

**EIWRC BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 2, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Rexburg City Council Chambers, 35 N 1<sup>st</sup> East, Rexburg, ID**  
**Minutes**

1. **Present:** Roger Warner, Jeff Raybould, Keith Esplin, Rebecca Casper, David Richards, Mayor Donald Powell, Mayor Steve Adams, Tracy Hillman, Brad Foster, Dennis Leikam, and Mayor Jerry Merrill, and on Zoom: Adam Young and Thane Kindred
2. **Welcome – Roger Warner**
3. **Administrative Business**
  - a. **Mayor Merrill moved to approve the minutes of March 5 board meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.**
  - b. **Jeff Raybould moved to pay Keith’s invoice for March. Motion was seconded and approved.**
4. **Updates/Developments**
  - a. Keith led a discussion on the current water supply situation. Conditions deteriorated considerably in March with a continuation of very warm weather. The snow is melting about one month early and water use is starting about 1 month early as well. Reservoirs are about 74 percent full and may not accrue much more. The American Falls water right will soon fill, but there will likely be very little new accrual in Island Park, Grassy Lake, Ririe, and Palisades Reservoirs. Jackson will continue to accrue new fill.
  - b. There are a lot of candidates, at all levels running for election in Idaho. Only two House seats in East Idaho don’t have a Primary or General election challenger.
  - c. Plans for 2026 Water College Tours with IWUA were discussed.
    - i. Likely start in the Rexburg City Council chambers
    - ii. Other proposed stops will include canal infrastructure upgrades in Fremont Madison, near St. Anthony, lunch and tour at the Ashton Dam, and the head structures for the recently completed Marysville pressurized piping project.
  - d. The Idaho Water Users Association achieved a 100% record on 2026 legislative issues. Aaron Dalling is the IWUA Legislative Committee Chairman. Keith, Roger, and others from the Coalition were actively involved with the Legislative Committee as well.
  - e. Thane Kindred, from Rocky Mountain Environmental discussed the latest ESPA Modeling Committee meeting in some detail. A number of questions were asked with board members wanting to be move aware of the work of the modeling committee. A possible follow-up meeting prior to the next committee meeting was contemplated, but the board determined it wouldn’t be necessary at this time.
  - f. A Water Transfer committee meeting set for Monday, April 6 in Blackfoot at the Bingham Groundwater District office.
  - g. What educational workshops needed was discussed. Possible topics include cloud seeding, public works, growth, and dual water systems. It was suggested that perhaps the Board should consider holding some of these informational meetings in lieu of some board meetings. County commissioners are another group that should be interested.
  - h. A Snake River Headwaters Symposium will be held April 17 in Jackson. Several board members expressed that we should be involved. IGWA will send a representative.
  - a. Other business from board members.
5. **EIWRC Directors’ 2026 Schedule:**
  - a. May 7 is next Board Meeting
  - b. Snake River Headwaters Symposium April 17, Jackson
  - c. IWUA Water Law Seminar June 1 & 2, Sun Valley
6. **Meeting Adjourned**