

Meeting Notes
Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee
Blaine County Community Campus, Hailey, Idaho
March 20, 2024

IDWR Deputy Director Shelley Keen called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM by taking Advisory Committee roll call and introducing IDWR personnel attending the meeting. A list of attendees is included at the conclusion of these notes.

The first order of business was a report from IDWR Southern Region Manager Corey Skinner on the updated streamflow predictions for the Big Wood River. Mr. Skinner and Mr. Keen then explained the possible impact on the BWRGWMA of Senate Bill 1341, which has passed both the Senate and the House, and is awaiting action from the Governor.

Next on the agenda was the Conservation, Infrastructure, and Efficiency Fund (CIEF) report from Larry Schoen. He talked briefly about current project proposals to be funded by CIEF.

Shelley Keen introduced the next item on the agenda, which was the timeline for the Management Plan extension; and what form the plan for addressing the questions/recommendations, which were sought to update the present plan, would take. He advised the group that the Department would need to receive the draft plan from the Committee by no later than November 1 to have it finalized by January 1, 2025, and that part of the process would be a formal public meeting to present the plan, with a comment period following. Mr. Keen said that he would like to have a draft plan by September 30, 2024.

The fifth agenda item was the review of questions/recommendations for the Management Plan extension. Corey Skinner explained how IDWR compiled the question/recommendation spreadsheet. The following extended discussion resulted in reorganization of many of the spreadsheet items into different groups.

The Advisory Committee took a break from 11:55 AM until the meeting resumed at 12:15 PM.

Shelley Keen introduced the next order of business, which was the refinement of the questions/recommendations for the management plan extension. In the ensuing discussion, the Advisory Committee decided which items in the spreadsheet would be assigned to either the Technical Working Group, IDWR personnel, the Advisory Committee, or the CIEF committee. The more critical items were given a higher priority for completion.

The next agenda topics were requests for new business and for public comment. No new business or public comments were offered. The final agenda item was to set the next meeting of the Advisory Committee for April 17, 2024, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Blaine County Community Campus in Hailey. An attempt will be made to schedule the meetings on the third Wednesday of every month into the fall, with the possibility of alternating the meetings between Hailey and Shoshone.

Shelley Keen adjourned the meeting at 1:44 PM.

**Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee Meeting
March 20, 2024, Attendance**

Advisory Committee

Corey Allen
Cooper Brossy
Rod Hubsmith
Sharon Lee
Pat McMahon
Justin Stevenson
Carl Pendleton
Pat Purdy (via Zoom)
Bill Simon
Nick Westendorf
Brian Yeager

IDWR Staff

Shelley Keen
Corey Skinner
Corey King
Jim Bitzenburg
Sean Vincent (via Zoom)
Jennifer Sukow (via Zoom)
Mike McVey (via Zoom)

IWRB Members

Pat McMahon

Members of the Public

Kevin Lakey
Sunny Healey
Chris Bromley
Larry Schoen
Dave Shaw (via Zoom)
Michael Lawrence (via Zoom)
Zach Hill (via Zoom)
Heather O'Leary (via Zoom)
Judd McMahon (via Zoom)
Eric Miller (via Zoom)
Mitch Fleming
Adam Suess (via Zoom)
Chris Johnson (via Zoom)
Kendra Kaiser (via Zoom)
...and others via Zoom