



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES 2-15

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

Idaho Water Center
Conference Room 648A
322 East Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

February 13, 2015

At 8:00 am the Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Bert Stevenson was absent during roll call, but did join the meeting after roll call was taken. All other Board members were present.

Jeff Raybould
Vice-Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Board Members Present

Vince Alberdi
Secretary
Kimberly
At Large

Roger Chase, Chairman	Peter Van Der Meulen
Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman	Chuck Cuddy
Vince Alberdi, Secretary	Albert Barker
Dale Van Stone	

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

Staff Members Present

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

Gary Spackman, IDWR Director
Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Section Manager
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Remington Buyer, Water Supply Bank Coordinator
Mandi Pearson, Admin. Assistant

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

Guests Present

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

Peter Anderson
Brian Smith
Steve Hannula
Hal Anderson

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

Agenda Item No. 2, Recharge

Mr. Patton provided an update to recharge activities this year. The IWRB is initiating efforts to utilize the winter-time spill at Milner for recharge, with promising results to date. Staff is proposing a payment structure to incentivize additional recharge deliveries in the basin above American Falls Reservoir. Mr. Patton discussed the differences in the aquifer between the Lower Valley and the Upper Valley. There was discussion among the parties regarding water availability. Mr. Patton discussed the proposed payment structure, which includes a base rate determined by the 5-year aquifer retention zone and a delivery incentive to the base rate. The "Incentive for Delivery" is intended to encourage

canals to match their delivery capacity to an uncertain and intermittent water supply. There was discussion among the parties regarding the specifics of the payment structure, distribution of water to participating water entities, a minimum retention rate for the payment structure, funding for recharge activities, a timeline for recharge activities, and winter water savings contracts.

Mr. Alberdi moved to adopt the resolution in the matter a payment schedule for delivery of water for managed recharge subject to a change of the bottom tier to read 15-20%. Mr. Barker seconded the motion.

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

Agenda Item No. 3, Report from MTAC on interim rental policy in the Wood River Valley

Mr. Patton reminded the Board of the interim policy that was approved at the last meeting regarding groundwater in the Wood River Valley, subject to staff consulting with the Wood River Valley Model Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC).

Mr. Buyer discussed the meeting with members of the MTAC. Some concerns expressed by MTAC members were related to the interim nature of the policy, the zone north of Hailey, and data being available to the public. All of these concerns were addressed by staff. The conversation was well received by MTAC members and no immediate recommendations to repeal or revise the interim policy were received. The Bank will now move forward with implementing the interim ground water rental policy for 2015. The effectiveness of the policy will be tracked throughout 2015 and performance measurements will be reported as required to the Water Supply Bank committee and the Board. There was discussion among the parties regarding the number of ground water and surface water rentals this year.

Agenda Item No. 4, 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 2-15 adjourned at approximately 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2015.



Vince Alberdi, Secretary



Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Alberdi moved to adopt the resolution in the matter a payment schedule for delivery of water for managed recharge subject to a change of the bottom tier to read 15-20%. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.