

Meeting Minutes
Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee
IDWR State Office at Idaho Water Center, Boise, Idaho
November 10, 2021

The meeting started at approximately 1:37 p.m. Shelley Keen, Tim Luke, and Director Gary Spackman attended at the IDWR State Office in Boise. Other attendees participated via Zoom video conferencing and/or telephone. See the attached list of attendees.

After a brief introduction and taking of committee attendance, Tim Luke mentioned an old business item: Has public access to the Zach Hill dataset been figured out yet? No answer was given.

Sean Vincent then presented updates from the Technical Work Group (TWG), which met on November 4th. Sean stated that a report summarizing Jennifer Sukow's recent analysis was shared with the TWG and the advisory committee. Discussion followed, with Sean reiterating that Jennifer's analysis might be a potential path forward for the advisory committee to consider.

Advisory committee members then presented updates to their draft GWMA Management Plan proposals. Brian Yeager reported that the cities' draft supplement to the GWMA Management Plan includes continued implementation of water conservation measures, cloud seeding program funding, and investigating recharge projects. Chris Bromley, on behalf of Corey Allen, then summarized Sun Valley Company's (SVCO) proposed GWMA Management Plan, which included supporting improved water rights accounting practices, engaging in recharge with SVCO's water rights (or new rights), and contributing to cloud seeding efforts based on 20% of SVCO's five-year rolling average of snow making diversions at River Run. Bill Simon then gave an update on the Camas Groundwater Users' ideas. He said their group supports cloud seeding efforts and hopes to have something on paper for the next meeting. The South Valley GWD and Galena GWD representatives then summarized their most recent draft management and implementation strategies. This included utilizing Jennifer Sukow's recent analysis but basing it off 154 KAF at the Hailey Gage, rather than the 225 KAF in Jennifer's analysis. The draft also included fallowing 1,500 acres, recharging rights associated with the fallowed acres, supporting cloud seeding efforts, acquiring a long-term contract for annual rental of 1,500 AF of Snake River storage water, additional dry year mitigation, maintaining the moratorium on new water rights, infrastructure upgrades and funding including requesting \$100,000.00 annual support from the cities and SVCO, monitoring, water right accounting, and adaptive management. The Surface Water User representatives indicated that they were in support of the concepts, but not necessarily the numbers and details within the concepts. They did not view the 154 KAF at the Hailey Gage as an adequate water supply. Cooper Brossy explained that consideration should be given to stream flow targets and suggested several target values and locations.

The meeting was then opened for public comment and discussions relating to the next meetings. A non-quorum meeting (up to 5 committee members) will be held on November 15th in Shoshone from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Shelley Keen and Tim Luke in attendance. This meeting will be held instead of the previously scheduled advisory committee meeting on the 15th. The next advisory committee meeting will be the afternoon of November 22nd (previously scheduled). The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

**Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee
November 10, 2021, Attendance**

Advisory Committee

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

IDWR Staff

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

Idaho Water Resource Board Members

Brian Olmstead

Members of the Public

Dave Shaw
Zach Hill
Greg Loomis
Chris Bromley
Ashlynn Goody
Kevin Lakey
Mary Beth Collins
Larry Schoen
Sunny Healey
Judd McMahan
Candice Mc Hugh
David's I-pad
Rusty Kramer
Spronk Water
Kent Fletcher
Sarah Lien
Kira Finkler
Mike Lawrence
Keri York
Jim Speck
John Arkoosh
Justin Stevenson