



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES 9-14

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

Idaho Water Center
Conference Room 602D
322 East Front St, Boise ID 83720

Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

August 20, 2014

Peter Van Der Meulen
Vice-Chairman
Hailey
At Large

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 pm. There were seven Board members present. Mr. Bob Graham was absent at Roll Call, but joined the meeting at a later time. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Bob Graham
Secretary
Bonners Ferry
District 1

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman	Jeff Raybould
Peter Van Der Meulen, Vice-Chairman	Chuck Cuddy
Bob Graham, Secretary	Bert Stevenson
Vince Alberdi	Albert Barker

Charles "Chuck" Cuddy
Orofino
At Large

Staff Members Present

Gary Spackman, Director
Mathew Weaver, Deputy Director
Brian Patton, Planning Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Lyle Swank, Regional Manager
Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant

Vince Alberdi
Kimberly
At Large

Jeff Raybould
St. Anthony
At Large

Guests Present

Stephen Goodson, Special Assistant to the Governor
Walt Poole, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
Matt Uranga, J-U-B Engineers, Inc.
Hal Anderson, Idaho Water Engineering
Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

Agenda Item No. 2, Recharge

Mr. Patton discussed ESPA managed recharge. He discussed recharge investigations findings, Board strategy, water availability, the Board's current delivery payment plan, and to-date average yearly recharge. Mr. Patton presented a potential incentive-based payment plan.

There was discussion among the parties regarding the seasonal aspect of the plan and which areas of the state would be included. There was discussion

among the parties regarding the structure of the program and the Board's priorities, and the possibility of recharging with water that is a storage water right rather than natural flow. Further items of discussion included agreements with environmental groups, water-savings contracts, and the addition of a clause in the resolution that identifies a 5-year review.

Mr. Patton provided examples of potential payments to canal companies based on the proposed payment schedule. There was discussion of average annual limits and equitable distribution among the canal companies in years with less water. Mr. Patton discussed infrastructure needs and the possibility of the Board paying for engineering assessments to determine infrastructure needs and costs. There was discussion regarding the costs associated with infrastructure and assessments, as well as the value of recharge.

Mr. Patton provided letters that have been sent to the Twin Falls Canal Company and American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 discussing this concept. A letter to Northside Canal Company is forthcoming. There was discussion among the parties regarding other recharge areas. There was discussion regarding the resolution. Mr. Barker suggested adding, "Be it further resolved that the Board will evaluate projects on an individualized basis, taking into consideration hydrology and finances." Mr. Raybould suggested an alteration the addition to say "... hydrology, retention time, and financial constraints." Mr. Barker also requested that the resolution be amended to be consistent in its references to Milner Dam and Milner Pool.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution to approve a winter-time payment schedule for delivery of water for managed recharge, with the amendments discussed earlier. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cuddy: Aye; Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Stevenson: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Aye; Mr. Graham: Aye; Mr. Barker: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 3, Other Non-Action Items Board Members May Wish to Discuss


Mr. Stevenson discussed an email regarding new development and the impact on water management. There was further discussion among the parties regarding this topic. There was also discussion among the parties regarding additional staff positions and next meetings.

Agenda Item No. 4, Adjourn

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to Adjourn, and Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The IWRB Meeting 9-14 adjourned at approximately 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of September, 2014.



Bob Graham, Secretary



Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution to approve a winter-time payment schedule for delivery of water for managed recharge, with the noted amendments. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.