



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES MEETING NO. 1-16

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

Idaho Water Center
Conference Rooms 602 B,C,D
322 East Front Street, 6th Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720

January 21, 2016

Work Session

Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

Jeff Raybould
Vice-Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

Vince Alberdi
Secretary
Kimberly
At Large

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

Charles "Chuck"
Cuddy
Orofino
At Large

Albert Barker
Boise

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. All Board members were present. Guests present were: Phil Morrissey, Mike Edmondson, Mark Solomon, Carl Ellsworth, Representative Merrill Beyeler, Andrea Duran, Will Parham, Jon Bowling, Marie Kellner, Shaun Parkinson, and Peter Anderson.

Chairman Chase suggested amending the agenda by moving item number 8 up to item number 2 in order to accommodate the schedules of the Big Timber Creek presenters. Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt that change. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- A presentation on the issues on Big Timber Creek by Representative Merrill Beyeler, Mike Edmondson and Carl Ellsworth, with an introduction by Director Gary Spackman.
- A presentation by Dr. Mark Solomon on upcoming studies for IWRRI.
- An update on Water District 02 by Neeley Miller.
- An update on the Idaho Snow Survey Program by Ron Abramovich.
- An update on Aquifer Level Monitoring for the ESPA by Sean Vincent.
- A presentation for a Loan Request by the Outlet Water Association at Priest Lake by Rick Collingwood .
- An update on Cloud Seeding by Idaho Power representatives Jon Bowling and Shaun Parkinson.

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

January 22, 2016

IWRB Meeting 1-16

At 8:04 a.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order. All members were present, except Mr. Barker.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary
Bert Stevenson
Chuck Cuddy

Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman
Pete Van Der Meulen
Dale Van Stone

Staff Members Present

Gary Spackman, Director
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Rick Collingwood, Staff Engineer
Mathew Weaver, Deputy Director
Sean Vincent, Hydrology Section Manager
Garrick Baxter, Attorney General
Randy Broesch, Staff Engineer

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Wesley Hipke, Project Manager
Remington Buyer, WSB Coordinator
Jennifer Strange, Admin Assistant
Neal Farmer, Special Project Coordinator

Guests Present

Clive Strong, Attorney General
Bud Corbus, Elmore County Commissioner
Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau
Peter Anderson, Trout Unlimited
Jon Bowling, Idaho Power
Justin Walker, Star Sewer/Water District
Norm Semanko, IWUA

Ann Vonde , Dept Attorney Gen.
Pat McMahon, Galena GWD
Terry Scanlan, SPF
Scott Campbell, Elmore County
Hal Anderson
Hank Day, Star Sewer/Water District
Kevin Boggs, CH2MManuel Rauhut, HDR
Todd Glindeman, Brown & Caldwell

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Alberdi moved that the board resolve into Executive Session. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Barker; absent; Mr. Cuddy: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Stevenson: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, Aye; Mr. Van Stone: Aye; and Chairman Chase: Aye. 7 Ayes.

At approximately 8:05 am the Board resolved into Executive Session by unanimous consent pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1) subsections (f), for the purposes 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: Big Timber Creek and Wild & Scenic River Agreements.

No action was taken by the Board during the Executive Session. Mr. Alberdi moved to exit Executive Session. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Voice vote. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board resolved out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at approximately 9:00 am.

Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 8-15 & 9-15

There were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Cuddy moved to adopt the minutes for Meeting 8-15. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Voice vote. All were in favor. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the minutes for Meeting 9-15. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice vote. All were in favor. Motions carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Public Comment

Chairman Chase opened the meeting for public comment. Peter Anderson of Trout Unlimited informed the Board that a new director had been appointed. The new director replacing Mark Davidson is Kira Finkler.

Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Status

Mr. Patton provided an update on the Board's financial status. He noted that the numbers currently in the red will change as loan payments are received over the next 6 months. Chairman Chase stated the board recognizes that this is the status of the financial status.

Chairman Chase asked for a summary of recharge funding. He mentioned that with the funding and recharge efforts, some carry-over may occur from one year to the next. He noted that next fiscal year's funding has yet to be determined. Mr. Stevenson asked when the IDWR and Board representatives will meet with JFAC. Mr. Patton extended an invitation to all members who wish, to attend the February 3rd meeting. No actions were taken by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 6: Surface Water Coalition Settlement Agreement Update

Deputy Director Mathew Weaver presented an update on the Surface Water Coalition Settlement Agreement. The term sheet was signed by all members. Implementation plans are being carried out by the members. An informational memo, draft resolutions and a support letter were presented to Board members.

Mr. Raybould asked about the use of flow meters for points of diversion involved in the term sheets. Mr. Weaver said that use of flow meters is part of the term sheet. He shared information on proposed legislation. He discussed the need for conjunctive administration by IDWR in the upcoming irrigation season. He informed the Board that IDWR and the Director are considering issuing an updated Water Measurement Order for the ESPA. No actions were taken by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 7: Legislative Update

Mr. Baxter addressed the Board referencing some upcoming Legislation. He provided a draft copy of House Bill 351. This bill will modify and make changes for dam safety program regarding the type of dams that are regulated by IDWR. No actions were taken by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 8: Ground Water Conservation Grants

Mr. Miller provided an introduction on the Ground Water Conservation Grant program. He introduced Mr. Collingwood to the Board to present a resolution.

Mr. Collingwood presented a resolution that provides funding for two Ground Water Conservation Grants. Up to \$18,000.00 would be available for the City of Hailey to develop and implement a water conservation rebate program. The other is for Sun Valley Elkhorn Association to develop a smart irrigation system in the amount up to \$12,212.00.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Raybould moved to authorize the Chairman to work with staff to establish a new timeframe for continued Ground Water Conservation Grants. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 9: Elmore County Aquifer Stabilization Funding Request

Mr. Miller provided an introduction of the Elmore County Aquifer Stabilization Funding Request. He introduced Commissioner Corbus from Elmore County. Mr. Scanlan of SPF provided a brief slide presentation. The Board had before it a resolution to authorize the expenditure of a total of \$65,000.00 from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for the Elmore County Water Supply Study.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution with the recommendation from the Aquifer Stabilization Committee for funding of \$65,000.00. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 10: Swan Falls Forecasting Tool

Mr. Sean Vincent requested funding for a forecasting tool for Swan Falls. Idaho Power verbally committed to matching contributions of IGWA.

There was discussion among the members. Mr. Lynn Tominaga was asked about IGWA's participation in the funding of this tool. Mr. Tominaga said there were some members of the IGWA board who were not yet prepared to commit funding to the tool.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution up to \$95,000.00. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 11: Loan Request-Outlet Water Association at Priest Lake

Mr. Patton provided an introduction to the proposed resolution that had been presented in detail during the Work Session.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 12: Spokane River Forum Conference Funding Request

Mr. Patton presented a resolution to provide funding for the Spokane River Forum Conference. There was some discussion among members.

Mr. Cuddy made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 13: Storage Studies Update

Ms. Cynthia Bridge Clark provided a storage studies update. The three projects updated were: Weiser-Galloway Project; Boise River Feasibility Study; and Island Park Reservoir Enlargement Project. No actions were taken by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 14: Star Water & Sewer

Chairman Chase opened the upcoming Aquifer studies and the Treasure Valley Ground Water Model. Director Spackman discussed draft legislation that covers aquifer stabilization across the state. He presented a Senate Concurrent Resolution draft which addresses statewide aquifer stabilization and sustainability projects. He emphasized the importance of keeping the focus inclusive to all areas of the state. There was some discussion among the Board.

Mr. Hipke introduced the Star Water & Sewer draft resolution. He introduced Hank Day and Justin Walker from the Star Water and Sewer District. Mr. Patton reminded the Board that earlier the Aquifer Stabilization Committee reviewed and recommended this resolution to the amount of \$25,000.00. The representatives from the District offered answers to Board questions.

Mr. Van Der Meulen made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 15: ESPA Recharge

Mr. Hipke presented a resolution to authorize the ESPA recharge payment schedule in the Upper Valley. There was discussion among members. Mr. Alberdi recommended that on the second page of the resolution the word "maximum" be removed. Members agreed to revisit this in March.

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to accept the resolution as recommended. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: absent; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Abstain; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 16: Director's Report

Director Spackman shared with the board the upcoming developments for IDWR related to the Governor's budget. He discussed the Department's budget requests for FY2017.

Agenda Item No. 17: Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no other actions or items to discuss.

Agenda Item No. 18: Next Meeting & Adjourn

The Board agreed to meet again March 17 & 18, 2016. Chairman Chase adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March, 2016.



Vince Alberdi, Secretary



Jennifer Strange, Administrative Assistant

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Alberdi moved to go into Executive Session. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion Passed.
2. Mr. Alberdi moved to exit Executive Session. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Cuddy moved to adopt Minutes 8-15. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt Minutes 9-15. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
5. Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Ground Water Conservation Grants. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Raybould moved to authorize the Chairman to work with staff to establish a new timeframe for continued Ground Water Conservation Grants. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
7. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of Elmore County Aquifer Stabilization Funding Request. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
8. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Swan Falls Forecasting Tool. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
9. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Outlet Water Association Loan. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
10. Mr. Cuddy moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of Spokane River Forum Conference Funding. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
11. Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of an Aquifer Stabilization Study in Coordination with Star Water & Sewer. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
12. Mr. Alberdi moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Stabilization & Managed Aquifer Recharge. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 6 Ayes. 1 Abstain. Motion passed.