

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES MEETING NO. 2-16

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Governor

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

March 17, 2016

Work Session

Roger W. Chase

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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 8:30 a.m. At roll call, Mr. Alberdi, Mr. Barker, Mr. Raybould, Mr. Van Der Meulen, Mr. Van Stone, and Chairman Chase were present. Just after 9 a.m., Mr. Cuddy arrived and Mr. Stevenson joined via conference call. Guests present were: Eric Landsberg, Dan Temple, Alan Christy, Peter Anderson, Jan Christensen, Douglas Croft, Todd Glindeman, Matt Uranga, Harmon Horton, Brandi Horton, Vernon Lolley, Tom Harvey, Rich Reavis, Jon Bowling, Kresta Davis-Butts, Wayne Shepherd, David Sonnentag, Kevin Tan, Ed Squires, John Simpson, Jairo Hernandez, Jordan Nielsen, Dautis Pearson, Marie Kellner, Meghann Donley, Julie Wright, and Rick Haener. IDWR staff present were: Stuart Van Greuningen, Rick Collingwood, Randy Broesch, Neeley Miller, Mat Weaver, Gary Spackman, Wesley Hipke, Jennifer Sukow, Sean Vincent, Craig Tesch, Dennis Owsley, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Brian Patton and Jennifer Strange.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- Status reports on the A&B Irrigation District pipeline were given by Bruce Sandoval and Dan Temple.
- A presentation was given by Eric Landsberg on a Mountain Home Air Force Base water supply project. Introductions were by Mr. Patton and Mr. Broesch.
- A presentation was given by Christian Petrich of SPF on the Treasure Valley Water Demand Study. Introduction was by Mr. Patton.
- Two presentations were given on ground water modeling for the Wood River and Treasure Valley areas by Mr. Vincent.
- Harmon Horton and Vernon Lolley discussed water supply issues in the Weiser River Basin and potential improvement projects to the Lost Valley and Crane Creek Dams. Introduction given by Ms. Bridge Clark.
- Two presentations were given by Idaho Power representatives Rick Haener and Kresta Davis-Butts. Jon Bowling introduced the presenters as well as presented a check for \$5,000 to the Board for the Swan Falls Forecasting Tool.

- An update on ESPA Recharge was given by Mr. Hipke.
- An annual report on the Water Supply Bank was given by Mr. Buyer.
- A presentation on Priest Lake was provided by Ms. Bridge Clark.

No action was taken by the Board during the Work Session. The session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

March 18, 2016

IWRB Meeting 2-16

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order. All members were present, except Mr. Stevenson who joined via conference call.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman	Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary	Pete Van Der Meulen
Bert Stevenson—via conference call	Dale Van Stone
Chuck Cuddy	Albert Barker

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief	Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner	Morgan Case, Northern Region Manager
Rick Collingwood, Planning Engineer	Wesley Hipke, Recharge Project Manager
Remington Buyer, WSB Coordinator	Sean Vincent, Hydrology Section Manager
Randy Broesch, Planning Engineer	Jennifer Strange, Admin Assistant
Garrick Baxter, Attorney General	Ken Neely, Hydrology Supervisor

Guests Present

Teri Murrison, ISWCC	Ann Vonde, Dept Attorney Gen.
Chuck Pentzer, ISWCC	Doug Zenner, Nez Perce County
Dale Ralston, Ralston Hydrologic	Robin Nimmer, Terra Graphics
Peter Anderson, Trout Unlimited	Jon Bowling, Idaho Power
Lynn Tominaga, IGWA	

Agenda Item No. 2: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 1-16

There were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the minutes for Meeting 1-16. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment

From the Soil & Water Conservation Commission, Chuck Pentzer provided a presentation on the CREP Program. The presentation included a brief history of the program; a current view of the program; and improvements for adding water savings. Lynn Tominaga also spoke to the Board about the CREP program. He requested that the Board provide a letter of support for an update and change to the program. Mr. Tominaga stated there is no cost to the IWRB to provide a letter of support. There was

discussion among the Board members. Funds needed for these changes are expected to come from FSA. Questions arose pertaining to term sheet agreements for current or future CREP members. Chairman Chase said he would put together a letter of support that would state the Board has no financial obligations and that this cannot affect term sheet agreements.

Agenda Item No. 4: Legislative Update

Mr. Baxter provided updates on various pieces of legislation that could affect the Department. Questions were asked about the Ground Water Management Areas bill (HB595). Mr. Barker suggested that SJM 106, regarding the Columbia River Treaty, would be an important piece of legislation to watch. There was some discussion on the treaty. Mr. Patton suggested that Jim Yost from the Idaho branch of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council be asked to provide an update to the Board.

No actions were taken by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Status

Mr. Patton provided an update on the Board's financial status as of March 1, 2016. Chairman Chase asked about the remainder of the Aquifer Fund. Mr. Patton stated that a Finance Committee meeting will be planned for April or May. There was discussion on the location for that planned meeting.

Mr. Patton provided a resolution to payoff Dworshak bonds in full. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the Resolution as written. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Barker: Aye; Mr. Cuddy: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Stevenson: Absent; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Aye; Mr. Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 6: Sustainability Policy

Mr. Miller provided a briefing on the State Sustainability Policy. There was discussion about available and proposed hearing dates and locations. He stated there will be a proposal brought before the board meeting in May.

No actions were taken by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 7: Lewiston Regional Deep Aquifer Investigation

Mr. Miller introduced the presentation and provided some background. A resolution for a study of the Lewiston Regional Deep Aquifer was included in the materials.

Commissioner Doug Zenner said a study regarding the declining aquifer is needed. Dr. Dale Ralston discussed the hydrogeology and some history on the Lewiston deep aquifer. Board members asked questions related to domestic wells in the area. Mr. Ken Neely provided information about the procedures necessary in drilling a well in the GWMA. Board Member Barker provided clarification on the rules of drilling a domestic well.

Dr. Ralston presented a plan for a one year study of the deep ground water resources for \$90,000. The focus would be to identify possible recharge sites. There was some discussion about the costs involved.

Mr. Cuddy moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 8: Water Transaction Program

Ms. Case presented a resolution to provide funding not to exceed \$8,000.00 to fund an appraisal in the matter of the Badger Creek water transaction. Mr. Van Stone asked about the funding sources and for clarification on the amount expected from the Board for the appraisal.

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

Mr. Barker had some final comments about the expense involved in appraisals. He asked whether it is necessary to perform appraisals on small purchases. A legal interpretation of the need was requested to determine whether there are options to streamline the appraisal process for lower cost projects.

Ms. Case presented a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Pole Creek water transactions contract. The request was for \$60,250.00. There was some discussion among the members.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

The Bohannon Creek water transaction resolution was presented.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Ms. Cassel presented a resolution for a Bar G Farm lease along the Pahsimeroi River.

Mr. Alberdi moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Ms. Cassel presented a resolution to provide funding for Pratt Creek water transaction. Mr. Van Stone asked about the payment schedule. There was some discussion on the funds.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 9: ESPA Recharge

Mr. Hipke presented two resolutions for Aquifer Stabilization. He provided a timeline for some upcoming work. There was some discussion among the Board members.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt a resolution to approve funds for design of recharge infrastructure improvements on the North Side Canal Company. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hipke presented the second resolution for the AFRD2 Recharge site. The funding will expedite the project and remove obstacles.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 10: Priest Lake

Ms. Bridge Clark brought a resolution before the board to provide funding for Priest Lake. Mr. Van Stone discussed the importance of this resolution to the region. Mr. Barker suggested that property rights impacts need to be included in the study.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution up to \$300,000.00. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Cuddy: Aye; Raybould: Aye; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 11: Director's Report

Mr. Patton provided the Director's Report. He gave updates on the Department's budget. There was a question on the Cigarette Tax funds. The allocated budget amount from JFAC is expected to be \$12.5 million this next fiscal year. He discussed specific areas that will receive funding in the Department. There was discussion about selling Pristine Springs. Mr. Alberdi suggested a letter be sent to CSI in Twin Falls and the City of Twin Falls that would outline the directive.

An update was provided on the Eastern Snake Plain Settlement Agreement between IGWA ground water districts and the Surface Water Coalition.

Finally, there was some discussion on the current snow pack for the state. It was asked if cloud seeding monies were included in the budget. Mr. Jon Bowling addressed the Board on new plans for additional cloud seeding. He said that they are still in preliminary discussions on expansion throughout the State.

Agenda Item No. 12: Non-Action Items for Discussion


Mr. Cuddy shared with the Board some information that he received from the Spokane River Forum. He noticed that there is a watershed project that includes Idaho; and he suggested that we remain informed. Mr. Miller provided more information on this project. It was suggested to send a letter to the partners of the project, including the Idaho Dept of Lands.

Agenda Item No. 13: Next Meeting & Adjourn

The Board agreed to meet again May 19 & 20, 2016 in Boise. Then the next meeting will be July 21 and 22, 2016 with a plan for a field trip to Priest Lake. Finally, there was a reminder of the Water Users Association meeting in June in Sun Valley.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Chairman Chase adjourned the meeting at approximately noon.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 2016.



Vince Alberdi, Secretary



Jennifer Strange, Administrative Assistant

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Barker moved to adopt Minutes 1-16. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution to commit funds and pay in full revenue bond associated with the Dworshak Small Hydroelectric Project. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 7 Ayes. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Cuddy moved to adopt a resolution to allocate funds in the matter of a hydrogeologic analysis of the eastern and southern portions of the Lewiston ground water management area in Idaho. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Badger Creek water transaction. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.
5. Mr. Cuddy moved to adopt a resolution to make a funding resolution in the matter of the Pole Creek water transaction contract. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the 2016 Bohannon Creek water transaction contract. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.
7. Mr. Alberdi moved to adopt a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Little Mud Creek and Pahsimeroi River water transaction. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.
8. Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Pratt Creek water transaction. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.
9. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt a resolution to approve funds for recharge infrastructure improvements in the matter of Aquifer Stabilization and Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer recharge on the North Side Canal Company. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8Ayes. Motion passed.
10. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt a resolution to approve funds for recharge infrastructure improvements in the matter of Aquifer Stabilization and Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Recharge at the AFRD2 site. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.

11. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt a resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of Priest Lake Improvement Projects. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion passed.