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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Annual Meeting of Water District 13-T
February 10, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
Grace Legion Hut

Colter Welch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He introduced Riley Kafka and Christopher Holmes from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) who were present at the meeting.

Colter Welch was elected meeting chairman and Jason Stoddard meeting secretary.

A motion passed to unanimously approve the minutes of the 2025 annual meeting as written.

Kaid Panek provided a watermaster report. He said we will start assessing off meters once they are all in, but until then we will continue to assess off shares. He proposed the assessment stay the same as 2025.

Andrew Simonson provided a treasurer report and stated that we came in a bit under budget. He suggested we keep that amount in reserve and proposed the same budget as the prior year. He stated he had reached out to Chris Banks about the possibility of a grant to help users install the required measuring devices, but he did not receive a response. The proposed budget was adopted by the group unanimously.

Riley Kafka reminded everyone the required documents from the annual meeting need to be completed within 5 days of the meeting. He reiterated that the measurement order requires measuring devices to be installed and recommended taking readings at beginning and end of the season for those who have them. Kaid Panek will be required to give a compliance report on meters installed at the beginning of the 2027 season. The measurement order requires any irrigation diversion irrigating over 5 acres to be measured. The deadline to have a measuring device installed is April 15, 2027. Water being used for non-irrigation purposes (e.g. commercial or municipal) requires a measuring device if the use is 0.25 cfs and above. The deadline for users in that category is January 1, 2027. Requests for extensions or variances can be made to IDWR. There is an approved list of measuring devices available with the IDWR. In addition to being an approved meter, meters also need to be installed correctly to be in compliance.

Kaid Panek was unanimously re-elected watermaster and Andrew Simonson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The advisory committee of Colter Welch, Jason Stoddard and Ryan Christensen was also re-elected unanimously.

Next year's annual meeting will be held on February 9, 2027. We will look into holding the meeting at the new Caribou County Events Center.

Christopher Holmes provided an adjudication update and stated the department ended claims taking last fall. Late claims are still being accepted but may incur a late fee. IDWR is currently evaluating Basin 11 and is over halfway done. They hope to send everything for that basin to the courts this year and conclude that basin the summer of 2028. IDWR would then start taking claims for the Grace area down through Preston. Draft recommendations are sent to users prior to being sent to the court for finalization. A public information meeting would also be held.

The meeting was then adjourned.