Meeting Minutes Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee IDWR State Office at Idaho Water Center, Boise, Idaho March 3, 2021

The meeting started at 1:30 p.m. Director Gary Spackman, Tim Luke and Shelley Keen attended at the IDWR State Office in Boise. Other attendees participated via Zoom video conferencing or telephone. See the attached list of attendees.

After a brief introduction by Tim Luke, Director Gary Spackman provided comments. The Director appreciates the participation and willingness of the parties involved. The Department is willing to provide a summary of observations to inform next steps. The observations will focus on hydrologic conditions for the upcoming year and establish potential targets to meet. The observations may be helpful in predicting water shortages. The Director also explained impact and injury may be best addressed after the Department presents the observations.

Tim Luke presented a summary of the interests the parties submitted to him in response to his assignment from the last meeting. The tables Tim presented outlined common interests, non-common interests based on parties' submissions. Tim also identified common interests found in the draft ground water management plan submitted by the ground water users and the draft proposed agreement submitted by the surface water users. Tim then reviewed a non-comprehensive list of common interests and potential ideas for immediate/near-term implementation. Committee discussion included comments on expectations of the process, confirming everyone is willing to come to the table, the need to do something in short water years, utilization of the AFRD2 system, and the 10,000 ace-foot value identified in the draft proposed agreement submitted by the surface water users.

Director Spackman addressed a specific committee question related to the rental pool water from Water District 01. He explained that the Committee of Nine oversees procedures used to distribute rental pool water. This year there is the possibility to rent assignment pool water which can be rented for use in other basins, including the Wood River basin.

The meeting was then opened for public comments and questions. Discussion included curtailment by priority, conjunctive management, the 10,000 acre-foot mitigation value identified in the draft agreement submitted by the surface water users, and inclusion of Camas Prairie users in the process.

The group discussed the schedule for next meeting and decided to meet on March 24. IDWR committed to distributing the observations to the committee approximately a week in advance of that meeting to allow sufficient time for review.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

<u>Next Committee Meeting: March 24, 2021, 1:30 p.m., IDWR State Office at IDWR Water Center –</u> <u>Boise, with Zoom and teleconference participation.</u>

Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee March 3, 2021 Attendance

Advisory Committee

Corey Allen Cooper Brossy Rod Hubsmith Sharon Lee Pat McMahon Kristy Molyneux Carl Pendleton Pat Purdy Bill Simon Michelle Stennett Nick Westendorf Brian Yeager

IDWR Staff

Nathan Erickson Tim Luke Caitlin McCoy Cherie Palmer Corey Skinner Gary Spackman Jennifer Sukow Sean Vincent Shelley Keen

Members of the Public

Keri York Kevin Lakey Larry Schoen Mary Beth Collins Justin Stevenson Pete Van Der Meulen Zach Hill Al Barker Chris Bromley Chris Johnson Dave Shaw Eric Miller Fred Brossy Greg Loomis Heather O'Leary Jim Speck Judd McMahan Kent Fletcher Kira Finkler