



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES 12-14

**C.L. "Butch" Otter**  
Governor

Idaho Water Center  
Conference Room 648A (Director's Conference Room)  
322 East Front St, Boise ID 83720

**Roger W. Chase**  
Chairman  
Pocatello  
District 4

November 12, 2014

**Peter Van Der Meulen**  
Vice-Chairman  
Hailey  
At Large

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 am. There were seven Board members present. Mr. Chuck Cuddy was absent. All other Board members were present.

**Bob Graham**  
Secretary  
Bonners Ferry  
District 1

### Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

#### *Board Members Present*

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

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

#### *Staff Members Present*

Brian Patton, Planning Bureau Chief  
John Homan, Deputy Attorney General  
Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General  
Jeff Peppersack, Water Allocations Bureau Chief  
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner  
Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant

**Vince Alberdi**  
Kimberly  
At Large

**Jeff Raybould**  
St. Anthony  
At Large

#### *Guests Present*

Mark Solomon, Idaho Water Resources Research Institute  
Blain Dawson, Boise State University

**Albert Barker**  
Boise  
District 2

### Agenda Item No. 2, Aqua Life

**John "Bert" Stevenson**  
Rupert  
District 3

Mr. Brian Patton discussed the current status of the Aqua Life Facility. In negotiations with the proposed tenant, it became apparent that acquiring the remainder of the land owned by Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) adjacent to the Aqua Life facility would be desirable due to biosecurity reasons with fish production. It appears that Parks is willing to sell to the Board the land for \$250,000. There was discussion among the parties regarding the parcel size, the property line, the source of funding for the purchase, the tenant's interest in the additional land which has access to the spring source, and details regarding the lease.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. There was further discussion among the parties regarding the lease terms and maintenance of the land.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cuddy: Absent; 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, Spokane River**


Mr. Neeley Miller provided an introduction and status report on issues surrounding the Spokane River. The proposed Washington Instream Flow Rule will set a flow target for the river throughout the year and is scheduled to be adopted in early 2015. That rule will only have effect in Washington, but there has been question about the impact of the rule on Idaho. At the recent Board meeting, Dr. Dale Ralston and Gary Johnson gave a presentation to the Board on the Spokane River Groundwater Pumping Study. The purpose of this study is to gain an improved understanding of the low flow conditions in the Spokane River from groundwater systems. Mr. Miller discussed the results of the study. Mr. Miller also discussed the Rathdrum Prairie Future Demand Study. It is scheduled to be completed in May 2015. There was discussion among the parties regarding municipalities applying for Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs (RAFN) water right applications and documentation needed for RAFN applications.

### **Agenda Item No. 4, Adjourn**

Mr. Barker made a motion to Adjourn, and Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The IWRB Meeting 12-14 adjourned at approximately 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2015.

  
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Vince Alberdi, Secretary

  
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Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant II

### **Board Actions:**

1. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.