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**WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho
CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2026**

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 3, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a Watermaster, adopting the 2026 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were Jim Hagenbarth, John Hagenbarth, Kay R. Garner, Conni Owen (Let It Snow), Steve Shively, Dwight and Carol Little, Ryan Ashcraft, Danette Frederiksen, Bret Taylor, Jon Davidson (IDWR), Tanner Wood (IDWR), Dallas Furness (Chairman), Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Laurie Small, Secretary.

Dallas Furness called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Reading and Approval of Previous Year's Minutes
2. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
3. Appoint Credentials Committee
4. Report of Watermaster and Approval
5. Adoption of Budget
6. Election of Watermaster and Appointment of Deputy
7. Appointment of Advisory Board
8. Adoption of Resolutions
9. IDWR Report
10. Other Business
11. Set Date and Time of Next Year's Annual Meeting
12. Adjournment

Bret Taylor moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Hagenbarth seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The previous year's minutes were reviewed individually. **Jim Hagenbarth made a motion to approve the 2025 minutes. Steve Shively seconded. Motion carried.**

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY:

Mr. Furness asked for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. **Jim Hagenbarth moved that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman and Laurie Small as Secretary. Bret Taylor seconded the motion. Nominations passed.**

REPORT OF WATERMASTER:

Deputy Watermaster Brett Murdock discussed the Watermaster's Report items as follows.

2025 WATER YEAR

The 2025 water delivery was at 88,480 A.F. down 4,886 A.F. from 2024. A total of 12,582 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 75,898 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County.

STREAM FLOWS

Beaver Creek flowed through Dubois until May 29th. Camas Creek flowed until the 29th of May to the Camas Wildlife Refuge. Camas Creek kept a steady flow to Riverbend Ranch through most of the irrigation season.

EARLY PUMPING

It was determined that the Mud Lake be filled to 6.25-foot level.

MUD LAKE CONTENT

Mr. Murdock reported on the water levels in Mud Lake May 1, 2025 which was 26,700 A.F., November 1, 2025 which was 10,700 A.F., and March 1, 2026 which was 7,840 A.F.

CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE

For 2024 and 2025 the inflow was 0 A.F.

2025 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 54,044 A.F., applying 2.46 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 71,544 A.F. applying 1.74 A.F. per acre. 2025 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.35 A.F. per acre. From 1992 to 2025 the average is 2.78 A.F. per acre. The high remains in 1992 of 3.31 and the low in 2023 of 2.18.

SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2025

The Camp Creek measurements show a snow depth of 23.6" with water content at 4.2", 58% of average. Kilgore measurements show a snow depth of 17.6" with water content at 5.1", 58 % of average. The Lake View Ridge measurements show snow depth of 23" with water content at 5.4", 65% of average. The Crab Creek measurements show a snow depth of 29" with water content at 6.5", 61% of average. The average of all 4 sites is 61% of normal. Cloud seeding was updated during other business.

2025 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL:

Deputy Watermaster, Brett Murdock reviewed the 2025 budget and expenses, explaining the expenditures.

There is just under \$2000.00 earmarked for beaver removal. The water district checking account has \$5802.60 balance. Statement of account was added to the report. These funds are obtained mainly from construction companies that have purchased water from the district while doing work in the Kilgore area.

Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$49,400.00	\$49,400.00
Channel & Legal	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Secretary	\$580.00	\$580.00
Office Rent	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
Total	\$55,980.00	\$55,980.00
Watermaster Salary	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Deputy Salary	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
Total	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00
Watermaster Mileage	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Deputy Mileage	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Total	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00
2025 Budget	\$160,480.00	
2026 Budget	\$167,480.00	
Increase	\$0.00	
2025 Budget	\$167,480.00	
Less Carry Over	\$1609.83	
Amount to be assessed	\$165,870.17	

APPROVAL OF WATERMASTER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

Danette Frederiksen made a motion to approve the Watermaster's Report. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Shively mentioned that Deputy Watermaster, Brett Murdock, mileage should be increased with the amount of extra time he has spent helping the waterusers in Mud Lake.

With no further discussion, Bret Taylor motioned to accept the proposed budget. Kay Garner seconded. Motion carried with one nay vote from Steve Shively.

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER:

Mr. Furness called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster. Steve Shively moved to retain Greg Shenton as Watermaster. Jim Hagenbarth moved nominations cease. Bret Taylor seconded. Nomination passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD:

Mr. Furness appointed to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, Andy Dobson, Keith Shuldberg, MaCoy Ward and Thane Siddoway. Danette Frederiksen moved to have advisory board remain. Jim Hagenbarth seconded. Appointment passed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions.

High Water at Mud Lake

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the

water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

Collection of Water Assessments

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the Watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

Mud Lake Water Users

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

District Billings and Collections

Be it hereby resolved that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all of Clark and Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that Clark County Clerk make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures. The Clerk will send a monthly report of the water districts expenditures to the Chairman for review.

REGARDING OBSTRUCTIONS IN CHANNELS

No dam or other obstruction to the natural flow of Camas Creek or its tributaries shall be maintained so as to divert water from the channel of the stream, except through ditches, canals or other works provided with head gates, control works and measuring devices. Holders of water rights that were previously decreed in *Suave v. Abbott* to divert water from Camas Creek or any of its tributaries, their successors, agents, servants and employees are hereby perpetually enjoined and restrained from maintaining in any stream or slough, or permitting to exist within such stream or slough where the same traverses their respective lands, or any land owned or controlled by them, any obstruction to the flow of water, except in connection with the diversions of water through head gates equipped with measuring devices. In the case any water right holder shall fail to remove any obstruction from the channel of Camas Creek or any of its tributaries within 7 days after receiving notice from the watermaster, who has determined that the obstruction interferes with water delivery, the watermaster may authorize a water user to remove such obstruction in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The expense thereof shall be the responsibility of the water right holder requesting the removal.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS:

Jim Hagenbarth made a motion to adopt the resolutions. Steve Shively seconded. Resolutions passed.

IDWR REPORT:

Jon Davidson and Tanner Wood attended the meeting representing the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Mr. Davidson noted that December 2025 a final order curtailing water rights junior to August 15, 1952 will need to belong to a ground water district with approved mitigation plan to avoid curtailment. Stockwater wells are exempt as long as it is kept within 30 gallons of water a minute.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is a House Bill ID S1269 that revises provisions related to cloud seeding programs in Idaho. This bill seeks to update state statutes regarding cloud seeding, enhancing accountability, transparency, and operations definitions. Conni noted that all of this is already being done through the cloud seeding program. Conni reported 23 of the 25 generators run through Let it Snow are on private property and noted the importance of maintaining their privacy. The lack of storm patterns limited the use of generators, especially in lower elevations. Cloud seeding is contracted to run through April 15th.

Jim Hagenbarth made a motion to approve the cloud seeding report by Conni Owen. Steve Shively seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Furness noted that the waterusers are probably facing a challenging year and encouraged the waterusers to be good stewards.

Multiple waterusers worked with Camas Wildlife Refuge to clean out areas on the refuge that were slowing water flows. State funding, waterusers out of pocket and donation of equipment is how this was funded. The refuge and waterusers are working on a diversion to bypass Rays Lake, which would benefit the Mud Lake Water Users.

Conni Owen asked if Clark County Farm Bureau could help with backing the project. She informed the waterusers that a Clark County Farm Bureau has been formed to help support agriculture in the area and invited anyone interested to join the group.

Jim Hagenbarth spoke about the agriculture industry concerns with the encroachment of conifers and sage brush overgrowth affecting water runoff. He spoke about the importance of encouraging legislators to redevelop the logging industry and the importance of Congress to change laws to open up management of lands.

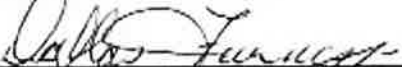
MEETING TIME:

Steve Shively made the motion to have the next meeting on March 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Conni Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

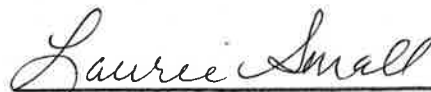
ADJOURNMENT:

Steve Shively motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

ATTEST:



**Dallas Furness
Chairman**



**Laurie Small
Secretary**

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT NO. 31

ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT AREA Kilgore, Camas -)
Beaver Creek

Date 03/03/2026 Time _____ am/pm

Location Clark County / City Annex Bldg.

Address 332 W Main Street
Dubois ID 83423

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Jim Hagenbath	Kilgore	Hagenbath Mt.
John Hagenbath	Kilgore	
Kay R. Garner	2790 S. 35 th W Idaho Falls, ID 83402	Garner Ranch
Carol A. Dwight Little	2569 E Hwy Newdale	
Jon Davidson		IDWR
Tanner Wood		#IDWR
Connie Miller	Dubois	
Steve Shively	Terreton, ID	MLWA, Inc.
Della Fuqua	Terreton, Id	
Ryan Ashby	Hamer	WWDF Inc
☺ Danette FREDERIKSEN	Dubois, Kilgore	F3 LLC ☺
BRET TAYLOR	190 Pine Loop, USSES, Dubois, ID 83423	USDA / US Sheep Exp Station

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:

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Meeting Date, Time and Location:

March 3, 2026 Clark County Annex Building, Dubois 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
 - Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget
 - Treasurer financial report
 - Adopt budget (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
 - Elect watermaster*
 - Elect assistant watermaster(s)* (optional)
 - Elect water district treasurer*
 - Select an advisory committee (optional) *will be appointed by Chairman if needed*
 - Adopt resolutions (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*) *included in minutes*
 - Determine next year's meeting date, time and location
- Date 03/02/2027 Time 3:00pm Location Clark County Annex Building, Dubois ID.

* 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:

Laurie Small

Water District Representative / Title

03/09/2026

Date