

**WATER DISTRICT 170 (UPPER SALMON RIVER BASIN)
ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2025
MINUTES**

Meeting was held at the IDFG Offices, 99 US Hwy. 93 N, Salmon

In attendance: 14 +/- people were in attendance. Attendance records are on file with Watermaster David Graybill, Salmon ID

1. Meeting was called to order by Watermaster David Graybill at 2:00 PM.
2. Motion by George Miller nominating Jim Hawkins as Meeting Chairman, motion received a 2nd and passed.
3. Chairman Hawkins recognized Dave Schuler as the incumbent Secretary, without protest.
4. Chairman Hawkins asked attendees to review the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting. James Whitaker asked for clarification concerning the 3rd paragraph from the bottom. David Graybill provided some context relating to his assistance on Withington Creek.
5. Motion by George Miller to accept the minutes as written. 2nd by Zeigler, motion passed.
6. David Graybill gave a presentation on WD170 2024 activities and goals. He worked with various districts to update measurement plans and helped get WD75A watermaster online. He conducted headgate and measurement device inspections in several districts. He was able to hire and train an assistant watermaster for WD170. He plans to conduct measurement plan updates in several districts this year. He's hoping to conduct staff training on IDWR irrigation maps. Training will take place on a 3rd part vendor's computerized accounting system. Districts with April 2025 headgate and measuring device order deadlines will conduct their own POD inspections this year and address any shortcomings as they deem appropriate. Watermaster Graybill's Activity and Goal report is available upon request.
7. Assistant watermaster Jennifer Vogel introduced herself to the meeting attendees.
8. David Graybill reviewed the proposed resolution changes for 2025. A watermaster assistant resolution was added and the Advisory Committee Structure was simplified.
9. George Miller motioned to accept the 2025 resolution changes, 2nd by Scott Zeigler, motion passed.
10. Chairman Hawkins asked if anyone had any other business to address and followed with a question, "Why does IDFG have water rights?" David Graybill and Jeff Richards explained that water rights are required for the fish screens. These are non-consumptive water rights and generally junior to the irrigation water rights.
11. Next year's meeting will be in Challis on January 27th, 2026 at 2:00 PM.
12. Chairman Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.