

Water District 120
Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Bingham County Courthouse (Room 3)
February 9, 2026

At 1:06 p.m. Craig Evans called the meeting to order.

Jeanne Hendricks moved to elect Craig Evans as meeting chairman and Christina Henman as meeting secretary; the motion was seconded: motion passed.

Time was given to review the 2025 annual meeting minutes. Connie Christensen moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Shaun VanOrden: motion passed.

Tanner Wood presented the 2025 financial report. Most of the income for the district came from assessments, with ≈\$4,600 earned in interest. The savings account currently has a surplus, so \$50,000 was moved into the savings account. The floor was opened for questions: none asked. Connie Christensen moved to accept the financial report; seconded by Jeanne Hendricks: Motion passed.

Blake Jordan presented the 2026 proposed budget. Due to high labor demand in 2025 caused by delivery calls and working with water users affected by the curtailment order, the budget was exceeded by ≈\$4,500. Current conditions and anticipated outlook for 2026 indicate that the upcoming year may also be busy, so it is proposed to increase the minimum assessment to \$75.00 and the GWD and administrative fees each to .058¢ per acre-foot. It was also proposed to remove the measurement fee per acre-foot. The floor was opened for questions: none asked.

Blake Jordan presented the resolutions and proposed changes. The resolutions reflect the appointment of the Watermaster (Blake Jordan) and Treasurer (Stephanie Mickelsen). Proposed changes included updating to the current year and updating the assessment information for resolution #8 as reflected in the proposed budget. A new resolution #9 was proposed to allow the district to turn over some assessments to the county for collection. A new resolution #10 was proposed to detail assessment due dates and penalties for late payment. All following resolution numbers were changed to accommodate the new resolutions. There was significant discussion regarding the proposed resolution #9. It was clarified that this resolution is needed because it can be difficult to curtail certain rights and the district doesn't otherwise have the same leverage that the county does. It was pointed out that it may need to be addressed as a fee through the county instead of a tax. When implemented, the district will work with the county to ensure that the proper process is used. A question was asked why the county would only collect some assessments instead of all. It was answered that it is cheaper for the district to collect directly, and that many water users are assessed through their ground water district; so only using it on an as-needed basis gives the district cost-effective flexibility. There was significant discussion regarding abuse of domestic water rights. Blake explained that recent legislation will allow the district to take administrative action against excessive domestic use. Tony LaRosa moved to approve the 2026 resolutions; seconded by Connie Christensen: motion passed. Shaun VanOrden moved to approve the proposed budget; seconded by Jeanne Hendricks: Motion passed.

Tanner Wood presented the Water Master's Report. The report included a field season review, information from IDWR, 2025 water use, and a 2026 water outlook. Tanner reviewed the status of flow

meters, mentioning that some of the flow meters were marked as non-functioning due to blank displays, which may mean that they just had the power off and might not be broken.

Blake Jordan presented curtailment updates. The 2025 curtailment orders affected almost all ESPA water rights. Blake explained that curtailments affect all water users, not just irrigators. He also explained that as the area of common groundwater expands and more water users are brought into administration, the burden will be spread out more. The most recent expansions include the Big Lost, Little Lost, and Raft River basins; though administration won't begin until 2027 to allow them time to form ground water districts and formulate mitigation plans. There was significant discussion regarding how to fairly administer domestic wells, especially those suspected of abuse. It was clarified that the district can only operate within the boundaries of existing statute. If abuse or illegal water use is suspected, water users are encouraged to report it to the district and IDWR for investigation and potential enforcement action. The department can only pursue enforcement action within one year. A question was asked about how the district could offset use, and whether recharge was an option. It was clarified that WD120 only administers water rights; recharge would have to be done through the groundwater district or a canal company.

Time was given to review the current advisory committee and recommend changes. Jeanne Hendricks was added as an alternate for AAFGWD. No other changes were requested. Adam Young moved to approve the advisory committee as changed; seconded by Shaun VanOrden: motion passed.

Connie Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded: Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



Christina Henman, Meeting Secretary

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Date

