/ TREASURER	\$600.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$550.00
AUDIT	\$200.00
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$400.00
TAX PREPARATION.	\$150.00
POSTAGE	\$75.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$8925.00

After some discussion , a motion was made by James Robinson and seconded by Bart Ralphs to accept the 2026 budget as presented, to authorize the collection of assessments and to expend funds as outlined in the budget. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker asked if there were any applications for the position of Water Master for the 2026 water year. Brian Woodworth said that he would apply for the position. A motion was made by Bart Ralphs and seconded by James Robinson to accept the application and hire Brian Woodworth as Water master for 2026. Motion passed.

Chairman Walker asked if any problems had been brought to the attention of the Advisory committee. No problems were reported. A motion was made by James Robinson and seconded by LaDean Barnard that Ronald L. Nelson, James Robinson and Scott Hedrickson serve as the Advisory Committee for 2026. Motion passed.

James Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting until next year (2027), to be held on the first Monday of March at 1pm, seconded by LaDean Barnard. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm.

Brent Walker-Chairman

Alan Permann-Secretary/treasurer

Those in attendance

Kellie Smith (IDWR)  
James Robinson  
LaDean Barnard  
Monte Anderson  
Brian Woodworth  
Brent Walker  
Bart Ralphs  
Alan Permann