

WATER DISTRICT 47G
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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The annual meeting of Water District 47G was held at the El Cazador restaurant located in Buhl, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. Present were Ron Elkin (Chairman/President), Armand Eckert, Justin Scoresby (Treasurer/Secretary), Russell Visser, Bryan Bettencourt, Josh Lund, Brian Vander Poel, Jason Hollon (Watermaster). Representing the Idaho Department of Water Resources was Kaden Hensley, Kate Radmall, and Corey Skinner.

It was moved and seconded that Ron Elkin serve as Chairman/President and that Justin Scoresby serve as Secretary/Treasurer, during the 2026 irrigation season and as mentioned above. In addition, it was moved and seconded that Jason Hollon be reappointed the Water Master for 47G.

The previous year's minutes were read and approved as submitted to the Department of Water Resources during 2025.

Kaden and Korey updated the group on the current water outlook. Salmon Basin is 47% of normal. Snowpack in the state above 8000 feet is good. This basin is low elevation and has low snowpack. Storage in Salmon Dam is 11% of normal. The springs that feed salmon falls creek derive water from the reservoir. It is possible that water will be tight in the district his year. We discussed the mechanics of hiring the watermaster's services.

It was noted that the Water Master was paid his 2025 fees. It was also noted that all water right holders had paid their 2025 assessments. It was moved and seconded to charge an 8% interest again this year for any unpaid charges not paid at year end. Interest would start immediately for any charges not paid within a reasonable time after being billed (i.e., 30 days).

It was decided to appoint Mr. Jason Hollon as Water Master and pay him on a "call" basis during the 2026 irrigation season. It was agreed that the pay rate would be at \$25 per call plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Water Master during the "call" period. However, it was also agreed that if it appeared that the Water Master would be used for an extended period, in case of an emergency water shortage period, the district would hire Mr. Hollon monthly. His pay for every thirty days that he would be hired would be \$500. The \$25 fee would not be owed if hired on this basis. Members of the District would decide too, as to how many months Mr. Hollon would be hired full-time for (e.g., possibly he would only be hired full time for one month, and then go back to being on a "call" basis). It was also decided that the person making the request and the person for whom the request was made, would share equally in paying the Water Master his monthly fee.

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It was also decided that the Water District would charge a maintenance fee for all consumptive water right holders and/or water users. The list of water right holders is on file at the Secretary's office. The fee would be \$1.00 per cfs (Cubic Feet per Second of Water) for each water right holder.

The Water Master would also be paid 50% of the maintenance fee budgeted for and collected in the same year, whether "called" during the year. If hired for any 30-day period (monthly basis), he would not receive any of the maintenance fee.

Collection of any "call" fees plus any expenses will be made by the Secretary/Treasurer for the District from the person requesting the call. The district will reimburse the Water Master immediately, whether the fee is collected. The same interest rate will also be charged as discussed above on any non-payments.

If the \$500 fee is used for any month, collection will be made from the district water users by the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will also be responsible for billing the maintenance fee to all water right holders.

It was decided that the above items pertaining to the hiring of the Water Master, Jason Hollon, for the 2025 irrigation season, his fee and the collection thereof, the maintenance charge, interest rate, etc., would all be in a form of resolutions submitted to the Department of Water Resources with the current year budget. Such resolutions were passed unanimously. The period for the employment of the Water Master would run from March 01, 2026, to October 31, 2026.

It was also decided to pay the Treasurer the remaining 50% of the budgeted monies after reducing for any office expenditures.

Further, it was decided not to charge any maintenance fee in the annual budget, for any water right holders with water right number 47-2159, except for the Todd & Neil Ring farm. All other water right holders are "residential" type water right holders. Also, any water right claims under the adjudication process by the United States of America would not be assessed a maintenance fee since they probably would not pay anyway.

The Water Master Report for 2025 was approved. The Water Master 2026 Proposed Budget was reviewed and adopted for the 2026 water year.

With that the meeting was adjourned

Justin Scoresby, Secretary/Treasurer
Water District 47G