



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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## MINUTES MEETING NO. 10-17

Idaho Water Center  
Conference Rooms 602 B, C, D  
322 East Front Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
BOISE

September 13, 2017

### Work Session Boise River Flood Operations 2017 Recap

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Maureen O'Shea, Rick Collingwood, and Nikki Regent. Guests present were: Mary Mellema, Tim Page, John Heitstuman, Bob Carter, Rex Barrie, Brandon Hobbs, Lanie Paquin, and Doug Hardman.

During the Work Session presentations were provided and the following items were discussed:

- 2017 Flood Operations Review
- Challenges and successes for flood operations
- Water user perspective
- Emergency action activities

No action was taken by the Board during this Work Session.

Hampton Inn  
Cottonwood A Meeting Room  
3175 Foothills Ave.  
MOUNTAIN HOME, ID

September 14, 2017

### Work Session

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All Board members were present, except for Mr. Rusche. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Craig Tesch, Tim Luke, Randy Broesch, Mat Weaver, Nikki Regent, and Gary Spackman. Guests present were: Ann Vonde, Senator Brackett, Representative Blanksma, Bud

Corbus, Jack Peterson, Bill Richey, Rich Urguidi, Nathan Rowland, Oscar Evans, Dave Tuthill, Jon Bowling, Braden Jensen, Dave Bergdolt, Steve Anderson, and Colonel Henry.

During the Work Session presentations were provided and the following items were discussed:

- Background on Mountain Home aquifer by Mr. Tesch.
- A discussion on the establishment of Water District 161 and Measurement Order by Tim Luke.
- Water users from the aquifer and economic importance by Mr. Patton.
- History of MHAFB Sustainable Water Project by Jack Peterson and Director Spackman.
- Status of MHAFB Sustainable Water Project by Randy Broesch, Nathan Rowland, Dave Bergdolt
- Comments from the U.S. Air Force by Colonel Henry.
- Comments from elected officials/other dignitaries by Senator Brackett, Elmore County Commissioner Bud Corbus, and the City of Mountain Home Public Works Director Rich Urguidi.

The Board departed for a Field Trip to MHAFB Sustainable Water Project.

No action was taken by the Board during this Work Session.

September 15, 2017  
**Board Meeting No. 10-17**

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call**

*Board Members Present*

Roger Chase, Chairman  
Vince Alberdi, Secretary  
Bert Stevenson  
Albert Barker

Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman  
Pete Van Der Meulen  
Dale Van Stone

*Staff Members Present*

Gary Spackman, Director  
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Mgr  
Craig Tesch  
Rick Collingwood  
Tanna Fullenkamp  
Steve Stuebner  
Remington Buyer

Brian Patton, Executive Officer  
Neeley Miller, Water Resource Sr. Planner  
Wesley Hipke  
Randy Broesch  
Nikki Regent  
Rick Collingwood

*Guests Present*

Walt Poole  
Racquel Rancier  
Dave Tuthill  
Scott Campbell  
Terry Scanlan

Mark Solomon  
Jon Bowling  
Ann Vonde  
Bud Corbus

#### **Agenda Item No. 2: Public Comment**

Mr. Tuthill addressed the Board about some ongoing projects.

#### **Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda & Approval of Minutes**

No meeting minutes were presented for approval.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4: Finance Report**

Mr. Patton provided an update on the Board's finances as of July 31, 2017.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5: Presentation by Oregon DWR**

Mr. Patton introduced Racquel Rancier, a Senior Policy Coordinator from the Oregon Water Resources Department. She shared an agency overview, some key challenges, and recent water management initiatives in Oregon.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6: Dredge Mining Hearing Requests**

Mr. Patton introduced Emmi Blades from the Idaho Attorney General's office to review Joint Application for Permit Nos. S82-20066 and S82-20067 for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River that had been denied by the Department. Ms. Blades stated that requests for a hearing on the denials were received from the applicants and it would be necessary for the Board to appoint a hearing officer to preside over the hearings. Ms. Blades presented a resolution to appoint a hearing officer to preside over the hearings and issue a recommended order(s) in accordance with Idaho Code §§ 67-5243(1)(a) and 67-5248.

Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Rusche, absent; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7: Priest Lake Water Management Update**

Mr. Miller provided a brief update on the Priest Lake Water Management Study. He provided a flyer for a public information meeting planned later that month, along with a Study handout.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8: Elmore County Water Supply Study**

Mr. Miller introduced information related to the Elmore County Water Supply Study which was partially funded by the Board. He stated SPF Water Engineering had submitted a memo and a copy of the study. He introduced Elmore County Commissioner Bud Corbus, Terry Scanlan, an engineer with SPF who was hired by Elmore County to complete the study, and Scott Campbell, legal representative for the County.

Mr. Scanlan discussed the water supply conditions in Elmore County. There were some questions and discussion about groundwater curtailment from Board members. Mr. Scanlan reviewed some water supply alternatives for the county. There was discussion with Commissioner Corbus about study costs.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9: Spokane River Forum**

Mr. Miller provided a briefing about a funding request for \$5,000.00 to the Spokane River Forum.

Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Rusche, absent; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

**Agenda Item No. 10: ESPA Recharge**

Mr. Hipke provided a status update for the recharge 2017-18 season. He shared some seasonal projections and preparations for managed recharge. He discussed the program projects and buildout activities. There was some discussion and guidance provided from the Board.

John Simpson addressed the Board on managed recharge on the Eastern Snake Plain and a proposal for the Board to recharge surface water donated by the Surface Water Coalition (SWC). There was some discussion on the proposal. Chairman Chase asked if action could be taken. Mr. Patton explained that a motion would be appropriate since a resolution had not been prepared. The motion would include up to 11,100 acre feet of water received from the SWC.

Mr. Van Der Meulen made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, abstain; Mr. Rusche, absent; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 11: Storage Study Update**

Ms. Bridge Clark provided a briefing on storage studies. Her updates included the Weiser-Galloway Project; Boise River Feasibility Studies; and the Island Park Reservoir Enlargement Project. There was discussion about WIIN Act funding and potential partnership with Reclamation in a feasibility study under the WIIN Act authority. She stated the Board has a preliminary permit with FERC for the Weiser-Galloway project which was nearing the end of the 36 month permit timeframe. She stated there was an option to file an extension for an additional 24 months.

Mr. Van Der Meulen made a motion to file the extension. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice vote: All ayes. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 12: IWWRI Remarks**

Mark Solomon informed the Board of an upcoming summit titled: Safeguarding Idaho's Economy in a Changing Climate. He discussed a need for sponsorship to hold the summit.

**Agenda Item No. 13: Director's Report**

Director Spackman provided an update to the Board on the Department's happenings. He had some comments about the Boise River Flood Operations work session, which he had not attended.

**Agenda Item No. 14: Non-Action Items for Discussion**

No other items to discuss.

**Agenda Item No. 15: Next Meeting and Adjourn**

The next meetings were said to be November 7-8, 2017. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded. Voice vote: all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*

  
Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

1. A resolution to authorize the appointment of a hearing officer to preside over a hearing regarding Joint Application for Permit Nos. S82-20066 and S82-20067 and to issue a recommended order for the Board's consideration.
2. A resolution to provide funding for \$5,000.00 to the Spokane River Forum
3. A motion to accept a plan to recharge up to 11,100 acre feet of water donated from the SWC for recharge.
4. A motion to file an extension on a FERC permit.