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## MINUTES MEETING NO. 10-25

Water Center  
Conference Room 648A  
322 E. Front Street  
BOISE

July 26, 2025  
**Special Emergency Board Meeting No. 10-25**

At 3:00 PM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho and on Zoom. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel after the executive session.

### **Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call**

#### *Board Members Present*

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

#### *Staff Members Present*

Brian Patton                      Meghan Carter

*Staff Members Present Online*   Cynthia Bridge Clark                      Mike Morrison  
Jennifer Strange

#### *Guests Present Online*

Tom Banducci

### **Agenda Item No. 2: Priest Lake Dam Project**

Meghan Carter noted this the special emergency board meeting was needed. Mr. Tom Banducci, special counsel for the board, recommended that part of the settlement involved confidentiality.

Mr. Barker moved to amend the agenda to add an executive session. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

At 3:02 PM, Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Meghan Carter and Tom Banducci spoke on Priest Lake litigation.

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve out of executive session at 3:25 PM. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was closed to the public, and no actions were taken during the executive session.

Upon adjournment of the executive session, the board addressed the Priest Lake Dam Project topic. Mr. Barker explained that there was a proposed confidential settlement offer in the litigation between the Idaho Water Resource Board and Strider Construction that board counsel received earlier in the day. The other party wanted an immediate answer, and that was the reason for the special emergency meeting.

Based upon advice of counsel and review of the status of the litigation, which was set to go to trial on August 5, 2025, Mr. Barker made a motion that the IWRB accept the confidential settlement offer from Strider and authorize counsel to execute the necessary settlement documents, releases, and stipulations for dismissal. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.


#### **Agenda Item No. 5: Non-Action Items for Discussion**

There were no other items for discussion.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6: Adjourn**

Mr. Stevenson moved to adjourn. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Strange", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*