

WATER DISTRICT #11 BEAR RIVER

Minutes of Annual Meeting

February 4, 2025 In Person and Via Zoom

Attending:

Connely Baldwin
 Alan Smith
 Austin Moses
 Josh Hanks
 Buffi Morris
 Mark Ipsen
 Jane Wheeler
 Don Meek
 Ryan Merrill
 Terry Jorgensen
 Joe Olsen
 David Miles
 Kara Ferguson
 Heidi Smith
 Dale Buxton
 Scott Hirschi
 David Bosen
 Bruce Lamont
 Christopher Holmes
 Joe Pacheco
 Tony Brown
 Chris Holmes

Representing

Pacificorp Energy & Advisory Board
 Cub River Irrigation & Advisory Board
 Treasurer (Retiring)
 Water Master
 Pacificorp
 Black Otter Irrigation
 Self
 Riverdale/Preston
 West Cache Irrigation
 Jorgensen Farm
 Gentile Valley Irrigation
 Last Chance Canal Company
 IDWR
 IDWR
 West Cache Irrigation
 SWH Ranch
 Bosen Land & Livestock LLC
 Wild Rose Ranch
 IDWR
 IDWR
 Treasurer
 IDWR

Connely Baldwin opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and asked for introductions, then nominations for meeting chairman. Alan Smith moved to have Connely Baldwin act as Chair and Austin Moses act as secretary. Joe Olsen Seconded. Motion carried.

Don Meek made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 annual meeting. Joe Olsen seconded. Motion carried.

Advisory Board Election. Ryan Merrill moved to retain the current advisory board members to serve. Mark Ipsen seconded. Motion carried

Water Master Election. Alan Smith moved to approve Josh Hanks as Watermaster. Lyle Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Election. Lyle Hoffman moved to approve Tony Brown as Treasurer. Ryan Merrill seconded. Motion carried.

Water Supply and Regulation

- Josh Hanks presented Watermaster report for 2024 season
- Kara Ferguson from Idaho Department of Water Resources presented water right accounting overview
- 2024 irrigation year had above-average snowpack and good natural flow
- Regulation started on June 27, 2024, later than average
- Bear Lake reservoir contents on September 30, 2024, were close to 1 million acre-feet
- Central Division Water Emergency occurred from July 19 to August 16, 2024

Bear River Water Rights Adjudication

- Chris Holmes provided an update on Bear River Water Rights Adjudication
- 5,298 claims filed in the entire adjudication
- Claims review expected to take about three years
- Adjudication process to continue until around 2031
- Preston office to remain open for the next 10 years

Financial Report and Budget

- Austin Moses presented 2024 financial statements
- District ended the year \$7,600 better than expected
- New budget proposed with \$98,000 to be raised by assessment
- Watermaster salary proposed to increase by 5.5%
- Other business discussed, including Bear Lake Preservation Advisory Committee meeting in April

Next meeting will be held February 3, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Soda Springs City Hall if possible.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.