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**WATER DISTRICT 143 – ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2026 – 7:00 PM
RAFT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL, MALTA, ID**

Agenda for WD 143 Annual Meeting was prepared by Water Master Brian Ragan and the Advisory Board at their organization meeting held on Jan 7, 2026 (See attached agenda)

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Water Master Brian Ragan. (Via Zoom)
Introduction of advisory board members in attendance: Kirt Yates, Nolan Branch, Jason Webb.

Brian called for a nomination for Meeting Chairman: **A motion was made by Ryan Moss, 2nd by Nolan Branch to have Sara Jane Ward serve as meeting Secretary. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Ryan Moss, 2nd by Jason Webb to have Water Master Brian Ragan serve as Chairman of the Annual meeting. Motion Passed.**

Minutes of 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the 2025 minutes was made by Jason Webb, 2nd by Kirt Yates. Motion Passed.**

New Business: The Financial Report was presented by WD 143 Treasurer Sara Jane Ward. Income for 2025 was \$17,196.13. When all 2025 bills are paid we will have an estimated carryover of \$3,394.61 (Jan WM bill not yet received.) WM Brian Ragan reviewed the proposed budget for next year and gave a brief report of the member data from our district.

WM Brian Ragan went through the 2026 proposed resolutions. (See attached Resolutions) The current advisory committee was presented with no changes at this time. **Members are:** Jake Gerratt, Mike Wheeler, Nolan Branch, Kirt Yates, Dallen Ward, Scott Nichols and Jason Webb. Also included in the resolutions are retaining Water Master Brian Ragan, Treasurer Sara Jane Ward and the budget will be \$17,000. **Motion was made by Ryan Moss, 2nd by Slade Beck to approve the Resolutions as presented. Motion passed.**

Other business: IDWR is looking for test wells for measurement north of Idahome road. MOU between IDWR and WD 143 up for renewal in 2027. Inclusion of Raft River Basin into the ESPA area of Common Ground Water Supply. Questions asked of Ground Water Board about increase in assessments. Money will be needed to cover our share of costs associated with all that inclusion into ESPA entails: water purchase, mitigation, professional fees, etc. Delinquent assessments will be turned over to water master for collection or possible curtailment.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:22 pm by Clark Ward, with a 2nd by Nolan Branch. Motion passed.

Next meeting January 26, 2027.

Minutes submitted by Sara Jane Ward – Recording Secretary

Of Attendees: 39