



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

## MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

MEETING NO. 11-05

June 13, 2005, 8:40 a.m.

Idaho Department of Water Resources at the Idaho Water Center – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room D, 322 East Front Street, Boise, Idaho

**Dirk Kempthorne**  
Governor

**Jerry R. Rigby**  
Chairman  
Rexburg  
At Large

Meeting No. 11-05 of the Idaho Water Resource Board was called to order via teleconference by Chairman Rigby  
At the Idaho Water Center in Boise Idaho  
(One Recording Tape)

**Terry T. Uhling**  
Vice Chairman  
Boise  
District 2

### Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

#### *Board Members Attending*

**Dick Wyatt**  
Secretary  
Lewiston  
District 1

Jerry Rigby, Chairman  
Terry Uhling  
Dick Wyatt – Secretary  
Vic Armacost

Claude Storer  
Bob Graham  
Gary Chamberlain

#### *Board Members Absent*

**Leonard Beck**  
Burley  
District 3

Leonard Beck

#### *Department of Water Resources Staff and Guests Present*

**Bob Graham**  
Bonners Ferry  
At Large

Hal Anderson, Administrator  
Crystal Calais, Admin. Asst. II

Bill Graham, Bureau Chief

### Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

**L. Claude Storer**  
Idaho Falls  
District 4

There was no public comment

### Agenda Item No. 3, Adoption of a resolution relative to the finalization of the Bell Rapids Water Rights Purchase

**Gary M. Chamberlain**  
Challis  
At Large

Mr. Anderson addressed the Board regarding the Bell Rapids water right purchase. Kit Clark from the Attorney General's Office has been drafting the 74-page Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement that was sent to Board members for their review. He briefed the board on events that had transpired up to this time including recently receiving legislative funding. A resolution from the Board is needed at this time to move ahead with the

**Lawrence 'Vic' Armacost**  
New Meadows  
At Large

purchase and that resolution is before the Board today. Chairman Rigby read the resolution to the meeting participants since some Board members had not received their copies. Mr. Anderson interrupted with a correction to the dollar figure from \$21,300,000 to \$24,375,000 that is the total purchase price for Bell Rapids. Chairman Rigby continued reading the resolution.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the Board adopt the resolution. Mr. Storer seconded. Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wyatt, Aye; Mr. Armacost, Aye; Mr. Storer, Aye; Mr. Beck, absent; Mr. Chamberlain, Aye; Mr. Graham, Aye, Mr. Uhling, Aye, Chairman Rigby, Aye. 7 aYES, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

**Agenda Item No. 4, Other items**

Mr. Anderson brought to the Board's attention that a meeting was coming up on Friday. Issues to be addressed were the 20/25 Grant Application submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation to fund the initial construction of a managed recharge project off the North Side Canal. If approved by the Board, the grant would be about \$250,000 if successful requiring matching funds of \$250,000 from the Board for the project. Another issue is the 30-year Water Right Lease Agreement with Bureau of Reclamation that would obligate 60,000 acre-feet of the Bell Rapids water to the bureau. The Board will not be getting all the \$21 million dollars from the bureau that is needed to repay the General Fund by July 2006 so some additional funding is needed. The IGWA Loan Agreement is being finalized; however, copies have not been received from one of the irrigation districts. Staff is also working on the Bureau of Reclamation Exchange Agreement to exchange water with the bureau so IGWA can get mitigation credit above Milner. Some discussion will take place on Friday regarding leasing water in the Lemhi at the Board's work session.

Chairman Rigby asked for any additional agenda items for Friday. Mr. Chamberlain expressed a need to get materials sooner for emergency meetings. Mr. Uhling stated that he might not be available for the Board meeting on Friday. The July Board meeting was reset to August 4 and 5.

Mr. Wyatt moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Mr. Chamberlain seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006.

  
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D. Richard Wyatt, Secretary

  
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Patsy McCourty, Administrative Assistant II

## **Board Actions**

**1.The Board approved by resolution the Bell Rapids purchase.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wyatt, Aye; Mr. Armacost, Aye; Mr. Storer, Aye; Mr. Beck, absent; Mr. Chamberlain, Aye; Mr. Graham, Aye, Mr. Uhling, Aye, Chairman Rigby, Aye. 7 in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**