



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES 10-14

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Governor

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Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

September 22, 2014

Work Session

Peter Van Der Meulen
Vice-Chairman
Hailey
At Large

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 am. Mr. Bob Graham and Mr. Jeff Raybould were absent. All other Board members were present.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- Financial Status Report by Brian Patton
- Water Supply Bank IT Infrastructure by Remington Buyer
- Bee Line Water Association Loan by Brian Patton
- Storage Studies Update by Cynthia Bridge Clark
- Cloud-Seeding Update by Brian Patton
- Recharge by Brian Patton
- Statewide Aquifer Stabilization Effort Prioritization by Neeley Miller

Bob Graham
Secretary
Bonners Ferry
District 1

No action was taken by the Board during the Work Session.

Charles "Chuck" Cuddy
Orofino
At Large

Vince Alberdi
Kimberly
At Large

September 23, 2014

IWRB Meeting

Jeff Raybould
St. Anthony
At Large

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 am. Mr. Bob Graham was absent. All other Board members were present.

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman
Chuck Cuddy
Vince Alberdi
Albert Barker

Peter Van Der Meulen, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Raybould
Bert Stevenson

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

Staff Members Present

Mat Weaver, Deputy Director
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Morgan Case, Biologist
Sandy Thiel, Water Resource Agent

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Section Manager
Amy Cassel, Project Coordinator
Mandi Pearson, Admin. Assistant

Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General

Guests Present

Stephen Goodson, Special Assistant to the Governor
Alton Huyser, Big Wood Canal Company
Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators
Peter Anderson, Trout Unlimited
Sarah Lien, Friends of the Teton River/Trout Unlimited
Ivan Wedel, Beeline Water Association
Marie Kellner, Idaho Conservation League

Walt Poole, Idaho Fish and Game
Jake Robertson, Pivotrac Monitoring
John Simpson, Barker Rosholt & Simpson
Mark Davidson, Trout Unlimited
Teresa Molitor, Great Feeder Canal Co.
Mike Klaus, Beeline Water Association
Bob Geddes, Idaho Farm Bureau

Agenda Item No. 2, Executive Session

At approximately 8:00 am the Board resolved into Executive Session by unanimous consent pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345 (1) subsection (f), for the purpose of communicating 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. Topics discussed were North Idaho water issues, conjunctive management, and the Galloway project. No action was taken by the Board during the Executive Session. The Board resolved out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at approximately 9:15 am.

Agenda Item No. 3, Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Patton noted that the representatives for Bee Line Water Association are delayed, so the agenda may need to be modified to accommodate their schedule. Mr. Barker made a motion that the minutes for meetings 8-14 and 9-14 be approved as printed. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 4, Public Comment

Chairman Chase opened up the meeting for public comment. Mr. Alton Huyser of the Big Wood Canal Company addressed the Board. He discussed a pipeline project called the 702 project. This project replaces 23 miles of open laterals. Mr. Huyser asked the Board to consider assisting with funding for the project through grants or a low-interest loan. There was further discussion among the parties regarding the project and potential funding sources.

Agenda Item No. 5, Project and Program Tracking and Reporting

Ms. Cynthia Bridge Clark discussed the overall purpose of the Progress Report. An updated Progress Report summarizing the status and progress of projects and programs associated with the Board's sustainability and aquifer stabilization initiative was provided to the Board. There was discussion among the parties regarding posting the report online and linking pertinent documents to the report.

Agenda Item No. 6, State-Protected River- Fall River Fishery Enhancement Project

Ms. Sandy Thiel discussed the proposed Fall River Fish Habitat Enhancement Project. Because this is a state-protected river, stream channel alteration would require the Board's approval to move forward. Ms. Thiel also discussed a letter from Idaho Fish and Game providing comment on the proposed project. There was discussion among the parties regarding public meetings for this project and the joint application for permit.

Mr. Dave Rosgen presented information regarding the proposed plan to the Board. He discussed overall project objectives, the current conditions of the river, and the proposed enhancements. There was

discussion among the parties regarding the Board's review of the proposal, public access to the river, the goals of the property owners, and public meetings. Mr. Raybould moved to table the Fall River Fishery Enhancement Project issue until the Office of the Attorney General could provide guidance on the amendment process for the Henrys Fork Basin Comprehensive State Water Plan. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor.

Agenda Item No. 7, ESPA Recharge

Mr. Patton discussed the Board's efforts to maximize diversion of flows spilling past Milner during the non-irrigation season, including winter time diversions. He discussed agreements with canal companies and irrigation districts to participate in this effort. There was discussion among the parties regarding potential winter-time diversions during the upcoming winter and infrastructure modifications needed. Mr. Patton discussed the funding request from American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 (AFRD2) to improve the canal bank access road which is needed to manage recharge deliveries during the non-irrigation season. He discussed test well drilling and test injections around the Milner Pool and Upper Valley recharge issues. There was discussion among the parties regarding the canal bank road improvements and the payments to AFRD2.

Mr. Alberdi moved to approve the resolution to approve funds for recharge infrastructure improvements. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

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

Agenda Item No. 8, Weiser-Galloway Project

Ms. Clark discussed the draft resolution that would provide authorization to initiate three additional small-scale studies to supplement the ongoing Operations Analysis. These studies include an optimal sizing study, economic analysis of water supply, and the Weiser River Trail relocation study. There was discussion among the parties regarding public outreach.

Mr. Cuddy moved to approve the resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of the Weiser-Galloway Dam and Reservoir Project. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.

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

Agenda Item No. 9, Cloud-Seeding

Mr. Patton discussed the Cloud Seeding Committee meeting held on August 15, during which committee members heard a proposed cooperative cloud seeding program from Idaho Power Company. The proposal includes Board funding in the amount of \$492,000 for capital costs for expansion of cloud seeding efforts in the Upper Snake Basin and development of programs in the Wood and Boise River Basins. The estimates for increased water supplies are 115 KAF in the Upper Snake (added to the existing average from cloud seeding for a total of 398 KAF), 100 KAF in the Wood, and 196 KAF in the Boise. The water users in the Wood and Boise basins will also contribute funding. The Cloud Seeding Committee provided a recommendation that the Board invest \$492,000 into the Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program in the Upper Snake, Wood, and Boise River basins, for capital costs during the 2015-2019 period.

Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the resolution to approve funds for a Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Mr. Barker disclosed that he has clients in favor of the cloud seeding program, but does not see it as a conflict. There was discussion among the parties regarding the benefits and results of the cloud seeding program.

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

Agenda Item No. 10, Bee Line Water Association Loan

Mr. Patton discussed a loan request from Bee Line Water Association in the amount of \$400,000 to construct several needed water system improvements. Staff recommends approval of the loan. Mr. Ivan Wedel of Bee Line Water Association thanked the Board for their consideration of this loan. He provided information about the project. There was discussion among the parties regarding water conservation, the repayment period, coordination with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and water quality.

Mr. Cuddy moved to approve the resolution in the matter of the funding commitment to Bee Line Water Association, with a 15-year repayment term. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion.

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

Agenda Item No. 11, IDWR Director's Report

Mr. Mat Weaver discussed new staff hires and funding for the new positions. There has been agreement from all parties to move forward in this issue.

Agenda Item No. 12, Other Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no non-action items for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 13, Next Meetings and Adjourn

The next Board meeting is currently scheduled for November 4th and 5th in Boise, in coordination with the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) seminar on November 6th and 7th. A subsequent meeting was scheduled for January 22 - 23, 2015 in coordination with the IWUA seminar on January 20-22, 2015. A Planning Committee meeting will be scheduled during the week of October 23rd in Rexburg. A Water Supply Bank Committee meeting is scheduled for October 9th. Mr. Stevenson made a motion to Adjourn, and Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The IWRB Meeting 10-14 adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of November, 2014.



Bob Graham, Secretary



Mandi Pearson, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Barker made a motion that the minutes for meetings 8-14 and 9-14 be approved as printed. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion passed.
2. Mr. Raybould moved to table the Fall River Fishery Enhancement Project issue until the Office of the Attorney General could provide guidance on the amendment process for the Henrys Fork Basin Comprehensive State Water Plan. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor.
3. Mr. Alberdi moved to approve the resolution to approve funds for recharge infrastructure improvements. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.
4. Mr. Cuddy moved to approve the resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of the Weiser-Galloway Dam and Reservoir Project. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.
5. Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the resolution to approve funds for a Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Cuddy moved to approve the resolution in the matter of the funding commitment to Bee Line Water Association, with a 15-year repayment term. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion passed.