

# Annual Water District Meeting Minutes

Water District Number and Name:  
WD 78 C – Meadows Valley Goose Creek

Monday, March 16, 2026, 1PM  
P&IN Depot/ New Meadows City Hall  
101 S. Commercial Ave.  
New Meadows, ID 83654

Attendance: Darrell Clay, Dean Dryden, Sandy Dryden, Nicole Farrell, Tim Farrell, Wyatt Greig, Jeff D. Luff, Sean McConnor, Jon E. Moore, Phil Obendorf, Dana Purdy, Scott Storms, IDWR; Chelsy Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Tate Taylor, Steve Weaver, John Welch.

- Election of Meeting Chairman and Secretary: Darrell Clay nominated Dean Dryden as meeting chairman and Sandy Dryden as secretary. Phil Obendorf seconded. Motion passed.
- Approve previous year's annual meeting minutes: Sandy read the minutes from March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Darrell Clay moved to approve, Tim Farrell seconded. Motion passed.
- Watermaster report: Tim Farrell reported that the snowpack is not good. He shut down Goose Lake and Twin Lakes in February. USDA reports water at 80%. Tim predicted that Brundage Reservoir should fill. The mid-level snow is deficient; the reservoir might still be filling so the creek might not have enough creek water for everyone to irrigate. He may have to release reservoir water earlier than usual. No weirs were identified as needing repair. Tim emphasized getting the dams in with plastic in a timely manner.
- Treasurer financial report: Sandy Dryden, Treasurer, presented an Expense Detail of Bills Paid in the amount of \$6,155.88, and the Treasurer's Report with ending cash in the bank at 2/28/26 \$2,780.87 as witnessed by the US Bank Statement of 2/27/2026 balance of the same.

Adopt budget: Discussion regarding what to budget for this current year.

Considering that this year looks like a low water year means that Tim must keep an accurate accounting with more frequent trips to the reservoir. Tim says he is willing to give up some of his wages as the duties for the assistant increase. The proposed budget to pay the Watermaster \$4400 gross and the Watermaster Assistant \$1,000 gross was acceptable. Phil Obendorf motioned to assess \$2.75 per 24 hour second; seconded by Darrell Clay. Motion passes. Next year, we will consider budgeting to rebuild the weirs at the forks of the creek. Tim

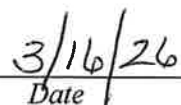
suggested that the weirs be made to be easily adjusted; the main Goose is the only one that needs adjusting. Scott Storms, IDWR representative, said that Water Resource board has grant funds for infrastructure. Scott will find out more info and get information to Tim.

- Elect watermaster: Darrell nominated Tim, Sean McConnor second. Motion passed.
- Elect water district treasurer: Phil nominated Sandy, Tim seconded. Motion carried
- Select an advisory committee. Sean moved to keep the same advisory committee as Darrell Clay, Buddy LaFay, and Tim Farrell. Dana seconded. Motion passed.
- Other Discussion: A question directed to the Watermaster was if there is any formula that the watermaster uses to know when to turn on the water in the ditch. Tim responded that the watermaster goes on when there is not enough water in the creek to meet the needs of the water users. Tim can estimate about a week out. Discussion ensued about short water years. Typically, there are summer rains that can help a low water year. Point was made to use water when you need it. It was clarified that adjudicated rights are determined by "First in time, first in right" as per state law. Reservoirs have different rules in short water situations; if the reservoirs do not fill then water must be decreased according to the reservoir's bylaws (i.e. A shares are senior over B shares).
- Determine next year's meeting date, time, and location: Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, at MV Library.

By signing below, I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting.

Completed  
by:

  
Water District Representative

  
Date