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MINUTES MEETING NO. 10-18

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

November 27, 2018
Work Session

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Sean Vincent, Emily Skoro, Kala Golden, Brian Ragan, Nick Miller, Tanna Fullenkamp, Rick Collingwood, Amy Cassel and Mat Weaver. Guests present were: Selena Moore, Jeremiah Thomas, Kresta Davis-Butts, Tom Callmeyer, Paul Arrington, Brian Liming, Braden Jensen, John Simpson, Peter Anderson, Walt Poole, Lynn Tominaga, and Steve Stuebner.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- A discussion on Idaho Large Water Infrastructure Work Group and future planning by Paul Arrington (Idaho Water User Association).
- A presentation Emily Skoro on the Treasure Valley Recharge Study.
- A update on the Boise River Basin Storage Feasibility Study by Cynthia Bridge Clark (IDWR) and Selena Moore (Bureau of Reclamation)
- An ESPA Recharge Update Presentation by Wes Hipke (IDWR).
- An update by IDWR Western Regional Manager Report by Nick Miller (IDWR).
- A presentation on ESPA Measurement Order Update by Brian Ragan (IDWR).
- A Priest Lake Water Management Project Update by Neeley Miller (IDWR).
- A presentation on Stream Channel Alteration and Dredge Mining by Tim Luke (IDWR).

No action was taken by the Board during the Work Session. The session adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

November 28, 2018
Board Meeting No. 10-18

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary
Bert Stevenson
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen

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

Staff Members Present

Mat Weaver, Deputy Director
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Rick Collingwood, Staff Engineer
Tanna Fullenkamp, Project Coordinator
Randy Broesch, Staff Engineer

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Amy Cassel, Program Manager
Nikki Regent, Admin Asst.

Guests Present

John Williams, Bonneville Power Administration
Peter Anderson, Trout Unlimited
Braden Jensen, ID Farm Bureau
John Simpson, Barker Rosholt & Simpson
Ann Vonde, Deputy Attorney General
Dale Ralston, Ralston Hydrologic Services

Claudia Cottle, Bear Lake Watch
Candice McHugh, Coalition of Cities
Megan Sloan, Bureau of Reclamation
Brian Olmstead, Twin Falls Canal Co.
Ken Neely, former staff of IDWR
Colonel Richey, MHAFB

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Alberdi made a motion for the Board to resolve into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) subsection (f), for the purpose of communicating with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated, but immanently likely to be litigated. Topics: North Idaho Adjudication, Water Rights. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Barker: Aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Stevenson: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Aye; Mr. Van Stone: Aye; and Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes.

No actions were taken by the Board during the Executive Session. Mr. Alberdi moved to exit Executive Session. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board resolved out of Executive Session at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment

Ms. Candice McHugh, Coalition of Cities, addressed the Board regarding the recent Cities Settlement Agreement with the Surface Water Coalition and Idaho Ground Water Association.

Mr. Brian Olmstead, Twin Falls Canal Company, gave an update on the funding received from the Board for the Flood Management Grant Funding.

Ms. Megan Sloan, Bureau of Reclamation, indicated parties in her area are no longer interested in forming a rental pool, but are exploring new options to address their need and plan to present these to the Board in the spring.

Mr. Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau, stated that the Farm Bureau had concerns about brief welling and artesian wells and the proposed cost-sharing program.

Mr. John Williams, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), noted that the Bureau of Reclamation contacted BPA to keep the organization informed of the status of the Boise River Feasibility Study and the evaluation of the raise of Anderson Ranch dams, He also provided updates on the BPA FY2018 report, BPA public comment regarding Albeni Falls (Sandpoint).

Ms. Claudia Cottle, Bear Lake Watch, thanked the Board for time and attention spent on Bear Lake.

Agenda Item No. 4: Agenda & Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Patton presented the Board with three sets of meeting minutes for the 7-18, 8-18, and 9-18 meetings. Mr. Barker suggested an amendment to meeting minutes 8-18 missing the word procurement and 9-18 attendance for Mr. Barker. Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with those changes. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Meeting minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Report

Mr. Miller presented the Financial Status Report to the Board. The uncommitted balance in the Secondary Aquifer Fund was about \$358,837 and committed/earmarked but not disbursed balance of \$25 million as of the September 30, 2018. The Revolving Development Account has a committed/earmarked but not disbursed balance of \$20 million, and an uncommitted balance of \$4 million.

The Water Management Account has committed/earmarked but not disbursed balance of \$1.1 million. The committed/earmarked balance in the Water Management Account includes the \$1M legislative appropriation for the Flood Management Grant Program per HB 712. As grant disbursements are made the balance of this account will be adjusted to reflect those changes.

Agenda Item No. 6: Water Transactions Program

Ms. Cassel presented resolutions commit funds for a number of water transactions including: a long-term lease of Knapp Creek water rights, Lower Lemhi agreements, one-year agreement on Morgan Creek, two Lemhi permanent agreements, and a five-year lease on Little Mud Creek.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to unanimously consent to adopt the five resolutions. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cole-Hansen: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolutions were adopted.

Agenda Item No. 7: MHAFB Water Sustainability Project Update

Mr. Broesch presented a resolution to prepare an opinion of probable cost to construct a pump station and pipeline in the matter of Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Sustainability Project. There was discussion about the listed costs.

Mr. Patton suggested an amendment to the resolution to reduce the cost from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Raybould made a motion to adopt the resolution with the amendment to not exceed the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cole-Hansen: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 8: Flood Management Grant Update

Mr. Miller presented a status update for the Flood Management Grants. Eighteen applications were received and fourteen were approved between the two application deadlines in June and September. Most of the approved applications have gone through the permitting phase or starting the construction phase of the projects. The Board Members requested to see project updates during the first quarter of 2019.

Agenda Item No. 9: Lewiston Deep Aquifer Study Final Report

Mr. Miller presented a final report of the Lewiston Deep Aquifer Study that was originally funded by the Board in March of 2016. The funding resolution was approved for the analysis of the eastern and southern portions of the Lewiston Groundwater Management Area for improving understanding, the location, and the yield of the regional deep aquifer. On May 18, 2017 the Board approved an expenditure to collect some additional hydrologic and geologic data.

Dr. Dale Ralston, Ralston Hydrologic Services completed both phases of work and presented results to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 10: Bear Lake

Mr. Patton presented a resolution to authorize funds in the matter of Bear Lake Water Storage. The resolution would authorize funding for the purchase of a two-year RiverWare license and software training.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to adopt the finding resolution for the RiverWare licensing. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cole-Hansen: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 11: Director's Report

Deputy Director Weaver informed the Board of challenges IDWR is facing as they move forward issuing water rights to Water District 29D and Water District 29E in priority with respect to water rights within Water District 1.

Agenda Item No. 12: 2019 Draft Calendar

Mr. Patton presented a draft calendar to the Board for 2019. He highlighted dates of the meetings and the location of May in Lewiston and July in Rexburg. Mr. Raybould requested changes to November board meeting dates due to scheduling conflicts. The new date of the board meeting will be November 14th and 15th.

Agenda Item No. 13: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Barker updated the Board on the Amicus Brief that was discussed during the September 20th Board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 14: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next meeting is scheduled for January 24th and 25th at Boise. Mr. Raybould moved to adjourn. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of January, 2019.



Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*

Nikki Regent, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

- Approved meeting minutes 7-18, 8-18, and 9-18.
- The Board adopted a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the board lease of Water Right No. 77-4208 on Knapp Creek.
- The Board adopted a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Lower Lemhi 2019-2022 water right subordination agreements.
- The Board adopted a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the 2019 Morgan Creek water transaction contracts.
- The Board adopted a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Lower Lemhi River permanent subordination agreements for Water Right Nos. 74-15952, 74-17995, and 74-15010.
- The Board adopted a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the 2019-2023 Little Mud Creek and Pahsimeroi River water transaction.
- The Board adopted a resolution to prepare an Opinion of Probable Cost to construct a pump station and pipeline in the matter of Mountain Home Air Force Base Sustainable Water Supply Project.
- The Board adopted a resolution to authorize funds in the matter of Bear Lake Storage.