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IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING NO. 02-08

Jerry R. Rigby
Chairman
Rexburg
At Large

Idaho Department of Water Resources
Idaho Water Center, Boise Idaho
February 1, 2008

Terry T. Uhling
Vice Chairman
Boise
District 2

Chairman Rigby called meeting 02-08 to order at 11:00 a.m. and requested roll call.

Bob Graham
Secretary
Bonners Ferry
At Large

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Board Members by Phone

**Charles "Chuck"
Cuddy**
Orofino
District 1

Jerry Rigby, Chairman
Vic Armacost
Claude Storer
Bob Graham, absent

Leonard Beck, absent
Gary Chamberlain
Chuck Cuddy
Terry Uhling,

Staff Members and Guests Attending

Leonard Beck
Burley
District 3

Hal Anderson, Administrator
Patsy McGourty, Admin. Asst.
Dave Tuthill, Director

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Helen Harington, Sect. Mgr.

L. Claude Storer
Idaho Falls
District 4

Guests by Phone

**Gary M.
Chamberlain**
Challis
At Large

Jon Boling, Idaho Power
Lynn Tominaga, IGWA
Barry Burnell, DEQ

Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General
Dee Reynolds, Fall River Electric
Jonathan Bartsch, CDR Associates

**Lawrence "Vic"
Armacost**
New Meadows
At Large

Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

Chairman Rigby called for public comment and there was none.

Agenda Item No. 3, ESPA CAMP Progress Report for Presentation to the Legislature

Chairman Rigby turned the meeting over to Mr. Anderson, who introduced Mr. Bartsch from CDR Associates to go over the changes made to the draft Progress Report for the legislature from the ESPA Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bartsch noted there were a number of changes that were already suggested and included in the present draft. He asked if there were any overall suggestions to change the report. Mr. Uhling noted the changes about water conservation had been made. Chairman Rigby asked if Mr. Bartsch had any communications with legislators. Mr. Bartsch responded no. Mr. Anderson stated that Senator Schroeder and Representative Stevenson had asked Mr. Anderson to let them know as soon as the report was finalized to set a meeting with the Senate Resource Committee.

Mr. Bartsch began with the Executive Summary. He had made several editorial changes requested by Ms. Hensley. Mr. Armacost suggested some editorial changes. There was discussion about wording to clarify that the Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board for review and action. Then the Board presents them to the legislature. Ms. Hensley also cautioned Mr. Bartsch about how he represents the entire Advisory Committee's feelings since they do not all feel the same. Mr. Armacost suggested another statement that reflected more positive support for the initial recommendations. Mr. Bartsch asked for other Board members' feedback. Mr. Uhling stated he favored the present language. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Cuddy felt the same way. The group decided not to make that change.

Mr. Anderson had some editorial changes to other paragraphs to clarify and correct some errors. Ms. Hensley added a few more minor changes. Mr. Chamberlain asked that future documents sent to the Board be in Word format instead of Adobe because changes could not be made. Mr. Bartsch agreed to do that. With that the Executive Summary was accepted.

In Section 1.0 Formation and Operation of the Advisory Committee - Mr. Bartsch stated previous changes had been made. Chairman Rigby asked if at the end of the meeting, Mr. Anderson would give a legislative update. He responded yes. No further changes were suggested to Section 1.0

In Section 2.0 Key Topics and Issues Addressed by the Committee - Mr. Anderson noted that there was a question of which framework was being discussed in the first paragraph. Mr. Bartsch had made that clarification. Other editorial changes were made.

In Section 3.0 Interim Measures Identified in the Framework: Report on Progress - Mr. Armacost suggested some changes to the recharge paragraph to clarify the time of year.

In Section 4.0 Progress Against Budget (CAMP Process) – some minor editorial changes were made. Mr. Armacost asked for an explanation of Soft and Hard Conversions listed in a chart. Mr. Patton gave an explanation and Mr. Uhling suggested that those terms be footnoted adding Mr. Patton's explanation for all those who might not know what that is. Mr. Bartsch agreed to do that.

In Section 5.0 Public Involvement – there were no changes.

In Section 6.0 Proposed ESPA Advisory Committee 2008 Work Plan and Initial Recommendations – Ms. Hensley asked about the Governor’s fallowing program and did that come under dry lease agreements. She wondered if that should be added. Mr. Anderson stated that the fallowing program was a one-year program which was different from multi-year dry lease agreements. There was discussion about whether this should be added. It was decided to leave that program out.

Mr. Bartsch asked about revisions to the appendices and any other section of the progress report. Some changes were made to contact people for the Governor’s Office. Ms. Harrington made some editorial suggestions. With that Mr. Bartsch asked the Board to approve the 2008 Progress Report.

Mr. Armacost moved that the Board accept the 2008 Progress Report from the Advisory Committee and Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Chairman Rigby called for a voice vote and all were in favor.

Mr. Anderson stated he would contact the chairman of the Senate and House Interim Resource Committees to schedule a presentation of this report along with Mr. Bartsch and Director Tuthill. Any Board members or Advisory Committee members would be welcome. Mr. Bartsch noted that some Advisory Committee members had expressed interest in being a part of that presentation. Mr. Anderson stated he would advise the Board of that meeting date and time.

Chairman Rigby asked the Director to give an update on legislative issues. Director Tuthill stated that a Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee presentation has been scheduled. He is expecting a shortfall that he will report to the Board at their next regular meeting. The Director will also provide information to the Board through Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson informed the Board that he and the Director had been at a meeting of the House Resource Committee to present the Aquifer Planning Proposal for \$20 million. The representatives had many questions from the Interim Committee. The upshot is that there is some reluctance but overall there seemed to be good support. Good questions were asked and Mr. Anderson was able to clarify some misinformation.

Agenda Item No. 4, Other Items Board Members May Wish to Present

No items were raised.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Armacost seconded. All were in favor.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2008.



Secretary


Patsy McGourty, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Armacost moved that the Board accept the 2008 Progress Report from the Advisory Committee and Mr. Chamberlain seconded. Chairman Rigby called for a voice vote and all were in favor.