

**Water District 29H – Mash Creek
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021**

The annual meeting of Water District 29H – Marsh Creek was held via ZOOM. The official meeting place was the City of Downey Conference Room at 11 So. Main Downey, Idaho. The roster of attendees was prepared by Kellie Smith and it is attached.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ralph Wheatley. The first order of business was to elect a meeting chairman. Tim Smith nominated Ralph Wheatley, Lynn Bastian seconded the motion, no one opposed and it passed. Kathy Spiegel nominated Dianna Burden, as secretary, Tony Hancock seconded the motion, no one opposed and it passed.

Chairman Wheatley welcomed the water users, Steve Visosky and Kellie Smith with IDWR to the meeting. He asked everyone to confirm that Kellie had their name on the roster. Chairman Wheatley reminded everyone that the documents were uploaded on IDWR's website for the meeting. Then he asked if there were any corrections to the 2020 minutes. Demar Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes, Dale Lish seconded the motion. No one opposed and the minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Wheatley turned the meeting over to Watermaster, Kristin Evans, for her report. Kristin thanked everyone for working with her during the 2020 irrigation season. She asked everyone to give her a call prior to turning on their water so that she can take readings. Kristin said the Watermaster's Report was located on IDWR's website for everyone to view. She reminded everyone that they needed meters in place before the irrigation season of 2021 began. She stated that she will purchase locks and chains for those that are not paying their assessments. Doug Johnson asked about the deadline date for the meters. Kristin told them that meters needed to be in place prior to 2021 irrigation season. She turned the meeting back over to the Chairman.

Chairman Wheatley turned the meeting over to, Treasurer, Dianna Burden. Dianna said it was a pleasure working with everyone again and thanked them for keeping their assessments current. Dianna gave an overview of the financial status of Water district 29H. The checking account is \$12,774.38. Uncollected accounts receivable are \$1,066.51 (a total of 5 users are past due). Current payroll liabilities are \$555, making the net assets \$13,896.34. The balance sheet is attached to the minutes.

The 2020 budget was \$20,000, actual collections \$20,174.84, which included \$188 in interest payments. Budgeted expenses were \$20,000 and actual expenses totaled \$17,865.09. The Budget vs Actual and proposed 2021 Budget are attached to the minutes. Dianna turned the meeting back over to Chairman Wheatley

Chairman Wheatley covered the proposed 2021 budget and asked for questions or comments. The 2021 proposed budget is \$26,000 and assessments will be collected on \$24,000 because \$2,000 will be taken from the contingency, if needed. He explained that Kristin expects to work about 700 hours at \$20 per hour, Dianna will go to \$3,000 per year and the other expenses are to cover the field and office supplies as needed. Dale Lish made a motion to accept the proposed 2021 budget and Cade Wolloughby seconded the motion. No one opposed, so the budget was approved as proposed.

Election of the Watermaster: Chairman Wheatley opened the floor for nominations. Kathy Spiegel nominated Kristin Evans as the 2021 Watermaster. Tony Hancock seconded the motion. No one opposed, so the 2021 Watermaster position was approved.

Election of the Treasurer: Chairman Wheatley opened the floor for nominations. Laurie Davis nominated Dianna Burden as the 2021 Treasurer. Tony Hancock seconded the motion. No one opposed, so the 2021 Treasurer position was approved.

Chairman Wheatley detailed the Advisory Committee composition as:

(1 member) Small irrigation user – current Kathy Spiegel

(3 members) Large irrigation users – Ralph Wheatley, Lynn Bastian and Demar Gilbert

(1 member) Municipal or non-irrigation user – Tony Hancock

Election of the Advisory Committee: Chairman Wheatley opened the floor for nominations. Cade Willoughby motioned that the current advisors stay on. Doug Johnson seconded the motion. No one opposed, so the 2021 Advisory Committee positions were approved.

Chairman Wheatley turned the meeting over to Steve Visosky. Steve said he was very sad to tell everyone that Bard Maddox, former Watermaster of District 29H had passed away. Steve was contacted by a family member and they were holding a virtual service in Brad's memory on Saturday, January 16. They told Steve he could share the link with anyone that wanted it. Steve covered his first meeting with Brad and his wife and said it was just like being with a friend. He said that Brad was a kind and caring person and will be missed.

Steve thanked Kristin and said she did a great job. She called often, asked great questions and that all the paperwork for 29H was submitted by both the Watermaster and Treasurer. Steve said that the Director of IDWR said there will be no curtailments in 2021. He said that Water District 29D had been working on solutions to curtailment such as pooling and renting water. So, IDWR wants to see how things go with the meter reading, pooling and renting of water. The Deadline for meters for individual users is the beginning of the 2021 irrigation season and January 31, 2021 for municipalities. IDWR is going to go out with the Watermaster's this year and assist them as needed.

Cade Willoughby asked about the diversion's and if they all required meters. Steve replied, yes, as long as they irrigate 5 acres or more.

Steve said ground water districts were put on hold. Because of the pandemic it was not possible to hold the public meetings. He is not sure when they will start up, but the district should be thinking about if they want 29H to administer the ground water or if they want a separate district.

Steve asked that all water users communicate and support the Watermaster. He stated that many of the changes in the Resolutions were Code #'s and not actual wordings.

Hal Armstrong stated that he had updated a website for Water District 29D and would like everyone to look at the site. He would be happy to share and the link is: www.district29D.com

Steve Visosky turned the meeting back over to Chairman Wheatley. The Chairman opened the floor for questions or changes to the proposed Resolutions. Laurie Davis made a motion to accept the proposed Resolutions as written and John Lish seconded the motion. No one opposed and the motion passed.

Chairman Wheatley asked if there were any additional items to be discussed. He thanked everyone for attending and supporting the district. Rhonda Anthony made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wade Egan seconded the motion. No one opposed and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Minutes taken by: Dianna Burden, Secretary