

Water District 130

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022 – Jerome Library Meeting Room

Dean Stevenson opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked everyone to sign in.

Attendance: Nathan Erickson, Corey King, Meribeth Lomkin, Lynn Carlquist, Tom Dancastle, Jim Henderham, Benton Palmer, Brian Reiter, Gary Lemmon, Dean Stevenson, Justin Temple, Joey Wallace, Ryan Telford, and several others listed on the IDWR sign-in sheet.

Lynn Carlquist moved that Dean Stevenson serve as meeting chair. Brian Reiter 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Tom Dancastle moved that Meribeth Lomkin serve as meeting secretary. Gary Lemmon 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes of the 2021 meeting were reviewed. Lynn Carlquist moved to approve the minutes as presented. Justin Temple 2nd the motion and it passed.

Subdistrict Meetings-Advisory Committee Membership Update:

The group separated into groups by subdistricts and held subdistrict meetings.

- It was noted that the Advisory Committee needs a total of 5 representatives from “Spring User” subdistrict.
- The Advisory Committee also needs to fill Bob Simpson’s post someone (or two people) who can represent the Carey Valley Ground Water District and Ground water users holding commercial, industrial, or municipal water rights.
- Brian Reiter will represent ground water users and Benton Palmer will be in the alternate ground water user position.
- Carey Valley GW District “spot” was not filled at this meeting.
- Joey Wallace will be alternate to replace Bob Shepard as representative to the Advisory Committee for the North Snake Ground Water District.

Tom Dancastle moved to nominate Dean Stevenson as Advisory Committee Chair. Lynn Carlquist 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

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Nathan Erickson led the group making updates to the Water District 130 Advisory Committee 2022 membership list as shown below:

REPRESENTING	NAME
North Snake Ground Water District	Lynn Carlquist Alternate: Joey Wallace
Magic Valley Ground Water District	Dean Stevenson Alternate: Jim Redmond
Carey Valley Ground Water District	No representatives found.
A&B Irrigation District	Justin Temple Alternate: Bart Webster
Basin 37 ground water irrigator	Meribeth Lomkin (Idaho Dept. of Lands) Alternate: none
Ground Water user holding commercial, industrial, or municipal water rights	Brian Reiter (City of Burley) Dane Higdum (Glanbia) Alternate: Faye Featherly (Dan Willie Ent) Alternate: Benton Palmer
Spring Users	Gary Lemmon (Ten Springs) Jim Henderhan (Riverence) Kresta Davis (IPCO) Stan Standal (B37) Katheryn Davey Alternate: Tom Dancastle Alternate: Dirk Boggart

Ryan Telford moved to accept 2022 Advisory Committee membership list. Justin Temple 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Financial Report/Budget:

Nathan Erickson introduced himself and his position with the Water District and IDWR and then reviewed the Water District 130 financial report and balance sheet for the Fiscal Year as of 2/1/2022.

Discussion on the hours budgeted: “Measuring & Reporting” is a smaller group and not part of any GW district or other subdistrict groups. “Administrative Charges” covers all other water rights and is a larger group.

Estimated carryover from 2021 = \$12,117.41. Carryover for the previous year was \$15,000.00. This year actual cost was about as close to budgeted cost as the WD has been.

The WD-130 Budget for 2022 was reviewed. Because of actual costs and carry over a decrease in the recommended assessment from \$45 to \$40 was suggested.

Dean Stevenson commented that the Advisory Committee wanted to try to maintain a carry over of \$10,000 to cover emergencies.

Resolutions:

The group reviewed the proposed changes to the Resolutions:

2 Describes MOU between IDWR and WD-130 which needs to be signed by district chair every 5 years. This has been missed for a few years but will execute MOU this year.

#10 New Advisory Committee chair is Dean Stevenson. Dean commented that for GW Districts it is common to have someone from IDWR serve as watermaster.

Lynn Carlquist commented that the Advisory Committee feels that IDWR staff filling the watermaster role is a good value for the district. WD-130 is/has been operating at a very low cost per point of diversion.

Justin Temple moved that the Resolutions be accepted as presented. Gary Lemmon 2nded the motion, and the motion passed.

Watermaster/IDWR Report: Nathan Erickson provided some background information on water districts, ground water districts, and administration of water rights including Calls and curtailments.

WD-130 is required by the State of Idaho to hold an annual meeting. WD-130 has the responsibility to deliver and administer the water in our WD because of previous Calls on water rights, and other things, we have formed ground water districts (GWD) to pool resources among users. GWD's can provide mitigation or other ways (besides curtailment) to help GWD users who are affected by the water rights Calls.

There are less than 100 water rights holders in WD-130 that are not part of a GWD. These users pay the Measuring and Reporting rate. All GWD members pay the M&R through their GWD assessment.

Nathan, as WD-130 watermaster administers ground and surface water (Including springs).

GWD only works on GW mitigation, but the administration/enforcement of water rights falls back to the Water District (ex: curtailments).

Flow meters that are functioning and accurate for the year's use are critical for GWD. If GWD cannot get a broken meter issue resolved, then they push the resolution of the problem back to the WD.

For meter operation, WD-130 is at about 7% (of total meters not working). This is very good comparatively statewide. Meter operation usually starts the season at about 3-4% compliance but by the end of the season the number of meters not working increases.

Sparling meters (red meters) have been taken off the IDWR list of approved meters. IDWR/WD-130 asks water users to keep an eye on meters and replace ASAP if problems develop.

Other Business (Group Discussion regarding IDWR/Watermaster Report):

The North Snake GWD meeting in March will have recharge/streamflow data/presentations.

IDWR in cooperation with Water Districts/Irrigators have done all the recharge we can do this winter based upon the system storage. About 1800 cfs recharge has been completed this winter among the approved recharge system in this vicinity.

For recharge – we are currently at the mercy of canal companies/systems. Keep this in mind and encourage your legislators to keep looking for and developing other recharge options. State money is keeping this ground water recharge plan going.

Natural Resources Conservation Service programs CRP and CREP are coming to an end. Acres currently not being farmed under these programs are coming out of the programs, will likely be farmed, and could lead to some changes in Ground Water Districts.

Adjourn:

Ryan Telford moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Temple 2nd the motion. The meeting ended @ 2:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meribeth Lomkin,
Secretary