



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES 8-11

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

Idaho Water Center
322 E. Front Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

December 22, 2011

Terry T. Uhling
Chairman
Boise
District 2

Chairman Terry Uhling and Board member Chuck Cuddy were absent. Vice-Chairman Chase conducted as Chairman. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. There were 6 members on the teleconference.

Roger W. Chase
Vice-Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Raybould
Bob Graham
Terry Uhling, *Absent*

Vince Alberdi
Peter Van Der Meulen
Leonard Beck
Chuck Cuddy, *Absent*

Bob Graham
Secretary
Bonners Ferry
District 1

Staff Members Present

**Charles "Chuck"
Cuddy**
Orofino
At Large

Brian Patton, Planning Bureau Chief
Rich Rigby, Federal Liaison
Diana Ball, Administrative Assistant

Helen Harrington, Planning Section Manager
Monica Van Bussum, Senior Water Agent

Leonard Beck
Burley
District 3

Guests Present

Jon Bowling, Idaho Power Co.
Matt Howard, USBR

Mr. Ron Shurtleff, WD65 Watermaster

Vince Alberdi
Kimberly
At Large

Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

Vice-Chairman Chase asked for public comment regarding any items not included on the agenda. There were no comments.

Jeff Raybould
St. Anthony
At Large

Agenda Item No. 3, Water District 65 Rental Pool Rule Change

Mr. Brian Patton deferred this item to Mr. Vince Alberdi, Chair of the Water Supply Bank Committee (Committee). Mr. Alberdi briefed the Board on the Committee discussion on questions regarding WD65 rental pool procedures and the price of renting water from the rental pool. In regards to Idaho Power's proposed rental rate of \$8.50 per acre foot, the Committee and WD65 recommended the rate would be acceptable since the water would likely be released without any financial gain if it was not rented. The Committee recommended to the IWRB to accept the proposed WD65 rule change to rent storage water to Idaho Power for power production purposes. Mr. Ron Shurtleff, WD65 Watermaster, clarified that in a typical year the water would be released without gain, however with the current weather pattern and lack of precipitation, it is unclear whether this excess water will

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

be released. The WD65 is asking for the paperwork to be put into place as an option but will retain flexibility in their contract with Idaho Power for not releasing water, or not as much water, dependent on weather conditions.

Mr. Jon Bowling, Idaho Power, commented that they are looking to have a decision around the second week of January so they can move forward with their processes and requirements.

It was clarified that the Board would be authorizing WD65 to make a temporary change to the WD65 rental pool rules. WD65 would be responsible for including any necessary language in their contract with Idaho Power. Mr. Leonard Beck noted that the resolution referred to 2011 in several places and asked for clarification whether the contract would have to be in place by December 31, 2011, and if it was not would the resolution would be null and void? Mr. Patton responded that the water needs to be accounted for in 2011, but it would not have to be released in 2011. There would be potential for a contingent contract with water accounted for in 2011 but actually released in 2012, and if the water does not materialize, it would not be released.

Mr. Shurtleff clarified that WD65 water can be released as late as March without having to make a change to the rules.

Mr. Matt Howard, USBR, stated that all three rental pools have deadlines of when water needs to be counted for the accounting year. WD01 is December 31, WD63 is October 31, and WD65 rules are silent in this matter but historically WD65 has been flexible. He also stated this may be a rule that will be clarified in future amendments to WD65 rules. Currently, WD65 rules state that if the water is not used by March 1, the water goes back.

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to accept the resolution to accept Addendum 1-1 to Water District No. 65 Rental Pool Procedures as written. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Chase: Aye; Mr. Beck: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Aye; Mr. Graham: Absent; Mr. Uhling: Absent; Mr. Cuddy: Absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4, Other Items IWRB Members May Wish to Present

There were no additional comments.

Agenda Item No. 5, Next Meeting and Adjourn

The IWRB Teleconference Meeting 8-11 was adjourned at approximately 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Bob Graham, Secretary

Diana Ball, Administrative Assistant

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Alberdi made a motion to accept the resolution to accept Addendum 1-1 to Water District No. 65 Rental Pool Procedures as written. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Chase: Aye; Mr. Beck: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Aye; Mr. Graham: Absent; Mr. Uhling: Absent; Mr. Cuddy: Absent. Motion carried.