

FAYETTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

OVERVIEW

Intent

The intent of the Fayette Irrigation District is to provide resources for the improvement and protection of the adjudicated water rights associated with the Fayette canal. This resource will include rehabilitation and expansion of the existing delivery system where applicable and assistance in water right transfers and enlargements where it is appropriate to do so.

Expectations

The District will be expected to maintain the Fayette Irrigation System to a degree that it will adequately deliver the water allowable for the adjudicated lands.

The Landowners will be expected to support the District by ratifying the assessments that the Commissioners deem as necessary for proper system maintenance and development.

Limitations

The District resources will be limited to the main distribution system and will not include private property development. The District will not become involved in private right of way issues. The District will not be a legal tool for settling disputes between private parties. (See the Board of Control document on ditch rights and easements).

The Landowners will be limited to rotated use of the water for agricultural purposes.

Considerations

Consider: The Commissioners and the lateral contacts are volunteers, pay assessments and have the same needs as everyone else.

Consider: The better developed your water distribution system is the quicker you will be able to water which means you could expect the water more often.

Consider: Not all people understand what they need to do to develop their irrigation and not all properties have had time to develop. If you can help your neighbor please do so.

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RULES

1. Water will be divided equitably between the lateral ditches in proportion to the number of adjudicated acres the lateral ditches are servicing in the District.
2. All Landowners will stand their proportionate share of water loss due to seepage, evaporation, etc.
3. All adjudicated lands outside of the Christmann Ranch will be irrigated on a rotation basis, to be done as quickly as possible but not to exceed 24 hr. per 10 acres unless an agreement has been made to the contrary with the neighboring land owners or the majority of Commissioners.
4. A contact person will be chosen for each lateral by the Landowners serviced by that lateral. The contact person will help coordinate the irrigation needs of the said lateral and be a liaison to the Water Master and or Commissioner for that District.
5. If a Landowner does not desire to use all of his share of available water the remainder will be equitably divided among the Landowners subject to the limitation of the canal. Landowners must give the Water Master or if he is not available a District Commissioner 24 hr. notice before closing headgates which could endanger the canal.
6. The Water Master or if not available a District Commissioner shall lock or adjust any headgate necessary to maintain equitable distribution of water and to protect the canal system.
7. When a Landowner has several headgates and desires to rotate water between them necessary precautions will be taken to maintain the canal at a constant level where it leaves his property. The Water Master or if not available a District Commissioner will provide any necessary assistance in this matter such as measuring ditches, installing staff gages, etc.
8. The district shall not tolerate excessive waste of water by any Landowner. Every Landowner is responsible for control of his waste water. The Water Master or if not available a District Commissioner shall be responsible for determining if excessive waste is occurring and will reduce the amount of water in the ditch concerned if necessary. Water must be put to beneficial use.
9. All openings made in the Fayette Irrigation System's ditches from Fall Creek to the lowest point of control which are owned by the District (that is supported financially or physically by the District) shall be made to the specifications of the District Commissioners and with their approval. If this rule is violated and the District is required to make repairs as a result of the said violation the responsible parties will be billed for the repairs.
10. Landowner complaints regarding water distribution must be made first to the Water Master. Review of a decision of the Water Master shall be made by the Board of Commissioners. Water distribution decisions by the Board of Commissioners may be brought to the attention of the Wyoming State Engineer's hydrographer-commissioner for review. Landowners seeking review by State Water Administration officials must notify the District Commissioner for the District in which the lands are located prior to seeking such review.