



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES MEETING NO. 4-26

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322 E. Front Street
BOISE

March 4, 2026

Board Meeting No. 4-26

At 10:01 AM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho and on Zoom.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Jeff Raybould, Chairman, Online
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chairman, Online
Marcus Gibbs, Online
Patrick McMahon, Online
Brian Olmstead, Online
Dale Van Stone, Online
Dean Stevenson, Secretary, Online

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton
Cynthia Bridge Clark
Wesley Hipke
Benjamin Camp
Mackenzie Kienholz
Justin Ferguson
Mary Condon
Mike Morrison
Amy Cassel, *Online*
Milin Ream

Others Present:

Brian Murdock, Murdock Farms
Michael Fuss, Stantec

Agenda Item No. 2: Public Comment

Given the nature of Agenda Item No. 3, the Upper Snake River Basin Study, IWRB Executive Manager Brian Patton suggested that the Board receive public comment following the staff presentation. Hearing no objections, Chairman Raybould proceeded to rearrange the order of the Agenda and proceed to Item No. 3.

Agenda Item No. 3: Upper Snake River Basin Study

At this time, Project Manager Amy Cassel provided the Board with a recap of the Upper Snake River Basin Study, outlining key milestones from the initial Letter of Interest to today's presentation overview. She also highlighted a newly added section featuring a timeline and task list for the Board's review. In closing, Ms. Cassel noted that the proposal remains in draft form, pending any updates or revisions from the Board.

Following a brief period of review and discussion, the Board reached consensus to update the map legend to include defining the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and to identify Henry's Fork as a tributary of the Snake River in lieu of the Teton River.

With no further review or questions, Chairman Raybould moved to Public Comment.

Public Comment

Brian Murdock with Murdock Farms addressed the Board seeking clarification regarding the cost share breakdown for the Study. Following staff's explanation, Mr. Murdock thanked staff for providing additional information.

With no further public comments, Chairman Raybould entertained a motion from the Board.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to direct staff to submit the Upper Snake River Basin Study to the Bureau of Reclamation with the edits, as discussed. Mr. Stevenson seconded. **Voice vote**: 7 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 4: Non-action Items for Discussion

With no other action items before the Board for discussion, Chairman Raybould noted the upcoming Governors Water Meeting for the Board's information.

Agenda Item No. 5: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Patton stated the next regular Board meeting would be March 26-27, 2026, in Boise. Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. **Voice vote**: 7 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of March 2026.



Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*



Milin J. Ream, *Administrative Assistant II*