



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

*L. "Butch" Otter*  
Governor

## MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING NO. 07-07

*Jerry R. Rigby*  
Chairman  
Rexburg  
At Large

Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Idaho Water Center  
June 14, 2007

*Terry T. Uhling*  
Vice Chairman  
Boise  
District 2

Secretary Bob Graham called meeting 07-07 to order at 8:40 a.m. and requested roll call.

### Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

*Bob Graham*  
Secretary  
Bonners Ferry  
At Large

#### *Board Members Attending by Phone*

*Charles "Chuck"  
Cuddy*  
Orofino  
District 1

Jerry Rigby, Chairman  
Vic Armacost  
Claude Storer  
Bob Graham

Leonard Beck  
Gary Chamberlain  
Chuck Cuddy  
Terry Uhling was absent.

*Leonard Beck*  
Burley  
District 3

#### *Staff Members and Guests Attending*

*L. Claude Storer*  
Idaho Falls  
District 4

Hal Anderson, Administrator  
Brian Patton, Bureau Chief  
Lane Jolliffe, Governor's Office  
Bob McLaughlin, PIO  
Patsy McGourty, Admin. Asst. II  
Neeley Miller, Planner  
Dave Tuthill, Director by phone

*Gary M.  
Chamberlain*  
Challis  
At Large

#### *Guests by Phone*

Jonathan Parker, Idaho Water Users Association  
Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General

*Lawrence "Vic"  
Armacost*  
New Meadows  
At Large

### Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### **Agenda Item No. 3, Lower Payette Ditch Company Loan Request**

Brian Patton presented the new loan request from the Lower Payette Ditch Company. In 2004 the Board loaned \$430,000 to the Lower Payette Ditch Company who also had a promised loan from the Soil Conservation Commission. For unknown reasons they were unable to come up with the loan funds they had committed. The Governor's Office suggested Lower Payette come back to the Board for an increase of their original loan from \$430,000 to \$875,000 with all other terms to remain the same: 5.5% with 10 years repayment. Staff recommends that this additional amount be approved. Lane Jolliffe from the Governor's Office answered Board members questions.

Mr. Armacost moved that an increase in the loan amount of \$430,000 to \$875,000 be made to the Lower Payette Ditch Company with the original 5.5% interest with a 10-year repayment. Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Mr. Graham called for a roll call vote.

**Roll Call: Mr. Cuddy, Yes; Mr. Storer, Yes; Mr. Chamberlain, Yes; Mr. Armacost, Yes; Mr. Beck, Yes; Mr. Graham, Yes; Mr. Uhling, Absent; Chairman Rigby, Yes. Seven Yes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.**

### **Agenda Item No. 4, Coordination with BLM on Wild and Scenic River Evaluations**

Mr. Anderson noted a two-page handout concerning BLM and Wild and Scenic River designations. At the last Board meeting a letter of concern was drafted for the Director of BLM concerning the North Fork of the Clearwater reach. Afterward, a meeting was held with Mr. Uhling, Director Tuthill, the State BLM Director, Mr. Patton and Mr. Anderson where a copy of a 1991 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the BLM, the Forest Service and IDWR regarding cooperative planning processes and signed by Governor Cecil Andrus was presented to the BLM Director. The BLM was unaware of this agreement although they did come up with their copy.

The Coeur d'Alene office of the BLM had created a plan ready for submittal to Congress including Idaho rivers in the Wild and Scenic designation which are already in the State plan. The State policy on this is that the State and BLM are to coordinate all planning activities; however, this was not done. Mr. Anderson requested that a letter from the Board be sent to the Director of the State BLM asking for all Idaho streams to be withdrawn from this planning effort. A record of decision has already been made by BLM. Discussion followed. Board members supported IDWR staff's efforts to change these planning efforts.

Mr. Cuddy moved that the Board support by letter to the Director of the BLM to withdraw the wild and scenic designation in the proposed plan by the Coeur d'Alene Office and to review proposed recreation designations. Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Mr. Graham called for a roll call vote.

**Roll Call: Mr. Cuddy, Yes; Mr. Storer, Yes; Mr. Chamberlain, Yes; Mr. Armacost, Yes; Mr. Beck, Yes; Mr. Graham, Yes; Mr. Uhling, Absent; Chairman Rigby, Yes. Seven Yes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.**

Mr. Jonathan Parker thanked Mr. Lane Jolliffe for his involvement in aiding the Lower Payette Ditch Company in its effort to get a loan increase.

**Agenda Item No. 5. Executive Session**

Mr. Chamberlain moved to go into Executive Session and Mr. Storer seconded. All were in favor. The Board went into Executive Session.

The Board took no action during the Executive Session.

Mr. Armacost moved to go out of Executive Session and Mr. Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.

**Agenda Item No. 6, Other Items Board Members May Wish to Present**

There was nothing brought up for discussion.

Mr. Anderson noted that CDR Associates would not be present at the Lewiston Meeting and a written summary would be provided.

**Agenda Item No. 7, Adjourn**

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Storer seconded. All were in favor.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.



Secretary

  
Patsy McCourty, Administrative Assistant II

**Board Actions:**

1. Mr. Armacost moved that an increase in the loan amount of \$430,000 to \$875,000 be made to the Lower Payette Ditch Company with the same terms. Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Mr. Graham called for a roll call vote.

**Roll Call: Mr. Cuddy, Yes; Mr. Storer, Yes; Mr. Chamberlain, Yes; Mr. Armacost, Yes; Mr. Beck, Yes; Mr. Graham, Yes; Mr. Uhling, Absent; Chairman Rigby, Yes. Seven Yes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.**

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