

Twin Lakes Rathdrum Creek Flood Control District No. 17
Minutes of the August 6, 2026 Meeting

Public Agency: Flood Control 17, Kootenai County, Idaho
Governing Body: Board of Commissioners, Flood Control District

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

August 6, 2026

Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center Office

22787 North Twinlow Road, Rathdrum Idaho 83858

The meeting was **called to order** at 6:23 pm by Chairman Todd Howe.

Present: Chairman, Division 1, Todd Howe
Vice Chairman Division 2, Adam Kremin via cell
Commissioner Division 3, Jack Hern
Commissioner Division 4, Janet Armstrong

A quorum was established.

Others Attending: Laurin Scarcello, dam operator, Steve Neff, Watermaster of Twin Lakes Water District 95-C and Renee Miller, Secretary/Treasurer.

Adam Kremin moved to approve the Minutes of the July 2, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Lake Level Report

The lake level is at 8.0. The main gate opening was 1/2". The side gate was also open for 1 ½" cfs.

Payment Authorization

The Commissioners were provided with the payables list for approval and a folder documenting the various amounts. **Jack Hern moved to authorize payment of the payables as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** The Commissioners were also presented with a folder containing time sheets.

Bank Statements

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Commissioners with copies of the bank statement and reconciliation of the July account.

Financial Report – Discussion to be part of preliminary budget review

Correspondence Review

The emails received from Kootenai County included a remittance statement showing property tax revenue. Other informational messages were from Avista, Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce, our bank, ICRMP, Kootenai Emergency Management, Rathdrum Planning and Zoning, and Idaho Department of Labor and newsletters. There were also various emails regarding grant applications from the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The Idaho Department of Transportation invited comment on road work. Emails were received both reminding and confirming quarterly payroll tax filings.

Emails from the Local Government Registry included notification of the change of the due date of the reporting from December 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026, for this year and the future. The report was completed and filed on July 31, 2026, by the Secretary/Treasurer.

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The District also received public records request from The Data Branch via email on July 3, and July 22, 2026. The request inquired about purchases from specified vendors and additional detailed purchase information. Responses were provided to the June 30, July 3, and July 22, inquires in compliance with the public records laws.

An email was forwarded regarding a threat alert from Department of Homeland Security to infrastructure with controls using the internet. Steve Neff spoke to the recent upgrade of controls at the dam and two factor authentication required by anyone to remotely change the dam.

A letter was received GenH offering to explore the possibility of dam owners to generate electricity for revenue.

Old Business

Grant Request – Our grant application was approved.

New Business

Budget

The Commissioners were presented budget worksheets that included a preliminary budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027, compared to the prior year budget and the actual results for the current year through July 31, 2026. The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the proposed budget including a decision to forego the 3% allowed tax increase, but to accept the tax increase based on new construction, both of which were assumed in the preliminary budget. **Todd Howe moved to approve the preliminary budget as presented, for publication in the Press, announcing the budget hearing at the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Maintenance

There is a tree in the creek near the Mark Miller property. Laurin Scarcello will contact Miller to discuss his reservations regarding the removal.

Public Comment -None

Janet Armstrong moved to adjourn at 7:05 pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Miller, Secretary/Treasurer