



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

## **MEETING MINUTES 6-14**

Idaho Water Center  
Conference Room 602D  
322 East Front St, Boise ID 83720

*C.L. "Butch" Otter*  
Governor

May 22, 2014

**Roger W. Chase**  
Chairman  
Pocatello  
District 4

**Peter Van Der Meulen**  
Vice-Chairman  
Hailey  
At Large

**Bob Graham**  
Secretary  
Bonners Ferry  
District 1

**Charles "Chuck" Cuddy**  
Orofino  
At Large

**Vince Alberdi**  
Kimberly  
At Large

**Jeff Raybould**  
St. Anthony  
At Large

**Albert Barker**  
Boise  
District 2

**John "Bert" Stevenson**  
Rupert  
District 3

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at approximately 8:15 am. There were five Board members present. Mr. Peter Van Der Meulen, Mr. Chuck Cuddy, and Mr. Bob Graham were absent. A quorum was present.

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

#### *Board Members Present*

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| Roger Chase, Chairman | Bert Stevenson |
| Vince Alberdi         | Albert Barker  |
| Jeff Raybould         |                |

#### *Staff Members Present*

Brian Patton, Planning Bureau Chief  
Helen Harrington, Planning Section Manager  
Morgan Case, Staff Biologist  
Amy Cassel, Project Coordinator  
Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant

### **Agenda Item No. 2, Bohannon Creek Water Transaction**

Ms. Case discussed a potential water transaction on Bohannon Creek. During the early portion of the irrigation season, Bohannon Creek typically becomes dewatered below the lowest diversion. This spring, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) staff observed steelhead redds in Bohannon Creek. In order to prevent the stream from dewatering and ensure the redds would not dry up during the critical incubation period, IDFG, Board staff, and the Governor's Office of Species Conservation have worked with Bohannon Creek irrigators to maintain flows in the lower reaches. Staff initiated negotiations to compensate water users for spilling up to 2 cfs in lower Bohannon Creek through participation in the Idaho Water Transaction Program.

Ms. Case proposed compensation of \$80.65/24-hr cfs. The compensation would cover the Lemhi River pumping costs and some loss in production. Additional funds in the amount of \$1775 for each of the two participants would compensate for flows voluntarily left instream during the negotiation process. The total compensation would not exceed \$10,164. Funds will come through

the Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the 2014 Bohannon Creek Water Transaction Contract. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion.


Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cuddy: Absent; Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Stevenson: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Absent; Mr. Graham: Absent; Mr. Barker: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 3, Adjourn**

Mr. Raybould made a motion to Adjourn, and Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The IWRB Meeting 6-14 adjourned at approximately 8:20 am.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.



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Bob Graham, Secretary



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Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the 2014 Bohannon Creek Water Transaction Contract. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. All were in favor. Motion passed.