



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 06-03 TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING Friday, September 19, 2003

**Dirk Kempthorne**  
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At Large

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Vice Chairman  
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District 2

**Bob Graham**  
Bonners Ferry  
At Large

**L. Claude Storer**  
Idaho Falls  
District 4

**Gary M. Chamberlain**  
Challis  
At Large

Meeting No. 06-03 of the Idaho Department of Water Resource Board was called to order by Chairman Jerry Rigby on Friday, September 19, 2003, 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of Rigby, Thatcher, Andrus, Rigby, Kam and Moeller. (One recorded tape).

### Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

#### *Board Members Present*

Joe Jordan, Chairman	Jerry Rigby, Vice Chairman
Bob Graham	Gary Chamberlain
Claude Storer	Leonard Beck

#### *Board Members Absent*

Terry Uhling	Dick Wyatt, Secretary
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#### *Department of Water Resources Staff Present*

Karl Dreher, Director	Hal Anderson, Administrator
Bill Graham, Planning Bureau Chief	Brian Patton, Engineer
Rita Fleck, Admin. Asst.	

### Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

No comments.

### Agenda Item No. 3, City of Bonners Ferry, Emergency Grant Request

The City of Bonners Ferry is requesting an emergency grant of \$7,500 to assist with a water supply study. Earlier this month, the Myrtle Creek drainage fire burned around the city's main water source. The drainage is bare of vegetation and will erode once it rains and snows, which in turn will cause silt and sediment to clog the filtration system.

The city provides water to 2,500 residents and 3,000 people in the North and South Water Districts. Myrtle Creek is the main source of water for the city. There is a secondary pumping plant on the Kootenai River.

Bob Graham reviewed the history of the basin and the work proposed by the Forest Service in the next year to conduct a controlled slash burn and evenly distribute nutrients throughout the drainage. Unfortunately, nature started the fire prematurely leaving little time for vegetation recovery before winter. The drainage is steep and erosion along with debris from the fire will travel down Myrtle Creek to the city's water intake.

City has hired Tate Engineering to conduct the study. The engineer proposes to work with state, federal and local agencies to evaluate other water systems in the area as possible sources or make improvements to the Myrtle Creek intake such as pre-filtering the water before it arrives at the filtration plant or moving the intake further upstream.

Joe Jordan suggested staff services from either the Department of Water Resources or the Department of Environmental Quality might be able to assist with the recovery effort such as agency permitting for necessary stream work, etc. He indicated that the Board may consider providing financial assistance to cover that staff assistance. Karl Dreher suggested that Bob Haynes, Northern Regional Manager be the contact for assistance. Joe suggested a letter accompany the grant fees to indicate an offer of staff assistance.

**Motion:** Gary Chamberlain moved to approve the resolution to authorize a grant to the City of Bonners Ferry in the amount of \$7,500. Joe Jordan seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Beck, Aye; Chamberlain, Aye; Graham, Aye; Jordan, Aye; Storer, Aye; Uhling, Absent; Wyatt, Absent; Rigby, Aye 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2003.

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D. Richard Wyatt, Secretary

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Rita I. Fleck, Administrative Assistant