

EIWRC BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 6, 2025, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Blackfoot City Council Chambers, 157 N. Broadway
Minutes

1. **Present:** Alan Jackson, Princeton Lee, Mayor Marc Carroll, Keith Esplin, Brad Buttars, Candon Tanaka, Sonae Watson, Gail Martin, Lara Herway, David Richards, Roger Warner, Tracy Hillman, Mayor Jerry Merrill, Mayor Don Powell, Mayor Steve Adams, Adam Young, Dean Mortimer, & Amy McKoon.
2. **Administrative Business**
 - a. **Dean Mortimer moved to approve minutes of the October 2 board meeting. Motion seconded and approved.**
 - b. **Mayor Jerry Merrill moved to approve Keith's October invoice. Motion seconded and approved.**
 - c. **Dean Mortimer moved to adopt the same budget and dues rate as 2025. Motion seconded and approved.**
3. **Updates/Developments**
 - a. Keith reported on the current water supply situation.
 - b. Discussed an agreement between the Idaho Water Resources Board and Idaho Power to allow some winter flows past Milner, dependent on various parameters.
 - c. Keith and Roger reported on an excellent annual meeting of the Family Farm Alliance.
 - d. Senator Cook D.C, is leading a group to visit Washington D.C. regarding new water storage on November 17 & 18.
 - e. Alan Jackson reported on work they are doing with Ethos Connected.
 - f. Discussed how to include the newly elected Mayors in the Coalition. Perhaps a special lunch with them would be in order.
 - g. Keith discussed upcoming Coalition Board nominees for 2026. Entities will be allowed to name their representative in many cases.
 - h. Final details discussed for the Annual Meeting: December 12, 9:00 – 1:30 at the, TAB Auditorium, ISU, Idaho Falls
 - i. Program: Water: Has the Smoke Cleared Yet? A Status Report
 1. Welcome – Roger
 2. Keynote: TJ Budge to discuss the nuts and bolts of the Settlement Agreement as well as headwinds that are faced.
 3. IDWR - Status of Curtailment actions during 2025, progress of administrative actions to establish new groundwater districts to expand into tributary basins.
 4. IWRB: Where is the \$30 million being spent?
 5. Groundwater Districts Panel: Actions to comply with the SWC / IGWA agreement now and near term.
 6. Local Canals: What is being done to modernize and conserve?
 7. Surface Water Coalition Canals Panel: Actions being implemented to conserve water.
 8. Closing Remarks: One of our mayors.
 9. Board member election
 10. Lunch
4. **EIWRC Directors' 2025 Schedule:**
 - a. EIWRC Annual Meeting & Board Meeting December 12
 - b. January 8 Board Meeting will be held at the Bingham Groundwater District office in Blackfoot. The meeting orientation will be to discuss the 2026 legislative session outlook.
 - c. IWUA Annual Meeting, January 19-22

5. Meeting Adjourned