

Garden Creek Water District, District 29-B
Minutes of the Annual Meeting

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Call to Order: Vice President Wendell Marley called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He asked that Theron Toler (Sec/Treas) conduct the meeting.

Members Present: Wendell Marley, Theron Toler, Cory Losee, Sage Lish, Matthew Jons, Cade Willoughby, Douglas Loertscher, Brett Loertscher, and Jared Adamson from the IDWR

Last Year's Minutes: Theron reviewed the minutes from last year's meeting. There were no suggested changes. Cade made the motion that the minutes be accepted. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

Old and New Legislation: None was discussed.

Financial Report: Theron presented the financial report for the year 2021 and explained it. Corey made a motion to accept the financial report. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

Water Master's Compensation, Adopt Budget, and Collect Revenue: Theron reviewed the historical rates and methods used. The district's main expenses are the Water Master's compensation and Worker's Compensation insurance. We have been paying the Water Master \$7/stream/day and charging the users \$8/stream/day. While this covers the Water Master's compensation and the small administrative expense, the insurance premium is not covered. It was agreed that the Water Master's compensation would be left at \$7/stream/day with a user's fee of \$8/stream/day. This allows a margin of \$1/stream/day for miscellaneous administrative expenses. The Worker's Compensation premium would be collected by spreading the cost equally among the listed authorized users of the irrigation system. The insurance premium allocation of \$11.00 per user was left unchanged. Collection of these monies will be through the use of a consolidated invoice, same format as last year, sent to all users. Wendell made a motion to accept these budget amounts and collection process. Cory seconded. Motion carried.

Pool and Rotate: There is never enough water in Garden Creek for all users to use it at once, or to just use it arbitrarily. It was suggested that as in years past the water be pooled at rotated on turns or as directed by the Water Master. This method seems to provide the most beneficial use of the water. Wendall made a motion to "pool and rotate" as in years past. Corey seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Current officers are: Sheldon Hatley, President; Wendall Marley, Vice President; and, Theron Toler, Secretary/Treasurer. The question was asked if all officers were fulfilling their duties to a satisfactory level. It was confirmed that they were. Wendall made the motion to keep the officers the same. Cory seconded. Motion carried.

Advisory Committee: The current advisory committee consists of the elected officers plus the water master. Sheldon and Theron are also members of "The Old Ditch Company" so all entities are represented. Wendell made the motion to leave the advisory committee the same. Cade seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Watermaster: Corey has been the watermaster for the last two years. He was asked if he would accept the job for another year. He said he would. Cade made the motion that we hire Corey as the Watermaster. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

Old and New Business:

Old: There was no old business carried forward.

New:

- Sage asked if there was any way water could be delivered to him. He has a water right, but there is currently no ditch available to deliver the water to him. Portions of the South Lateral were plowed up over 50 years ago. There was a considerable discussion. There are three issues that must be addressed: Is it cost effective to pay for a new ditch, or pipe, to deliver limited freshet water and who would bear that cost; What would the actual logistics of that delivery system look like, would it be an open ditch, or a buried pipe; and, How would a right-of-way be obtained from the land owners across whose property the new ditch or pipe would run. Sage brought this issue up two years ago too. Unfortunately, there is no clear guidance in the current Idaho Code on how to proceed. No conclusion was reached.
- Jade, from the IDRW, gave us information about new actions the department is taking on establishing water districts to administer ground water, just like District 29-B administers surface water. The state has not decided yet whether these will be new districts, or if the existing districts will be asked to take on this added responsibility. Further, official notice of this action will be sent to all water users later this summer. That notice will announce a public hearing where all concerns will be heard.

Adjournment: At 8:22 PM Wendall made the motion to adjourn. Cade seconded. Motion carried.

Attest:



THERON M. TOLER
Secretary/Treasurer

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ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

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ANNUAL MEETING

Date 3 Mar 22 Time 7 -am/pmLocation Arimo City HallAddress 115 Henderson Ave
Arimo ID 83214

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Theron Toler	231 E Glover Rd	self
Cory Losee	1619 W Arimo Rd	water master
Wendell Marley	128395 Thacker Rd	self
Jared Adamson	900N Skyline I.F.	IDWR
Matthew Jans		Arimo Ranch
DOUG LOERTSCHER		SELF
Brett Loertscher		Self
Lake Willoughby		Arimo Ranch
Sage Lish		Self