



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES 13-14

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

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

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

December 24, 2014

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

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at approximately 8:10 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  
Clive Strong, Deputy Attorney General  
Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant

**Vince Alberdi**  
Kimberly  
At Large

#### *Guests Present*

Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators  
Jon Bowling, Idaho Power  
Lynn Carlquist, North Snake Ground Water District  
Dean Stevenson, Magic Valley Ground Water District  
Randy Budge, Attorney for Districts and IGWA

**Jeff Raybould**  
St. Anthony  
At Large

**Albert Barker**  
Boise  
District 2

### Agenda Item No. 2, Aqua Life

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

Mr. Bert Stevenson stated that he owns property in the Magic Valley Ground Water District and requested unanimous consent from the Board that he be able to participate in the discussion and vote on this issue. Chairman Chase asked if any Board member had concerns regarding this, and the Board expressed their consent.

Mr. Brian Patton discussed the proposed lease of the Aqua Life facility to the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators (IGWA) member districts. The 2014 Legislature directed the Board to acquire the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility

from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, in furtherance of the State's desire to reduce water use conflicts in the Hagerman Valley. The Board is also acquiring additional lands that include the spring water supply for the facility. The proposal contemplates leasing Aqua Life to IGWA's member districts, who will then sublet Aqua Life to Seapac of Idaho. The proposed lease contemplates a base rent amount of \$10,000 per year plus a water usage component of \$1,644 per cfs per year, for an initial rent of \$67,450 per year.

There was discussion among the parties regarding measurement of flows at Aqua Life, lease terms regarding improvements to the property, a first right of refusal clause, forthcoming legislation, and insurance coverage. There was discussion regarding changes to the lease to clarify issues surrounding property improvements.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility subject to the discussed changes in the lease. Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

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

### **Agenda Item No. 3, North Snake and Magic Valley Groundwater Districts Loan Request**

Mr. Patton discussed a short term loan request from North Snake and Magic Valley Groundwater Districts. They are requesting a short term loan of \$2.75 million to build a pumping plant and pipeline in conformance with the approved "Fourth Mitigation Plan" for Rangen. The loan would be limited to \$1.26 million until additional borrowing authority is granted. The loan would be repaid no later than September 30, 2015.

Mr. Bert Stevenson noted an error on the resolution on the 6<sup>th</sup> "Whereas" clause: the word "Minidoka" should be replaced with "Gooding." There was discussion among the parties regarding the districts' finances and collateral.

Mr. Graham moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the North Snake and Magic Valley Ground Water Districts loan with the discussed change. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion.

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.

Mr. Carlquist and Mr. Dean Stevenson expressed their thanks to the Board.

### **Agenda Item No. 4, Other Items Board Members May Wish to Discuss**

Chairman Chase reminded the Board members of the upcoming meeting in January. The agenda will include an item on Sustainability. There was discussion among the parties regarding aquifer stability and the parties involved in sustainability issues.

### **Agenda Item No. 5, Adjourn**

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

The IWRB Meeting 13-14 adjourned at approximately 9:00 am.

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



Vince Alberdi, Secretary



Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility subject to the discussed changes in the lease. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 6 Ayes, 2 Absent. Motion passed.
2. Mr. Graham moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the North Snake and Magic Valley Ground Water Districts loan with the discussed change. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.