

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
WATER SUB-DISTRICT 72D, CLAYTON AREA  
MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025 7:00 PM  
CLAYTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

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Meeting was called to order by Wayne Baker at 7:03 pm.

Present were: David Graybill, Jon Bennetts, Wayne Baker, Sandra Hill, Ron Yacomella, JR Baker, Howard Cutler, Preston Cutler, Justin Baker, Larry Mellen, Lloyd Carr, Melodie Baker, Sarah D. Baker.

Sarah D. Baker was nominated as Meeting Chairman by JR Baker. Second by Larry Mellen. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Baker was nominated as Meeting Secretary by Justin Baker. Second by Jon Bennetts. Motion passed unanimously.

Melodie Baker read the 2024 meeting minutes. Howard Cutler moved to accept the minutes and Ron Yacomella second. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Baker made the motion to keep the advisory committee and WD170 Advisory Committee Representative as it stands, JR Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. They are currently: Thompson Creek Mine-Richard Giampedraglia, East Fork-Wayne Baker, Main Salmon-Howard Cutler and Squaw Creek-Ron Yacomella. The WD 170 Advisory Committee Representative is currently Howard Cutler.

David Graybill gave a brief report on the WD170 annual meeting held in January of 2025 and encouraged regular attendance from our WD 170 representative. He gave some information on his duties as the WD170 Watermaster. He also said he would be visiting diversions in SD 72D this year to ensure water-control and measurement devices are installed and in functioning condition where required. Wayne Baker asked if there was funding available for measuring devices and David said yes, and referred to a press release created by IDWR in January 2025, which lists technical and financial assistance for water users (see attached Press Release). Wayne also brought up talking to the Custer Soil and Water Conservation District to see if they have funding as well.

Financial Report was given by the Treasurer, Melodie Baker. We collected all but five of the assessments this year.

Treasurer's time was up with the complicated reporting system of the state's transparency reporting and helping Nora enter data in IDWR's programs.

Brent and Nora's time and mileage were under the previous year's, because of the unique circumstances they faced. Wayne Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given and Ron Yacomella second. Motion passed unanimously.

Watermaster Report was given by Melodie Baker for Nora Cutler. The water users went over the watermaster's report for 2024 and assessments for 2025. Justin Baker moved to accept the watermaster report and Ron Yacomella second. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET-Everyone reviewed the proposed budget. Melodie proposed putting the contingency line back in at \$2,000 and then covering the increase in the budget with using \$3,052 of the carryover so that the amount collected from the water users will be the same as previous years, \$9,350. With a new watermaster and a learning curve with that, there may be a need to supplement the watermaster's time and mileage. The IRS rate went from \$0.67 to \$0.70, increasing the cost of mileage, but again, we will leave the budget for that as it is for now. All other line items remain the same, including office supplies, although the costs will increase with the stamps going from \$0.68 to \$0.73, but the budget should cover it. Howard moved to adopt the proposed budget, second by Justin Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS-David Graybill gave information on how the budget is set at the meeting and that amount cannot be altered throughout the season, after discussion it was decided to remove the resolution CHARGES FOR NON-ESSENTIAL OR NON-SCHEDULED WATERMASTER VISITS.

For resolution VOTING BY ALTERNATEVE METHOD, changes were proposed to follow Idaho Code § 42-605(4) and add "(appointed by the chairman)" after "credentials committee" and to eliminate the last sentence and bullet points.

Sarah reminded us that under the annual requirement, we needed to vote whether we wanted to assess the nonconsumptive rights, this being Idaho Fish and Game's SQ3, the same pro-rata rate as consumptive water rights. All agreed.

With there being no further discussion, Ron Yacomella moved to accept the changes to the Resolutions, Justin Baker second. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Baker made the motion to appoint Kristen Hurlless as the Watermaster, Larry Mellen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Baker made the motion to appoint Jason Hurlless as the Deputy Watermaster, Ron Yacomella seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Yacomella made the motion to keep Melodie Baker as Treasurer. Seconded by Sandra Hill. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Items of Business: Ron Yacomella asked for a review of the reported usage for his property as shown on the Watermaster Report and Distribution of Assessment handout. Melodie will review it to ensure it is correct.

With there being no more business to discuss, Justin Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon Bennetts. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by Meeting Secretary, Melodie L. Baker



Melodie L. Baker, Meeting Secretary