

**Water District 29D – Lower Portneuf and Tributaries**

**Annual Meeting**

**Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pocatello City Council Chambers**

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Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

Attendees: See attached roster.

**Meeting Called to order** by Rich Diehl at 6:45 p.m. and he opened the floor to nominations for Meeting Chairman and Secretary. Dennis Hill nominated Max Shaffer, as meeting Chairman. Harold Armstrong seconded the nomination and all were in favor. Jim Guthrie nominated Dianna Burden as meeting secretary. Harold Armstrong seconded the nomination and all were in favor. Rich turned the floor over to Max Shaffer.

Chairman Shaffer gave everyone a few to read the minutes from March 8, 2021 and asked for a motion. George Chandler made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Rich Diehl seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chairman Shaffer turned the meeting over to Dianna Burden, treasurer for the 2021 financial status update.

**Treasurer update:** Dianna stated that the 2021 adopted budget was \$18,800 and the actual was \$18,800 including the \$1,000 contingency fund. Some line items were over and other under. Dianna discussed some of the challenges District 29-D faced throughout the year. In May 2021, we mailed notices to all users with the new watermaster's contacting information and curtailment information. Past due notices were mailed including 5 certified letters to past due users. She discussed the watermaster's duties have changed from taking inventory to measuring water usage and documenting non-usage. We ended the year with \$12,819 of available funds in the bank. Both the treasurer and watermaster worked on collections and as of today there are 15 accounts in arrears for a total of \$1,672. The majority are pending transfer paperwork. Dianna turned the meeting back to Chairman Shaffer.

Chairman Shaffer turned the meeting over to Kristin Evans to present the 2021 watermaster report.

**Watermaster update:** Kristin thanked Ralph Wheatley, Randy Wheatley, Dale Lish, Senator Jim Guthrie Jr. for taking the time to meet with Surface Water Coalition and defend our district while trying to reach a mutual solution/agreement. She also, thanked Gary Spackman for providing district resources. Kristin gave a summary of her annual report stating the survey total 258 and 3380.82 24 hr. cfs. She said that IDWR mailed 71 letters to user without measuring devices. There are 32 with extensions or measuring devices at another point of diversion. 57 still need a measuring device. Kristin discussed the process for a futile call, the Snake River Curtailment, and Leasing Water from Storage. Then she discussed Important information for 2022 season:

- a. Please call me at the beginning of season when turning on so I can meet with you and get the correct first of the season reading.
- b. Anyone over 5 acres and/or 2.4cfs watering without measuring device or control works will have diversion locked by watermaster at the beginning of the season.
- c. After 60 days of district assessments not being paid diversion will be locked until paid.

Kristin said her goal is to get 29-D to be able to properly function while being up to code per IDWR standards. That way everyone can just worry about irrigating and the district will be in good order. She thanked everyone for their support and cooperation and turned the meeting back over to Chairman Shafer.

Chairman Shaffer asked Dianna Burden to present the watermaster's proposed budget:

**Proposed Budget:** The watermaster is not requesting an increase in pay but rather an increase in hours to accurately perform her job and keep 29-D in compliance with the State of Idaho and IDWR. The proposed hours for 2022 are 800,

up 300 from prior year. The watermaster's job is to verify and calculate water used or document non-use. She will be required to lock diversions and ensure that users with extension's are not taking water until they have measuring devices installed. This will require additional time and travel. IDWR has stated that they will not be supplying additional recourses to assist with meter reading. The federal approved mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile, up 2 cents from last year and will likely increase due to the price of fuel. Field supplies increased and office supplies decreased to better reflect field supplies used i.e., watermaster's phone, tablet, chains and locks.

Jeromy asked why mileage and wages would be needed if there was a call. Kristin explained that she will still need to verify that water is not being used. There were questions about ground water, recharge and snowpack as well as how so much new development was possible. Steve Visosky said that domestic and stock water were not part of IDWR's regulation.

The 2022 proposed budget is \$27,000 with \$4,000 from the current bank balance, so the amount to collect will be \$23,000 and the advisory committee recommends the minimum fee increase to \$75.00. Aubrey Additon made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Rich Diehl seconded the motion. One water user opposed and all others were in favor so the proposed budget was accepted. Harold Armstrong made a motion to increase the minimum fee to \$75, Ralph Onstine seconded the motion, one user opposed and all other were in favor, so the motion passed.

**Chairman Shafer opened the floor for watermaster nominations.** Harold Armstrong nominated Kristin Evans, Mary Spinner seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and all were in favor of Kristin. So, the motion passed and Kristin Evans will be the 2022 watermaster.

**Chairman Shafer opened the floor for treasurer nominations.** Harold Armstrong nominated Dianna Burden, Mary Spinner seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and all were in favor of Dianna. So, the motion passed and Dianna Burden will be the 2022 treasurer.

**Chairman Shafer opened the floor for advisory committee nominations.** Harold Armstrong motioned that the committee remain as is. No one seconded the motion. So, nominations were taken by user size as per the Resolutions:

**Small users:**

Doug Guthrie nominated George Chandler, Jeff Martin seconded the nomination. Mary Spinner nominated Dennis Hill and Ralph Onstine seconded the nomination. Mary Spinner nominated Harold Armstrong and Randy Smith seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. Chairman Shafer asked users voted for two(2) small users. The 2022 advisory committee members representing small users are: George Chandler and Dennis Hill.

**Regular users:**

George Chandler nominated Max Shafer and Jeff Martin seconded the motion. Dan Bull nominated Jeromy Stanger, Kristy Caldwell seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. All were in favor. The 2022 advisory committee members representing regular users are: Max Shafer and Jeromy Stanger.

**Non-Irrigation / Municipal User:** Rich Diehl will continue on the advisory committee to represent the municipal water users.

**2022 Resolutions:** Ralph Onstine made a motion to accept the Resolutions as written and Rich Diehl seconded the motion, all were in favor. So, the 2022 proposed resolutions were approved as written

**Annual Meeting Venue:** It was determined that the annual meeting will be held on March 13, 2023 at Pocatello City Council Chambers.

**IDWR Updates:** Chairman Shaffer turned the meeting over to Steve Visosky with IDWR. Steve said he was glad the budget was adopted to allow Kristin the funds to perform her duties as watermaster. He stated that the SWC call has been made and water will be delivered via priority dates. As of today, 1921 water is shut off. Steve brought a FAQ

brochure and asked everyone to take one to assist them throughout the season. Steve discussed the Water Supply Bank and Exchange Water. Jared with IDWR, Idaho Falls office, discussed the natural flow of water. Steve said that everyone should go to Water District 1's website and review it. He stated that they have a \$1 million dollar plus budget.

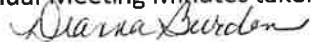
Steve discussed ground water vs surface water. He stated that the first public meetings should be held about June 1, 2022 and he said there were pros and cons for adding the ground water to the existing districts or making separate districts and that was something that will be addressed at the public hearings. He expects that ground water will be administered by IDWR by the fall of 2023. Steve discussed first in time, first in right and that water must be put to beneficial use or it will be forfeited after 5 years of non-use. However, if water is not available for use, it will not be forfeited. Steve reminded everyone that they had 4 years to install meters and that no water would be delivered to them this year without a measuring device.

**Additional Business:** Gail with the Tribe said they will work with users that rented water last year and were not able to use it. She asked that individual users get with her after the meeting. Hal Armstrong asked if he should leave the website going or abandon it. Kristin Evans told him that many users liked it, so she would leave that up to him and the users of WD 29D.

George Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dennis Hill seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Annual Meeting Minutes taken by:

  
Dianna Burden – Meeting Secretary

# ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

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WATER DISTRICT NO. 29D  
 WATER DISTRICT AREA Lower Portneuf & Subiranes

ANNUAL MEETING

Date 3/14/22 Time 6:30 am/pm (m)  
 Location Pocatello City Council Chambers  
 Address Pocatello ID

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
RALPH ONSTINE	3103 S. OLD HWY 91	SELF
Bill Lause	2979 S. Old Hwy 91	Self
MORRIS CALL	2757 S Old Hwy 91	SELF
Gary Lowy	2955 E. Grac. Canyon Rd. Interm	Self
<del>Renee Chandler</del>	3440 N Rapid Creek	Self
Kristyn CAUSELL	2958 W. PORTNEUF RD	SELF
LISA PRATT	2420N EXT. Full Mile Rd	self
Jeromey Stanger	1747 N INDIAN Creek	Self
mike Sanders	7350 W Portneuf Rd. Poc.	
Clair Stucki	699 E W. Portneuf	self
John Elle	1195 Cahina Way	Self
Larry Bull	5787 W PORTNEUF	Self
Mary Spinner	2641 E TWO Mile Rd McCammon	Self
Harold (Hal) Armstrong	2771 Bannock Hwy Poc, ID	Self



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Doug Guthrie	7310 W Portneuf Rd	Self
Janeal Evans	1588N. Mink Creek	Self
Gyle Gorman	4020 Portneuf Rd	Lt. Gorman
D. Backe	414 Clark Ln	Self
Randy Sweet		
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Carise Parson	2524 N Bonneville	Self
Rob. Chan H Vaughan	2321 N Bonneville Pl	Self
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Beth Hill	" "	Self
Ray & Betsy Hill	7299 W Portneuf	Self
Kip Smith	5172 W Portneuf R	Self
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James Shaw	2072 N. Mink Creek Rd	Mink Cr Irrigation
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Steven Hall	3800 Tech Farm	Self
John & Heather Selders	1290 E Upper Rock Creek	Self
Aubrey Addison	194 E Inman Inkam Id	Self
JEFF MARTIN	267 E INMAN Rd. INKAM Id	

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REPRESENTING

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Jaw Thurnagle	1890 Touch Dr.	self
MAC McCLELLAN	7953 W PORTNEUF RD	SELF
Dennis Hill	3399 S. OHLWY	Self