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MINUTES MEETING NO. 7-22

Hampton Inn
Cottonwood A Meeting Room
3175 Foothills Ave.
MOUNTAIN HOME

July 21, 2022
Work Session

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Chairman Raybould called the work session meeting to order at 1:00 PM (MT) in Mountain Home, Idaho. Board members present were Al Barker, Roger Chase, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Brian Olmstead, Dean Stevenson, and Chairman Raybould; online were Pete Van Der Meulen and Dale Van Stone.

IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Wesley Hipke, Craig Tesch, Amy Steimke, Remington Buyer, Mike Morrison, Steve Stuebner, and Jennifer Strange. Online were: Mathew Weaver, Josh Morell, Kala Golden, and Mary Condon.

Guests present were: Kresta Davis, Scott Pugrud, Paul Arrington, John Simpson, Terry Scanlan, Bryan Horsburgh, Bud Corbus, Crystal Rodgers, Al Hofer, Shondi Lott, Keri Hill, Lynell Sutter, Seema Aziz-Hall, Judith Willis, Ashley Sadorra, Elizabeth Bradley, David Gillette, Eric Bowden, Tracy Meeks, Janet Jessup, and Jason Darst. Online: Andrew Kimmel, Ann Vonde, Chris Keith, Del Eytchison, Mitch Silvers, Randy Broesch, Ashlynn Goody, David Keil, and Matt Howard.

The board members attended a tour of sites in Elmore County from 8:00 AM until noon.

Agenda Item No. 2: Elmore County Presentation

Mr. Terry Scanlan discussed proposed water projects in Elmore County. Commissioner Bud Corbus discussed how those projects could affect Mountain Home.

Agenda Item No. 3: MHAFB Water Sustainability Project

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Mr. Mike Morrison provided updates on the Mountain Home Air Force Base project. There was discussion about project cost increases. He introduced Ms. Seema Aziz-Hall who discussed project deadlines. Mr. Eric Bowden was introduced and discussed the project schedule.

Agenda Item No. 4: Treasure Valley Groundwater Model Update

Ms. Amy Steimke provided a brief update on the Treasure Valley Groundwater Model just after the Mountain Home Aquifer Investigations.

Agenda Item No. 5: Mountain Home Aquifer Investigations

Ms. Amy Steimke provided an update on the Mountain Home Plateau Hydrologic Investigation.

Agenda Item No. 6: Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Briefing

Ms. Cynthia Bridge Clark introduced Mr. Bryan Horsburgh of the Bureau of Reclamation. He updated the Board on BOR activities with the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Project. Ms. Bridge Clark discussed the next steps for the Board.

Agenda Item No. 7: Boise Warm Springs Water District Loan

Ms. Cynthia Bridge Clark provided project details for a loan request by Boise Warm Springs Water District. Mr. Andrew Kimmel an engineer on the project shared information on the project as well. There was discussion about the water usage and discharge.

Agenda Item No. 8: Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion from the board members.

Agenda Item No. 9: Adjourn

Mr. Stevenson moved to adjourn. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

July 22, 2022
Board Meeting No. 7-22

At 8:02 AM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Jeff Raybould, Chairman

Roger Chase, Vice-Chairman

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Secretary

Albert Barker

Brian Olmstead

Dean Stevenson

Board Members Present Online

Dale Van Stone

Pete Van Der Meulen (joined during the Executive Session)

Staff Members Present

Mathew Weaver, Deputy Director
Neeley Miller
Mary Condon

Brian Patton, Executive Officer
Steve Stuebner
Jennifer Strange

Staff Members Present Online

Cynthia Bridge Clark
Mike Morrison
Meghan Carter

Remington Buyer
Josh Morrel

Guests Present

Janet Jessup

Guests Present Online

Katlyn Schafer
Ann Vonde
Darrell Early
Clive Strong
John Simpson
Ashlynn Goody

Scott Pugrud
Del Eytchison
Andrew Kimmel
Paul Arrington
Michael Fuss

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Board met 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 and subsection (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure. The executive session was closed to the public.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to resolve into executive session at 8:03 AM. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Chase, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, absent; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 7 ayes. The motion passed.

Ms. Ann Vonde discussed ESPA Upper Valley Recharge Water Rights. During that discussion, Board Member Al Barker recused himself. Mr. Barker rejoined the session when Ms. Vonde discussed Priest Lake Adjudication Claims under subsection (d). Ms. Meghan Carter discussed Priest Lake Outlet Dam under subsection (f).

At 9:58 AM, Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to resolve out of executive session. Mr. Barker seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried. No actions were taken during the executive session.

Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 5-22 and 6-22

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to adopt the minutes for board meeting 5-22 and 6-22. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Mr. Barker mentioned a small edit in the 5-22 minutes. Ms. Cole-Hansen amended her motion to approve the minutes with the suggested edit. Voice vote. All ayes. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Public Comment

Chairman Raybould asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Agenda Item No. 5: Lemhi Settlement Update

Mr. Clive Strong gave an update on the comprehensive settlement implementation for the Lemhi River Basin. He discussed a draft progress report and the four action sections within. Ms. Cynthia Bridge Clark added that a more comprehensive website would be developed. She discussed that site visits would be planned in the fall. She concluded with a discussion on next steps for recharge, surface water storage and cloud seeding for the basin.

Agenda Item No. 6: Financial Report

Mr. Neeley Miller provided the Board's financial report. The accounts as of May 31, 2022 were: Secondary Aquifer Fund: committed/earmarked but not disbursed \$16,482,233 and uncommitted balance \$10,463,708; Revolving Development Account: committed/earmarked but not disbursed \$19,672,158, loan principal outstanding \$16,787,978, uncommitted balance \$16,914,391, and anticipated loanable funds available next one year \$20,414,391; and Water Management Account: committed/earmarked but not disbursed \$71,104,865, and uncommitted balance \$171,932. Total committed/earmarked but not disbursed \$107,259,256; total loan principal outstanding \$16,787,978; and total uncommitted balance \$27,550,031.

The committed/earmarked balance in the Water Management Account included the \$20M legislative appropriation per HB 285 (FY 2019) for the Anderson Reservoir Enlargement and/or Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Supply Project. The Water Management also included \$50M for large infrastructure projects per Senate Bill 1121 (FY 2021) for the Anderson Ranch enlargement, Mountain Air Force Base Water Supply Project, ESPA Managed Aquifer Recharge Program, other projects identified by the IWRB.

Agenda Item No. 7: ARPA Funding Update

Mr. Brian Patton stated the ARPA funding justification and documentation would fall to the agencies who received such funds. Ms. Meghan Carter was working on creating that documentation and justification for the Board and Department. Ms. Cole-Hansen asked about funding timelines.

Agenda Item No. 8: Flood Management Grant Awards

Mr. Neeley Miller stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed staff recommendations to adopt 10 of 14 grant applications that had been submitted.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to adopt the resolution to fund the fiscal year 2022 flood grants based on the attachment. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Chase, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, absent from vote; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 7 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 9: ESPA Recharge Water Rights

Mr. Patton reminded the Board that during Executive Session Ms. Ann Vonde had discussed and proposed a Stipulation and Memorandum of Agreement regarding water right applications for permit in the name of the Water Resource Board.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to accept the Stipulation and MOA. Mr. Chase seconded. Mr. Barker abstained from the vote. Voice vote. 7 ayes. 1 abstention. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 10: Water Supply Bank

Ms. Mary Condon provided follow up from the Water Supply Bank Committee meeting held on July 12, 2022. She presented some options based on committee suggestions. There was discussion about choosing a rental boundary. Chairman Raybould suggested tabling the resolution provided. Mr. Barker asked if there was consensus on what boundary to use.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to set the rental boundary as the Ground Water Management Area (GWMA). Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. The motion carried.

Ms. Condon further discussed the Water Supply Bank proposed rules and fees. There was discussion about possible rate increases.

Agenda Item No. 11: Boise Warm Springs Water District Loan

Mr. Patton mentioned that this item was discussed in the work session and that there was a resolution to consider. Mr. Barker asked about a status on the Boise foothills geothermal groundwater management area. Mr. Patton had technical information from Mr. Mike McVay who monitors the geothermal levels. He stated that the water levels were stable.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution to provide loan funding in the amount of 2.81 million dollars. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Chase, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 12: Director's Report

Deputy Director Mathew Weaver gave the director's report. He spoke on the Surface Water Coalition delivery call activity, a requested status conference, and updating the methodology order. He discussed water administration across the state and an update on administrative rules. Ms. Cole-Hansen asked about the outstanding FTEs for the Department. Mr. Weaver stated that IDWR was actively working to fill the positions, despite some challenges.


Agenda Item No. 13: Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 14: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Patton stated there was an Aquifer Stabilization Committee meeting scheduled for August 1, 2022, and the next scheduled meetings would be September 15-16, 2022 in Hailey and via an online platform. Mr. Stevenson moved to adjourn. Mr. Chase seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of October 2022.



Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, *Secretary*



Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

1. Meeting minutes 5-22 and 6-22 were adopted.
2. Adopted a resolution in the matter of Flood Management Grants to award 2022 funds.
3. A motion to accept a Stipulation and MOA for IWRB ESPA recharge water right applications for permit.
4. A motion to set the Water Supply Bank rental boundary as the GWMA.
5. Adopted a resolution in the matter of the Boise Warm Springs Water District loan request.