

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
WATER SUB-DISTRICT 72D, CLAYTON AREA  
MONDAY MARCH 18, 2024 7:00 PM  
CLAYTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Meeting was called to order by Wayne Baker at 7:18 pm.

Present were: Nora Cutler, Brent Cutler, Patty Maloney, Howard Cutler, Justin Baker, JR Baker, Richard Giampedraglia, Larry Mellen, Wayne Baker, Cole Washburn, Sarah D. Baker, Melodie L. Baker, Ron Yacomella and Sande Yacomella.

Sarah D. Baker was nominated as Meeting Chairman by Wayne Baker. Second by JR Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel Baker was nominated as Meeting Secretary by Richard Giampedraglia. Second by Sarah D. Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Melodie Baker read the 2023 meeting minutes. There was discussion on the proxy vote and non-consumptive charges. Decision was to stay with the way we vote now and charge for non-consumptive with a yearly vote to come in the resolutions. Howard Cutler moved to accept the minutes and Ron Yacomella second. Motion passed unanimously.

Patty Maloney made the motion to keep the advisory committee and WD170 Advisory Committee Representative as it stands, Brent Cutler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. They are currently: Thompson Creek Mine-Richard Giampedraglia, East Fork-Wayne Baker, Main Salmon-Howard Cutler and Squaw Creek-Ron Yacomella. The WD 170 Advisory Committee Representative is currently Howard Cutler.

There was no WD170 Advisory Committee Representative Report.

Financial Report was given by the Treasurer, Melodie Baker. We collected all but three of the assessments again this year and with late fees and interest we collected a little under what our assessments alone should have brought in. Office supplies are up and stamps have gone from \$0.66 to \$0.68, but our line item should cover the cost. Brent's time was more than last year, but under the budget limit, but only because he doesn't put in for all of his time, his mileage for 2023 was less than 2022 and under the budget limit. Mileage costs are increasing from the IRA rate of \$0.655/mile to \$0.67, but our budget will still cover Brent's mileage if he stays under 3,283 miles. Total expenses were up from last year by \$874.60. Although our carryover was down from last year, we still have enough of a healthy carryover that we can use a portion again this year to supplement the budget to keep the collected amount from water users at \$9,350.00, which is the same as last year's budget. Brent moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given and Wayne Baker second. Motion passed unanimously.

Watermaster Report was given by the Watermaster, Brent Cutler. Brent said that he had calls from neighbors about a water user that was allowing trash to build up in his headgate causing water to back up in his ditch that borders their property causing overflow. This water user also put in a dam in the ditch to irrigate his land, but doing so also caused water to flood and run over

into neighbors' properties. Brent tried to contact the water user, but could not get a response and so had to make several trips up, and get help, to shut down the headgate, which wasn't completely successful, but stopped enough of the water to stop the flooding onto the neighbors' properties. Repairs need to be made to the headgate to make it operable. Brent talked with the Advisory Committee and Treasurer and charges were assessed to the water user for Brent's time and mileage and an invoice was sent. Discussion among those present continued on this subject. The dam remains and the headgate is still not operable. Wayne Baker moved for Brent to call our Water District 170 Watermaster, David Graybill, and have him aggressively pursue getting this situation corrected before the upcoming water year and that this water user not be allowed to turn his water on until these issues were resolved. Ron Yacomella second. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent said everything else went well.

BUDGET-Everyone reviewed the proposed budget. With the carry over discussed under the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer and Watermaster brought up changing the proposed budget by moving \$400 of the contingency fund into the Treasurer's line item to cover the overage. There is already money being carried over so we therefore do not need a contingency line item on top of that. Cole Washburn moved that we accept the budget with the adjustments of moving the Contingency Fund as follows: \$400 to the treasurer's line and the remaining \$100 to the watermaster's line and to leave the rest of the budget as set. Justin Baker second. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS-Melodie reviewed the proposed changes and additions made to the resolutions with those present. This would be changes to District Payment Terms and Charges for Non-Essential or Non-Scheduled Watermaster Visits. There was discussion on how these would apply. JR Baker asked if these charges will apply to any and all users and the answer was, yes. Wayne Baker moved to accept the changes to the Resolutions. Cole Washburn second. Motion passed unanimously.

Under RESOLUTION TO ASSESS NONCONSUMPTIVE WATER RIGHTS, Mel reminded the attendees that we need to identify each year that we want to charge Idaho Fish and Game's SQ3 the same pro-rata rate as consumptive water rights again. All agreed to this. Richard Giampedraglia moved to approve this again this year. Brent Cutler second. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Baker made the motion to keep Brent Cutler as the Watermaster, JR Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Giampedraglia made the motion to keep Nora Cutler as the Deputy Watermaster, Cole Washburn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Cutler made the motion to keep Melodie Baker as Treasurer. Seconded by Larry Mellen. Motion passed unanimously.

Under Other Items of Business, Cole Washburn asked for clarification on cleaning his ditch that runs through Thompson Creek property. All agreed this was a right under his water right. Ron Yacomella suggested a phone call to the landowner is a good idea. Richard Giampedraglia is the representative for Thompson Creek, so he was informed during this conversation.

With there being no more business to discuss, Wayne Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Yacomella. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Meeting Secretary, Melodie L. Baker



Melodie L. Baker, Meeting Secretary