



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

MEETING NO. 06-05

March 9, 2005, 9:30 a.m. MDT

Idaho Water Center, 322 E Front Street, Boise, ID
6th Floor – Director’s Conference Room

Dirk Kempthorne
Governor

Jerry R. Rigby
Chairman
Rexburg
At Large

Terry T. Uhling
Vice Chairman
Boise
District 2

Dick Wyatt
Secretary
Lewiston
District 1

Leonard Beck
Burley
District 3

Bob Graham
Bonners Ferry
At Large

L. Claude Storer
Idaho Falls
District 4

Gary M. Chamberlain
Challis
At Large

Lawrence ‘Vic’ Armacost
New Meadows
At Large

Meeting No. 06-05 of the Idaho Water Resource Board was called to order via teleconference call by Chairman Rigby
At the Idaho Water Center in Boise Idaho
(One Recording Tape)

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Board Members Attending

Jerry Rigby, Chairman	Vic Armacost
Leonard Beck	Bob Graham
Gary Chamberlain	Dick Wyatt, Secretary

Board Members Absent

Terry Uhling	Claude Storer
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Department of Water Resources Staff Present

Hal Anderson, Administrator	Bill Graham, Bureau Chief
Crystal Calais, Admin. Asst. II	Karl Dreher, Director
John Homan, Dep. Attorney General	Phil Rassier, Dep. Attorney General
Mike Keckler, PIO	

Others Present or on the phone:

Clive Strong, Dep. Attorney General
Ed Armbruster, Leonard Rice Engineers CO - 303-455-9589
Jim Yost
David Hensley

Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

There was no public comment made.

Agenda Item No. 3, Potential Purchase of High-Lift Pump Water

Mr. Chamberlain moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of high-lift pump water and Federal Reserve water right litigation

Mr. Graham seconded.

Voice vote approved.

Mr. Wyatt moved to exit executive session with no action taken.

Mr. Graham seconded.

Voice vote, unanimous in favor.

10-minute recess

Roll Call: Mr. Beck, Mr. Graham, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Armacost, Mr. Rigby were all present.

Motion: Mr. Chamberlain moved to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board to execute the letter of intent regarding the purchase of water rights owned by Bell Rapids Mutual Irrigation Company, subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in that Letter of Intent.

Mr. Beck seconded.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Uhling, Absent; Mr. Wyatt, Absent; Mr. Beck, Aye; Mr. Graham, Aye; Mr. Storer, Absent; Mr. Chamberlain, Aye; Mr. Armacost, Aye; Chairman Rigby, Aye. *5 in favor, 3 Absent – Motion passed.*

Agenda Item No. 4, Other Items

Mr. Chamberlain had two items to bring to the Board's attention. The first was regarding some residents in the Challis area who wanted information on renting their water to the Water Bank. The second item was in regards to funding for a watermaster in the newly proposed Upper Salmon Water District.

Mr. Dreher and Mr. Rassier addressed Mr. Chamberlain's inquiries. In response to the Water Bank question, Mr. Graham would follow up with Mr. Chamberlain after the meeting to discuss it in more detail. As to the new water district and funding for costs involved, Mr. Dreher assured the Board members that public meetings would be held to address any concerns or questions people might have. Mr. Rassier stated that non-consumptive rights are subject to assessment for the actual costs of administration rather than the amount of delivery. Mr. Dreher followed up with the assurance that we do have a mechanism by which we can assess the federal government actual costs of the administration, limited to their portion of those costs and Mr. Chamberlain can assure those individuals that the costs will not fall solely on them.

No other items.

Mr. Graham made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Armacost seconded.

Voice vote approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Dated this 9th day of March 2005.

D. Richard Wyatt, Secretary

Crystal Calais, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions

1. **Motion:** Mr. Chamberlain moved to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board to execute the letter of intent regarding the purchase of water rights owned by Bell Rapids Mutual Irrigation Company, subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in that Letter of Intent. Mr. Beck seconded. **Roll Call vote:** Mr. Uhling, Absent; Mr. Wyatt, Absent; Mr. Beck, Aye; Mr. Graham, Aye; Mr. Storer, Absent; Mr. Chamberlain, Aye; Mr. Armacost, Aye; Chairman Rigby, Aye. *5 in favor, 3 Absent – Motion passed.*