



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

**L. "Butch" Otter**  
Governor

## **MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 12-07**

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

**Idaho Department of Water Resources**  
Idaho Water Center, Boise Idaho  
November 28, 2007

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

Chairman Rigby called meeting 12-07 to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested roll call.

### **Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call**

**Bob Graham**  
Secretary  
Bonners Ferry  
At Large

#### *Board Members*

Jerry Rigby, Chairman  
Vic Armacost, absent  
Claude Storer  
Bob Graham

Leonard Beck  
Gary Chamberlain  
Chuck Cuddy  
Terry Uhling,

**Charles "Chuck"  
Cuddy**  
Orofino  
District 1

#### *Staff Members and Guests Attending*

**Leonard Beck**  
Burley  
District 3

Hal Anderson, Administrator  
Patsy McGourty, Admin. Asst. II  
Helen Harrington, Section Mgr.  
Chuck Galloway, Bureau Chief  
Bill Quinn, Staff Engineer

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief  
Bob McLaughlin, PIO  
Dave Tuthill, Director  
Ton Nease, Section Mgr.

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

#### *Guests*

**Gary M.  
Chamberlain**  
Challis  
At Large

Dave Blew, Idaho Power  
Jon Boling, Idaho Power  
Peter Anderson, Trout Unlimited  
Roger Batt, Idaho GW Users  
Rich Rigby, Bureau of Reclamation  
Sid Harmon, Terrace Water Corp.  
Howard Neibling, U of I Ext.

Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General  
Clive Strong, Deputy Attorney General  
Shelley Davis, Barker, Rosholt & Simpson  
Jonathan Bartsch, CDR Associates  
John Rosholt, Barker, Rosholt & Simpson  
Linda Lemmon, Thousand Springs  
Pat McCoy, Capitol Press

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

## **Agenda Item No. 2, Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Anderson noted that the agenda had been amended yesterday to add 5h., Challis Irrigation Company and 5e. Black Canyon Exchange Project was deleted.

Mr. Anderson noted that Minutes from Meeting Nos. 10-07 and 11-07 were before the board for approval. Mr. Uhling moved that minutes 10-07 and 11-07 be accepted as written and Mr. Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.

## **Agenda Item No. 3, Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Agenda Item No. 4, Dworshak Status Report**

Mr. Patton presented the Dworshak status report. He noted that since coming on line the hydropower project had provided 149,102,229 kWh of power sold to the Bonneville Power Administration. The power plant produced \$270,000 income over and above expenses deposited into the Revolving Development Account. Mr. Patton offered a monthly breakout of income and expenses and a chart of monthly power generation in graph form.

## **Agenda Item No. 5, IWRB Financial Program**

### **a. Status Report**

Mr. Patton presented October 1, 2007 numbers of \$2.1 million total available Board funds for projects, about \$16.3 million committed to loans approved and about \$10 million in loan principle outstanding. There is more than enough to meet loan requests presented today. He also noted that Marysville Irrigation Company has nearly completed their Phase I Pipeline Project with finish up items to be completed in the spring. The Board has loaned them \$625,000. Balance sheets for all accounts were available in the Board materials. Mr. Patton answered Board members' questions about the various accounts.

### **b. W-Canal Update**

Mr. Bill Quinn, staff engineer, briefed the Board members on the current status of the W-Canal Project. Phase I was completed in July by Brown and Caldwell Engineers. In early November, the contract was amended to allow for seven additional tasks including design and construction of a test well, aquifer testing, evaluation of surface and ground water chemistry to develop a pilot project to be operating by late spring or summer next year. The cost is not to exceed \$148,000 for the pilot project. Significant savings will be made since staff will be doing ground water modeling and sampling in conjunction with DEQ. Staff are investigating low cost data telemetry methods and

negotiating with the Department of Lands on leasing the land to access the pilot project. Staff are confident that the pilot project is on track and should be operating by Summer, 2008 with the full scale project online by Summer 2009.

Mr. Quinn noted that the design will be completed in the winter and in mid-April the pilot project should be ready for testing. Mr. Uhling asked about the amount of water for the pilot project and the cost for the full project in 2009. Mr. Quinn answered one million dollars estimate with a goal of 30 cfs. Mr. Beck asked about the injection well itself. Mr. Quinn answered that it was gravity flow beneath the surface with a slow sand filtration basin and from there the water flows into the well. He noted that a lot of details are involved in the engineering of this project.

Mr. Uhling asked if there are other locations where there are systems like this in the state. Mr. Quinn answered that this is the first of its kind in Idaho. Similar operations do exist in the world. This project is unique according to Mr. Quinn due to the geology of the area. This technology could be used in other areas on the Snake River Plain.

Mr. Patton noted that Mr. Quinn operated the recharge efforts in Las Vegas for ten years and it was thought that project was the largest in the world.

#### **c. CREP Update**

Mr. Patton presented the CREP update. Staff have approved 32,788.5 acres and 19,726.3 have been approved by the FSA County Committee. Of the total 47,272.6 acres reviewed by staff, 243 contracts were approved, 54 contracts totaling 7,178.5 acres were returned for correctable problems. 22 contracts totaling 2,478 were ineligible. Mr. Patton answered questions of Board members. The final deadline is December 31, 2007. The total acres approved for the year will be approximately 40,000. Mr. Uhling asked if this figure had been analyzed in relation to the CAMP process. Mr. Patton answered no; however, other methods could be used to raise the acres taken out of production. Mr. Anderson noted that an analysis can be done quickly with spreadsheet tools.

There was further discussion about what might happen in December before the deadline. There was some confusion about the chart presented and after clarifying with Mr. Miller, it was noted that the columns in the chart were not meant to balance nor the bullets at the bottom. Acres offered is a figure that comes from the Soil Commission data base to IDWR.

#### **d. Terrace Water Corporation Loan Request**

Mr. Patton presented the loan request for the Terrace Water Corporation Inc., a subdivision in Meridian, Idaho. They are requesting a grant of \$4,500 for engineering studies and a loan of \$35,000 to drill a new well. ERO Resources was hired to investigate the problem and they have recommended a new well. Mr. Patton said the repaymentability does not appear to be a problem and staff recommends a \$35,000 loan at 6% with a 10-year term.

Mr. Sid Harmon addressed the Board for the Terrace Water Corporation. He discussed the costs of hooking up to the City of Meridian for services. Mr. Chamberlain stated it is highly unlikely the Board will give a grant for engineering studies and would Mr. Harmon accept on behalf of his group a loan in the amount of \$40,000. Mr. Harmon stated they would accept that.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that a loan be granted to the Terrace Water Corporation in the amount of \$40,000 for a 10 year repayment at 6% interest. Mr. Uhling seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

**e. 2008 Spring Recharge**

Mr. Patton provided the Board with a revised resolution for 2008 Spring Recharge. In 2007, \$150,000 was provided for recharge water delivered above Milner to canal companies. Unfortunately, the Board's water right did not come into priority in 2007. Staff is requesting the authorization of \$150,000 for future years to pursue the recharge effort until the funds are spent. The resolution has been revised to remove the reference to a particular year.

Mr. Uhling moved to adopt the spring recharge resolution as revised. Mr. Storer seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

**f. Little Lost Agreement Not to Divert**

Mr. Patton stated that the Board is the only qualified local entity to accept funds for the Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program. In 2006 Trout Unlimited expressed interest in a project on Badger Creek an important stream for bull trout. The irrigators will pump water from the Little Lost River instead of Badger Creek. The agreement is for \$75,000 to be paid to Trout Unlimited through an agreement with the irrigators who will then be paid the \$75,000. The money will come through the Board and be paid back to the Board by Trout Unlimited. Staff believe this is a good project with a lot of local support and recommends the authorization of the expenditure of \$75,000 to Trout Unlimited with repayment to the Board.

Mr. Patton introduced Mr. Peter Anderson from Trout Unlimited who passed out a booklet to the Board with pictures of the Badger Creek project. Chairman Rigby noted that he had visited the project on-site and spoke to participants. He said he was very impressed. Mr. Anderson described the process of watching the process develop, dignitaries involved and the pictures of the project in the

booklet. Mr. Uhling congratulated Trout Unlimited on the project. Mr. Anderson noted that the Pancheri's proceeded with the project even before funding reimbursement was guaranteed.

Mr. Uhling moved that the resolution for the Badger Creek Little Lost Water Transaction Agreement not to divert be adopted as presented. Mr. Beck seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

g. Challis Irrigation Co.

Mr. Chamberlain recused himself from the discussion since he is the President of Challis Irrigation Company. Mr. Patton presented the loan request in the amount of \$50,000 to replace existing metal check gates with an Obermeyer gate. The Challis Irrigation Company delivers irrigation water to 69 shareholders from the Salmon River to existing canals. Staff believes the financial status of Challis Irrigation is sound and they have repaid loans in the past to the Board. Mr. Patton noted their repayment history was very good. Staff concludes that this is a good project and recommends passage of the loan.

Mr. Cuddy moved that \$50,000 be loaned to the Challis Irrigation Company at 5.5% interest with a ten-year repayment. Mr. Uhling seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, abstained; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Six ayes, one abstention, one absent. Motion passed.

The Board took a ten minute break.

Chairman Rigby noticed late arrivals to the meeting and invited them to make public comment. Mr. Tominaga complimented the Board and staff on their hard work.

**Agenda Item No. 6, Planning Activities**

**a. ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan**

Mr. Jonathan Bartsch from CDR Associates stated that the Advisory Committee had met seven times since formation in August of 2007. Four sub-committee meetings for quantitative goal setting have been held. The participation has been extremely high and effective with an emphasis on problem solving. The Advisory Committee began with an emphasis on educating members on basic hydrology and previous efforts to find solutions and acquaint them with the tools available. The focus now is to integrate quantitative goal analysis with problem solving.

The sub-committee recommended a 600-900,000 water budget change as discussed in the Strawman Proposal. Department staff used spread sheet tools based on the model. Now, with these tools the Advisory Committee is looking at costs and impact to the aquifer. A sub-committee meeting will be held in December and two Advisory Committee meetings in January to develop the Board's report to the Legislature.

Chairman Rigby complimented Mr. Bartsch and the work they have done with the Advisory Committee

#### **b. River Planning Coordination with Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management**

Mr. Anderson reminded the Board of the recent discovery of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Governor Andrus in 1991 that Forest Service staff were not aware of. He introduced Ms. Harrington to discuss plans for the future.

Ms. Harrington listed the elements of this agreement which include: study prioritization, data collection, public involvement, delineation of basins and management plans and one annual meeting. Several years have gone by without annual meetings or coordinated collaboration. A meeting will be held in mid-December with Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management and some individual meetings with some of their regional offices to formalize activities. Mr. Graham asked if the Board would be participating. Mr. Anderson said they would be most welcome. Mr. Graham asked about a prior meeting with the Forest Service. Chairman Rigby said there was a separate MOU with the Forest Service for SRBA meetings in the past and he wondered how these MOU's work together.

Mr. Anderson stated that the agreement Mr. Graham was referring to was with the Forest Service specific to the Organic Act claims in the SRBA. Ms. Harrington will take a look at that MOU and make sure that it is in agreement with the earlier MOU signed by Governor Andrus. She stated that she would invite Board members to the next meeting in Boise. Mr. Anderson offered to provide telephonic participation for Board members for the meeting in December.

#### **c. Water Projects Coordination with Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation**

Mr. Anderson stated that the Director and the Board had given staff direction to coordinate with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers in looking at future storage opportunities for a long-term plan for growth and to offset the effects of climate change. Several meetings have been held and Mr. Patton summarized the results of those meetings.

Mr. Patton stated these meetings have created several study plans with the Bureau of Reclamation. Staff are working on a study specific to raising the Minidoka Dam and Lake Wolcott. The dam is scheduled for rehabilitation in 2012 and coordination of the enlargement could save money. A higher dam could create an additional 40-50,000 acre-feet of storage in the Upper Snake River Basin. The Bureau of Reclamation has requested a letter from the Board to begin the dialogue.

The second project is an appraisal level study for additional storage opportunities in the Snake River above Milner. Mr. Patton is outlining the scope of this study. Staff are also working with the Bureau of Reclamation on a study based on their recently completed evaluation of the Boise and Payette Rivers drainages. Staff are working with the Corps on a feasibility study on additional storage in the Weiser River drainage at the Galloway site. Staff would like to enlarge this to the Lost Valley and some other sites in the Weiser River drainage. Additional storage here could provide flood control, additional irrigation and offset salmon flow with exchanges in the Upper Snake River.

The second study with the Corp of Engineers is a feasibility study in the Boise River drainage at Twin Springs or other sites. A Lucky Peak or an Arrowrock enlargement have also been discussed. This water could fill future municipal needs or salmon flow needs. All agencies are expected to cooperate through future coordinated meetings.

Mr. Uhling asked Mr. Rigby of the Bureau of Reclamation what they needed from the Board to initiate the Minidoka Dam project. Mr. Rigby stated that the repair project is already in progress and would have to back up a bit to accommodate the raising of the dam. There is the issue of money. A letter from the Board was requested to begin this process.

Mr. Graham asked about the Corps of Engineers interest in the Weiser area. Mr. Patton said the first priority was flooding and then power generation.

Mr. Patton stated that staff would draft a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation to initiate formal work on projects. Mr. Uhling asked if there were any estimates of costs in 2004 for the additional water from raising the Minidoka Dam. Mr. Rigby said the new costs are one hundred million dollars. Mr. Patton noted that in 2004 there was no action on this project. Chairman Rigby asked for Board members' consent to sign the letter and they all consented.

Mr. Beck asked if the Interim Legislative Committee of 2004 had changed in membership and if they are more receptive now to these projects? Mr. Patton answered that members are essentially the same. He asked Director Tuthill to comment on this question. Director Tuthill stated that the awareness of the need for storage water is different now than it was in 2004.

Mr. Beck asked if the problem in 2004 was water or money. Mr. Patton noted that the committee thought it was too expensive at the time. Mr. Rigby stated that this project is now not the most expensive project, but perhaps the least expensive of the proposals on the table.

#### **d. State Water Plan Update**

Ms. Harrington updated the Board on the progress of the State Water Plan Sub-Committee. The current plan was adopted in 1996. Work began in 2003 and 2004 but was not completed. Now, the committee is back reviewing the work that was started. The committee has met three times and has another meeting this afternoon.

The committee approved issuing a news release, a letter from the Chairman was mailed and e-mailed to about 325 groups, two radio interviews took place and comments have been coming in from the public.

The State Water Plan consists of 57 policies and a resource inventory. The committee has decided to separate these two sections and publish them separately since the resource inventory will need to be updated more frequently. Staff are beginning to work on the resource inventory. The end of 2009 is the target date for completion of the proposed State Water Plan revision to incorporate elements of the ESPA CAMP process.

Chairman Rigby noted that he had received many calls in response to the letter. He complimented the sub-committee and the staff for their work on this important effort. Ms. Harrington suggested that Board members look at the comment letters especially from County Commissioners. Some parties are requesting copies of the comments that are sent in and they will be provided.

Chairman Rigby asked for Board questions. Mr. Graham asked if there were other target dates that the committee might have before 2009. Ms. Harrington responded that she would provide Board members with her timeline chart. Chairman Rigby introduced Mr. Norm Semanko from the Idaho Water Users.

Mr. Semanko commended the Board for the manner the process is taking. He complimented Ms. Harrington on doing a fine job. He suggested that the department have a subscription service similar to the Bureau of Reclamation for public comments to be taken.

Mr. Semanko noted that the Water Users Association Board would be meeting in the afternoon and discussing their comments for the State Water Plan process. He stated that additional supplies of water and storage are their main suggestions. Mr. Semanko says his members are requesting more storage because they need it and they are willing to pay for it. He cited the Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District that also provides for subdivisions who asked the IWUA to find them more water this year. Water supply and environmental enhancement are bigger needs than ever in addition to irrigation.

Mr. Semanko stated there is a tremendous underlying problem with the Minidoka Dam to replace the spillway. Burley Irrigation and Minidoka Irrigation do not have the ability to absorb the costs for this reconstruction and rehabilitation. New financing needs to come from somewhere, but the Board needs to include this problem with the overall project.

Mr. Semanko expressed some cautionary notes. The draft on the website is dated Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and he noted that Idaho Water Users Association has a huge issue with permanent transfers for minimum stream flows. Minimum stream flows matched with the water bank model are supported by IWUA. The other direction is a quagmire and Mr. Semanko suggested the committee avoid this. He also cautioned against making the State Water Plan into a reallocation plan since this comes into conflict with The State Constitution. He thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Uhling asked what the timeline was for the spillway and Mr. Semanko said he would send the budget projections from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Minidoka Dam to the Board. Costs

are going to go up here and in 2011 and 2012 there will be big increases in operation and maintenance costs. This is urgent. In the next year, upgrades are needed because of dam safety. The total acreage base served by Minidoka Dam is 128,000 acres.

Mr. Cuddy asked why the costs increased and Mr. Semanko said construction costs have gone up and a different configuration for the spillway is needed. Chairman Rigby thanked Mr. Semanko and the water users for their support.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7, 2007 Post Season Recharge**

Mr. Anderson explained that after the Supreme Court ruled on the conjunctive management rules and the curtailment letters went out due to the calls, mitigation plans were filed and 29,500 acre-feet of water was made available for recharge purposes. The first ever post season recharge effort was undertaken by North Side Canal Company.

Mr. Quinn noted that this effort started on November 20, 2007 and the process ended November 29, 2007 to beat the freezing weather. The target goal of 29,500 acre-feet was not quite met, but they did recharge 26,846 acre-feet or 91% of the goal. Chairman Rigby noted that Ted Diehl was somewhat disappointed in the beginning efforts. Mr. Quinn replied there were some challenges to get the flow right and the North Side Canal Company made a commendable effort on this project.

Mr. Quinn noted that that average flow was about 600 acre-feet per day. IDWR staff facilitated the process with IGWA and the dairymen. Staff measured seepage and recalibrated some gauges. Information was gained for future efforts. Mr. Chamberlain asked if there were any economic figures yet about the cost of putting the water back in. Mr. Quinn answered he had no information. Director Tuthill said the water was purchased at about \$20 per foot.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8, Lake Fork Creek Rental Pool Committee Reappointment**

Mr. Anderson noted that the Lake Fork Creek Rental Pool Committee appointments had expired and according to the rules, the Board needs to reappoint.

Mr. Patton noted this committee rents water for the Payette Lake. Staff has prepared a resolution for the Board to reappoint the Water District No. 65-K rental pool committee. Mr. Graham questioned why the names of the members of the Committee were in the resolution instead of just generically referring to the committee. Mr. Patton replied that the names are usually included. There was discussion about whether the committee was appointed or the members. Chairman Rigby said the water district is appointed. Mr. Anderson suggested that staff verify the correct format and if changes are needed, they will be made to the forms. Mr. Patton stated that staff would check right now and the resolution could be dealt with before the meeting ends.

Later Mr. Patton stated that the committee is appointed but not the members. Chairman Rigby suggested adding the word "presently" before the names.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the resolution appointing the rental pool committee for Water District 65-K with the addition of the word presently be approved. Mr. Cuddy seconded. The Chairman called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

### **Agenda Item No. 9, Wood River Legacy Project/Water District 37**

Mr. Anderson stated that Water District 37 and 37M have nominated ex-officio members to the Advisory Committee for the Wood River Legacy Project.

Ms. Harrington directed the Board's attention to the nominations of Rich Dinges, Katherine Goldman, Rich McIntyre, Andy Munter, and Carl Pendleton by the water district for the Advisory Committee. This is a required action by the Board as noted in the resolution.

Mr. Uhling moved to adopt the resolution appointing ex-officio members to the Advisory Committee for Water District 37/37M Wood River Legacy Project. Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Chairman Rigby called for a voice vote and all were in favor.

### **Agenda Item No. 10, Director's Report**

Director Dave Tuthill expressed his pleasure in watching the Board's engagement with the public on the problems of the state. The Director reviewed the status of the calls. The Surface Water Coalition call is going to be heard on January 16, 2008 with Justice Gerald Schroeder for several weeks. The Seventh Supplemental Amendment to the Order has been drafted and may be issued this week. It will identify the accounting for 2007 by Idaho Ground Water Users in support of the Surface Water Coalition. A final accounting is due in February, 2008.

The Thousand Springs hearing began this morning with Justice Schroeder presiding. The department is recording the hearing and will post audios on the website along with documents filed at the hearing.

The A and B Irrigation call has moved to the Preemptory Writ of Mandate stage. This call goes back to 1994. This year the Director met with the A and B board. The outcome was they chose to file a Request for a Writ of Mandate with the court. The Director quoted from the Order for Writ of Mandate, "The fact that this is a senior ground water call to junior groundwater users cannot make the director's determination anymore complex than the senior surface water users." This is a different viewpoint than the department maintains. A hearing had been set for March 18 to hear the A and B Irrigation call before Justice Schroeder. The director will prepare a finding of facts to be used at that hearing. The Writ of Mandate requires the director to issue a determination of material injury by January 15<sup>th</sup> in advance of the hearing. The hearing then will look at both issues. The judge goes on to say, "For the reason set forth above the director has abused his discretion to make his determination of material injury." The department does not agree and will respond to this issue by appeal. Information will be coming in from A and B Irrigation District to the department that the director will use in his material injury determination for January.

Regarding the North Idaho Adjudication, the Director stated that pushback by the counties has slowed the process. In Kootenai County, the paper said they were in favor of it, but the vote changed. Four counties wanted the NIA reviewed by the Legislature before proceeding. The department needs to file a Petition for Commencement with the court before it can go forward. The Legislature has not given the go ahead. The Interim Legislative Committee wanted to meet with northern Idaho legislators but that didn't happen. The department is now waiting for the Legislature in January to give the green light.

The Director discussed boundaries for North Idaho Adjudication in the Rathdrum River Basin. The USGS filed a report with new maps and the river drainage boundary had changed on their map and subsequently the IDWR data base was changed resulting in a 2% difference in area. The Director showed the difference in the county boundaries to the Board members and guests. The North Idaho county commissioners were upset by the Director's failure to point this change out to them and the Director has apologized to everyone concerned. He thanked and commended Bob Graham for his behind the scenes participation with county commissioners in the area to help smooth the way for the North Idaho Adjudication.

The Director noted that the department budget includes the initiation of a Rathdrum Aquifer study along with other long range basin planning efforts. He showed a slide that denotes water going in and out of the Snake River Aquifer. As a whole the aquifer is at an equilibrium. The Director discussed the various affects of water level changes throughout the aquifer. Some areas have draw downs as in the A and B Irrigation District.

The Director discussed future water needs. One national predictor says we need to rethink how we manage it and use it better. The Director's premise is that in the twenty-first century there will be adequate water for municipal uses, but the problem that states are facing is the lack of storage projects to alleviate pressure of transferring water to municipal uses. If we value irrigation as part of our value and our life, we need water according to the Director. Conservation and management are important but more needs to be done for sustainable economies.

The Director noted how much water is leaving the state and this is the water that needs to be stored. He noted several storage areas that are being considered. The state needs to be involved in this effort. The Board, the department, the federal agencies and Director Tuthill are all working on this. For Oregon and Washington, there needs to be a three-state working agreement to avoid working against one another.

The department is working on its strategic planning process and focus groups are going to regions. A strategic planning workshop will be held soon. Board member Vic Armacost is involved in this effort. By March the strategic plan will be finalized.

Chairman Rigby thanked the Director for his great attitude and hard work.

**Agenda Item No. 11, Other Items Board Members May Wish to Present**

Mr. Graham thanked the Director for his comments. Mr. Cuddy mentioned the Wild and Scenic Rivers issue and the recommendations by the Bureau of Land Management. He welcomed meeting with federal officials about that. Mr. Cuddy also expressed that the issue of public interest needs to be better defined. Mr. Beck commented on Mr. Semanko's remarks.

Mr. Beck informed everyone that the Minidoka Rehabilitation Project has been considered for five years by local irrigation districts. District officials approached federal officials from Idaho for assistance and received assurances that funding would come from dam safety programs. Problems were discovered in the construction of the dam. No written agreement was made of the conversations with federal officials and they passed into nothing. Local funding has increased from assessments to meet expenses until 2010. After that, an increase of 60% from irrigators in Southern Idaho will be needed to meet dam repair needs. Mr. Beck expressed appreciation for the CAMP process to move this issue forward. Mr. Beck noted that the State of Montana has already authorized ten million dollars to aid in a similar project

**Agenda Item No. 12, Next Meeting and Adjourn**

Mr. Anderson noted that plans need to be made for at least the January and March dates to provide meeting room space at the Water Center. Tentative dates of January 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> were suggested. With a holiday on January 21 and the Water Users meeting on the 22, 23, and 24 there is a scheduling problem. There was discussion about the best dates. Members made several suggestions. One issue to be discussed at the January work session is the CAMP Advisory Report to be presented to the Legislature in January. Mr. Anderson stated that staff would try to create a half day work session and a half day meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Anderson said staff would put together an agenda for a one day meeting.

In March the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> were suggested for the Board meeting in Boise. Board members did not object to the March dates. At the meeting in January dates can be scheduled for the rest of the year. Chairman Rigby noted that telephonic meetings may also be needed.

Mr. Graham moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Uhling seconded. All were in favor.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2008.



Secretary



Patsy McGourty, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Uhling moved that the minutes 10-07 and 11-07 be accepted as written and Mr. Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.
2. Mr. Chamberlain moved that a loan be granted to the Terrace Water Corporation in the amount of \$40,000 for a 10 year repayment at 6% interest. Mr. Uhling seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

3. Mr. Uhling moved to adopt the spring recharge resolution as revised. Mr. Storer seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

4. Mr. Uhling moved that the resolution for the Badger Creek Little Lost Water Transaction Agreement not to divert be adopted as presented. Mr. Beck seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

5. Mr. Cuddy moved that \$40,000 be loaned to the Challis Irrigation Company at 5.5% interest with a ten-year repayment. Mr. Uhling seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Armacost, absent; Mr. Storer, aye; Mr. Beck, aye; Mr. Chamberlain, aye; Mr. Graham, aye; Mr. Uhling, aye; and Chairman Rigby, aye. Seven ayes, one absent. Motion passed.

6. Mr. Chamberlain moved that the resolution appointing the rental pool committee for Water District 65-K with the addition of the word presently be approved. Mr. Cuddy seconded. The Chairman called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

7. Mr. Uhling moved to adopt the resolution appointing ex-officio members to the Advisory Committee for Water District 37/37M Wood River Legacy Project. Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Chairman Rigby called for a voice vote and all were in favor.

Attachment 1 to Meeting 11-08  
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