

**Water District No. 161
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017**

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Water District No. 161 annual meeting was held at the Mountain Home Elks Lodge on Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m... Refer to attached sign in sheet for attendees.

Watermaster Nick Miller called annual meeting to order.

Motion was made by David Ascuena to elect Chris Alzola as secretary/treasurer. Seconded by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion was made by Larry Jewett to elect David Ascuena as Chairman. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion was made by Jim Blanton to approve June 28, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Nick Miller discussed watermaster report as follows:

Accomplishments at the June 28, 2016 meeting were:

2016 resolutions were adopted, advisory committee was selected, and watermaster was elected.

Advisory committee & Nick met in July to discuss measuring order.

Advisory committee & Nick met in September to discuss preliminary order requiring measuring devices for ground water diversions that was mailed to all ground water right holders. About 365 wells will need meters. Must have meters on by 2019.

Advisory committee & Nick met in November to discuss 2017 year

January 17, 2017 advisory committee, Nick & Tim met to discuss 2017 proposed resolutions and 2017 budget.

David Ascuena wanted everyone to know that the role of the advisory committee is to advise.

2017 Proposed Resolutions:

Item # 1 Deputy Watermaster – Motion by Geoff Schroeder to adopt as written.

Seconded by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 2 Deputy Watermaster Compensation – Motion by Larry Jewett to adopt as written. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 3 Treasurer Compensation – Motion by Larry Jewett to amend by adding the word “annually” after \$3,500. and to adopt with amendment. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 4 Collection of the Budget and Disbursement of Funds – Motion by Geoff Schroeder to adopt as written. Seconded by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 5 Resolution Setting the 2017 Budget, Item # 6 Minimum User Fee, and # 7 Final Assessment Determination to be discussed further down in resolutions.

Item # 8 District Payment Terms – Motion made by Jim Blanton to adopt as written. Discussion about who has enforcement power. Tim Luke said enforcement is by watermaster. Watermaster is covered under the state for enforcement. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 9 District Fiscal Year – Motion by Larry Jewett to adopt with change to define fiscal year as “February 1st to January 31st” following the annual meeting. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 10 2017 Watermaster Services – Motion by Geoff Schroeder to adopt as written. Seconded by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Item # 11 District Treasurer – Motion by Larry Jewett to adopt as written. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Discussion back to Item # 6 Minimum User Fee – Motion made by Larry Jewett to adopt as written. Discussion about individuals with water right in water bank going to cost them \$75.00 for minimum fee for non use of water right and why they have to pay minimum charge if not costing the district anything to monitor. Discussion about minimum fee each year could go up or down depending on the budget. Discussion about \$75.00 fee being an assurance for control of everyone else not using too much. Seconded by Jim Blanton. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Discussion back to Item # 5 Resolution Setting The 2017 Budget – Motion by Larry Jewett to adopt as written. Discussion about IDWR is paying for watermaster this year. No money will go to IDWR this year. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Discussion back to Item # 7 Final Assessment Determination – Motion made by Larry Jewett to adopt as written. Discussion about methods of payment. Checks or cash will be accepted. Credit cards will not be accepted. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

David Ascuena made motion to select Larry Jewett, Brad Bowen, Eric Orr, David Ascuena, Geoff Schroeder, Jim Blanton, and Tom Kendall to the advisory committee.

Tom Kendall said he would be representing the MHAFB with no voting power. Everyone agreed that was fine because the advisory committee gives advice does not vote. Seconded by Geoff Schroeder. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Discussion about process if someone believes someone else is using more water than their water right. Nick would like the complainant to provide a written report to the water master so the watermaster can follow up.

2018 annual meeting will be held January 16, 2018. Tentative location and time Mountain Home Junior High common area at 7:00. IDWR will send out notices of annual meeting in December 2017.

John Kieffer said that there may be some funding assistance for measuring devices through Elmore Soil & Water Conservation District / NRCS. Call Stefanie 696-3090 for information.

Before installing measuring devices contact watermaster Nick Miller 334-2190 for approved devices.

Discussion if telemetry system is being considered. Tim Luke from IDWR said if you want to use telemetry it would be at your own cost for installation and maintenance.

Motion by John Kieffer to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Jewett. Vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m..


Chris Alzola, Secretary/Treasurer

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

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MOUNTAIN HOME AREA
2017 ANNUAL MEETING

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January 17, 2017 7:00 P.M.
Elks Lodge
Mountain Home, ID

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Nick Miller	IDWR Boise	IDWR
Steve Visosky	IDWR Boise	IDWR
Tim Luke	IDWR Boise	IDWR
Geoff Schroeder	Mtn Home	City of Mtn Home
Chris Ogden	Mtn. Home	#161
Mark Sukup	Mt. Home	
TOM KENDALL	MHAFB	MHAFB
Tw Twitchell	Mtn Home	
JIM BLANTON	Mtn Home	#161
Larry Sewell	Mtn Home	#161
David Olson	Mtn Home	
Danley M. Thron	Mtn Home	Saw Tooth water ass
Forrest Robertson	Mtn Home	My self
Robert Cromer	Mtn Home	SELF
DAVE BERT	Boise	

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Eric Orr	Mtn. Home	Eric Orr, S.V.
John Keffer	Mtn. Home	Jeff. E. S. 4207
Rod Collins	110 NW Carrie	
Linda Collins	Circle.	
Wm Smith	6898 Valley View Mtn Home	Wm Smith
Don Wood	Mtn. Home	KEFFER
David Reynolds	mt home	
Jon Bowling	Idaho Power	