

**Minutes Monthly Meeting of the
Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District**

Monday, March 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Approved April 20, 2026

Call to order: 4:02p

Present: Tom Yount, Director; Kristine Regele, Director; Michael - no audio/no video

Conflicts of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Grant update: One other application submitted in our category. No idea whose project; that information will remain confidential till after award, expected mid-April.

Ryan from Eutrophix introduced Tom to Nick from Aquarius (company in Lake Geneva, WI) who is working a harvesting project for Tribe. Tom visited that site and reports that Aquarius is set to move forward pending funding.

HLWA Update: No Association Board member present. Kristine reported that the Association is actively pursuing non-approval of Hayden Lake Marina expansion until certain concerns have been adequately addressed. There is also a well organized citizens group involved, Citizens Against Hayden Lake Marina Expansion ([Protect Hayden Lake | Citizens Against Hayden Lake Marina Expansion](#))

Action item: Approve Feb 16, 2026 meeting minutes
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c0pamMkep2fuObJWc5LVhS-ENBkF1cclmjdoMa0pGBs/edit?usp=drivesdk>

Tom motioned, Kristine seconded. **Approved unopposed.**

Action item: Approve Payables \$1739.16 of which \$899.16 is reimbursable under DEQ grant. Tom reported that Frank Wilhelm submitted his invoice just prior to the meeting, and motioned to include this payment. **The motion therefore is to approve payables of \$46,769.59 of which \$45, 929.59 is eligible for reimbursement** under the DEQ grant. Kristine seconded and minutes will reflect these figures. **Approved unopposed.**

Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District					
Invoice Approval List					
03.16.26					
We, the Board of Directors of the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District					
approve the following invoices for payment:					
Payee	Invoice	Function	Amount	Check #	Date
Matthew Walker	Dec DEQ Inv. 29	Testing	\$ 660.00		03.16.26
Matthew Walker	Dec District Inv. 30	Lake Management	\$ 110.00		03.16.26
Matthew Walker	Shipping Receipts COC5002	02.06.26 - 1zY8A4870360914509	\$ 19.58		03.16.26
Matthew Walker	Shipping Receipts COC5003	02.25.26 - 1zY8A4870357455995	\$ 19.58		03.16.26
Practical Accounting Solutions	Inv. HLWID01.26	Accounting	\$ 600.00		03.16.26
Tracy Sanchez McNab	Jan District - 0228265	Communications	\$ 130.00		03.16.26
Tracy Sanchez McNab	Jan DEQ - 022826N	Communications/Outreach	\$ 60.00		03.16.26
AMTest	Inv. A26B0458 COC 5001	Data Report Sample A26A0515-01	\$ 70.00		03.16.26
AMTest	Inv. A26C0008 COC 5002	Data Report Sample A26B0180-01	\$ 70.00		03.16.26
Univ of Idaho	2	Frank Wilhelm: Prelim Eng U of I	\$ 45,030.43		03.16.26
TOTAL INVOICES FOR APPROVAL ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED:			\$ 46,769.59		
Authorize to Transfer \$46,769.59 from LGIP to FIB to cover Payables					

Lake Manager Report: Todd is not attending today's meeting due to illness and refers us to a Lake Manager report. In general, 1. construction projects remain limited due to weather; 2. as ice melts and with rain, sediment flow is higher; 3. buoys will be inspected in spring (ice damage, locations); and 4. one water quality testing event remains on Hayden Creek.

Tom has a question on the Lake Manager Report and will contact Todd. Under: *WATER QUALITY TESTING: March has brought the last samples collected on Hayden Creek. Data will be compiled after we have received the last report.* Tom wants to know what "data will be compiled" means and will contact Todd.

Action item: Debris Removal program. Tom motioned to sponsor a debris removal event in 2026. No postcard, no printing. Tom will send email and will handle the handful of permit applications. Social and website announcements will be assigned to Tracy. Depending on spring weather, dates may be impacted. Kristine seconded. Approved unopposed.

Communication - Tracy recommends a refresh of our web page with some minor modifications to flow. She also recommends at least once a month blog and fb posts to help with SEO. FB can be photos and can point to blogs. Tom will submit Preliminary Design Report news (and a copy of the actual document). NOTE: Safari, Google, Chrome SEO needs attention.

Kristine drafted a draft of a disclaimer for data page(s). Tom will review and submit to legal if he feels it is necessary.

Limnology

Action item: After discussion, mid-lake should be tested each year of the North Arm project. Testing at other creeks would duplicate baseline data we have so that is not approved, noting that we could authorize testing if post fire or post logging failure occurs. Testing in north arm would begin again depending on grant activity. Tom motioned. Kristine seconded. **Approved unopposed.**

Action item: Constituents are expressing objections to Hayden Lake Marina's expansion, and that has led the District into considering what regulatory changes we might want to request of Kootenai County. Example: No overnight anchor on lake bottom. Noise ordinances. Evaluation of state regulations that may need adjusted for a small lake like Hayden. Kristine will investigate, work toward a list. Tom motioned. Kristine seconded. **Approved unopposed.**

Action item: Kristine authorized to participate in North Idaho Small Waterways Coalition. She will be focusing on Quagga/Invasive species and obtaining information about best practices to suggest to KCo Commissioners regarding water quality. Tom motioned. Kristine seconded. **Approved unopposed.**

Business carried forward:

Action item: Todd's contract: Reissued under new business name and rate for hours that include use of boat - tabled from previous meetings. Tom motioned to approve, Kristine seconded. **Approved unopposed.** Kristine to provide new resolution to Steve for signature to attach to March minutes.

Action item: HLWID Lake Director - tabled from previous 2026 Meetings (potential action item pending Grant funding) **Tabled until April meeting when we should know funding level.**

Meeting adjourned: 5:07p Tom motioned. Kristine seconded. **Approved unopposed.**

Next meeting: **Monday April 20, 2026, 4:00 p.m.**
