

Water District 122- Teton River Basin 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 2nd, 2026, 6:00pm
Teton High School Auditorium
555 E Ross Ave/ Driggs, Id 83452

Minutes

At 6:10 pm, the meeting started with an overview by Scott Luvass, Principal Water Resource Agent from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). He explained that Water District 122 is the entity required by regulation for monitoring ground water usage as defined in the Preliminary Order Creating Water District 122, dated December 3, 2025.

This meeting was organized by IDWR by letter to all Water Right Owners to meet and form a water district by voting on a number of resolutions needed to form Water District 122.

Scott explained that the first year (or two) of the district will focus on having an elected Watermaster and Treasurer inventory ground water diversions in the Basin, with oversight provided by IDWR and an elected Advisory Committee.

An annual meeting of Water Right Owners will be required (typically on the first Monday of March) to review activities in the prior year and vote on a budget and resolutions for the following year.

Scott then asked for nominations for the Meeting Chairman. Ben Beard nominated Brent Schindler as chairman, Motion seconded by Wyatt Penford. The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands (35 people in attendance- see attached roster of attendance).

Brent Schindler then called the meeting to order and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Selection of Meeting Secretary Frank Cummings was nominated by Kari Moulton, seconded by Wyatt Penford, and the motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Brent Schindler then led a discussion for the proposed 2026 Budget.

For 2026, the Budget (Attached), is \$42,470, to be apportioned equally among all water users (approximate count is 274) to pay for the Watermaster and any assistant he hires, the Treasurer, supplies, grant writing, and a contingency fund of 24% to cover shortfalls in assessments or unexpected costs. The 2026 Assessment "per user" is expected to be \$155 dollars.

There was discussion about fairness of the assessment apportionment between users, and whether the Watermaster position should be "bid out". It was agreed that these

topics would be discussed by the advisory committee and reviewed at the next annual meeting in March of 2027.

Eric Arnold moved to adopt the 2026 budget, the motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands with 34 approving and one dissent.

Proposed Resolutions 1-16 (see attached) The first 16 proposed resolutions were introduced by Chairman Schindler and a general discussion followed.

The key concern raised was entry of the Watermaster's vehicle onto seed potato fields without notifying the farmer to ensure the vehicle was "clean" to prevent contamination of the crop. It was agreed that resolution 16 would be modified to highlight this concern with wording that requires the Watermaster to meet "clean" entry requirements upon the request of the landowner.

Gary Robson moved to adopt Resolutions 1 through 16, and to include an amendment to resolution 16 for "clean entry". The motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands with 34 approving and one dissent.

Election of Watermaster Chairman Schindler introduced Mark Hanson as the watermaster recruited and recommended by the steering committee. Mark spoke to the group about his background. Eric Arnold moved to elect Mark Hanson, the motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands with 34 approving and one dissent.

Election of Treasurer Chairman Schindler introduced Aunna Hill as the Treasurer recruited and recommended by the steering committee. Aunna spoke to the group about her background. Ben Beard moved to elect Aunna Hill as Treasurer, the motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands with 34 approving and one dissent.

Advisory Committee members The following users were nominated to serve on the Advisory Committee for year 2026:

Brent Schindler
Ben Beard
Kari Moulton
Wyatt Penford
Frank Cummings
Brandon Robson

Eric Arnold motioned to adopt the above list as the members of the 2026 Advisory Committee, the motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands unanimously (35 votes).

IDWR Staff Introduction and proposed workshop on metering

Riley Kafka, Water Resource Agent, Water Compliance Bureau was introduced as the District 122 contact. His phone number is (208) 287-4959.

Jes Erling, Water Resource Agent, Compliance Bureau, was introduced as the district 122 contact for "technical and regulatory" questions on flowmeters. His phone number is (208) 287-4956.

Mr. Erling proposed an April 30th workshop for the Teton Basin concerning flowmeter requirements. He received feedback that most farmers would not be available on that date as they would be plowing fields. A new workshop date was not selected but could be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm



Minutes taken and submitted by Frank Cummings, Secretary

Attachments

IDWR Annual Water District Meeting Checklist, signed by Secretary.

Roster of Attendance (2 pages)

Agenda March 2, 2026, Water District 122 annual meeting

2026 Adopted Resolutions and Adopted Budget

Annual Water District Meeting Checklist

Water district annual meetings must address certain topics. The checklist below will help ensure each water district is addressing the necessary topics during the annual meeting. Please return this completed checklist to the appropriate IDWR regional office along with the adopted budget, resolutions, and annual meeting minutes.

Water District Number and Name: Water District 122 - Teton River Basin

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

March 2, 2026 @ 6:00 PM - Teton High School Auditorium, Driggs, ID

- Election of meeting chairman and secretary (*chairman facilitates meeting and secretary must record meeting minutes and submit to IDWR within 5 business days following the meeting*)
- Read and approve previous year annual meeting minutes *N/A*
- Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget *N/A*
- Treasurer financial report *N/A*
- Adopt budget (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- Elect watermaster*
- Elect assistant watermaster(s)* (optional) *N/A*
- Elect water district treasurer*
- Select an advisory committee (optional)
- Adopt resolutions (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- Determine next year's meeting date, time and location

Date 03/01/2027 Time 6:00 PM Location Teton High School

* An oath is required before the first year of service.

By signing below I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting.

Completed by:

Frank B. Cumings, Secretary
Water District Representative / Title

March 6, 2026
Date

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

2026 ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2020

WATER DISTRICT NO. 122
WATER DISTRICT AREA Teton River Basin

ANNUAL MEETING

Date 3/2/2020 Time 6:00 am/pm
Location Teton High School
Address _____

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Mark Hansen	6275 N 500 W	Water Master
Don R Wade	6480 W 4000 N	
Todd Carter	888 W Hwy 33	Tetonia REC Center
Al Nickl		Tetn
Grog Yang	3339 Waterford Way	Tetn
BEN BEARD	3601 DECKER W.	BEARD FARMS
Andy BURNS	1180 Stephanie St Tetonia	Tetn West Farm
JOHN FRAZEE	4888 ROYAL DR. TETONIA	" " " "
Blake Jordan		IDWR IF off
David Breckenridge	519 W. 5750 N. Tetonia	Header
David Breckenridge	4940 N 5000 W Tetonia	Breckenridge - Bao
Brandon ROBSON	1185 N HWY 32 FELT, ID	ROBSON Farming
Travis Ricks	5500 W. 1300 N Felt, ID	Bruce & Travis Ricks
Karl Moulton	4880 W Hwy 33 TETONIA	WILLIAM MOULTON

NAME

ADDRESS

REPRESENTING

Michael Walters 2525 Soledad Ave Walters Ready Mix

Michael Brown 12345 N 11000 W KLB Inc.

Jeremy Arnold 10375 N End Tr. Arnold Farms

John C Munton 335 W 5000 S Trail Creek Irrigation

Clay Smith 2275 E 5000 N Tetonian Clay Smith

Ryan M Xunz 6076 S. 1000 W. Ryan M. Xunz

HEATHER HOLCOMB 5507 N. BASELINE TETONIAN EARTHFIRE INSTITUTE

Malachi Nelson 714 S. Saturn Ave, unit B, Idaho Falls 83402 myself

Anna M. Hill 2875 S. Stateline Rd, Driggs Treasurer

Era Arnold 5708 W 10000 N Hwy 32 Myself

Gavin S. Ricks 5444 W. 13000 N Felt Id. Myself

Arnold Whitcomb RWI Eng

Bruce Ricks 2482 E 3000 N Sugar City Self

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