



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

MINUTES MEETING NO. 7-16

Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

Idaho Water Center
Conference Rooms B, C & D
322 E Front Street
BOISE

Jeff Raybould
Vice-Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

November 1, 2016
Work Session

Vince Alberdi
Secretary
Kimberly
At Large

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

Charles "Chuck" Cuddy
Orofino
At Large

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

Chairman Chase called the Work Session meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Rick Collingwood, Gary Spackman, Mathew Weaver, Neal Farmer, Sascha Marston, Meghan Carter, Wesley Hipke, Sean Vincent, Jennifer Strange, Robert Whitney, Tim Luke, Brian Ragan, Matt Anders, Ken Neely, and Randy Broesch. Guests present were: Jim Wrigley, Todd Gludema, Dave Bergdolt, Wayne Shepherd, Nathan Rowland, Chris Colson, Josh Vest, Jason Darst, Walt Poole, Bert Bradlett, Bob Bruce, Kevin Boggs, Eric Landsberg, James Bledsoe, Dan Ayurs, Peter Anderson, Braden Jensen, Dautis Pearson, Bill Richey, Shelley Roberts, Norm Semanko, Lynn Tominaga, Gary Ashby, Jon Bowling, Kellie Ray, Trisha Cracroft, and Jay Carlisle.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- A presentation by Mr. Broesch regarding MHAFB Pipeline with comments by Mr. Nathan Rowland of the Mountain Home Airforce Base.
- A presentation by Mr. Miller recommended changes to Proposed Sustainability section of the State Water Plan.
- A presentation by Mr. Miller gave the Board a brief overview on Water District 02 Grant Project.
- A presentation by Mr. Hipke that updated the Board on current ESPA Managed Recharge projects and activities.
- A presentation by Mr. Hipke informed the Board of details for a Recharge Study of the Treasure Valley.
- A presentation by Mr. Chris Colson from Ducks Unlimited and Mr. Josh Vest from Intermountain West Joint Venture regarding the value of maintaining flood irrigated land use and private working lands to benefit water fowl.

- A presentation by Ms. Bridge Clark updated the Board on a request for proposals (RFP) to complete a study of improved operations of Priest Lake and improve navigability of the thorofare channel.
- A presentation by Ms. Bridge Clark regarding the status of the Galloway Project on the Weiser River and the Boise River Feasibility Study.
- A presentation by Mr. Neely regarding an attempt to monitor the Lapwai ground water monitoring well in the Lewiston area.

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

November 2, 2016
Board Meeting No. 7-16

At 8:00 a.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order.

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
Albert Barker

Staff Members Present

Gary Spackman, Director
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Rick Collingwood, Planning Engineer
Garrick Baxter, Deputy Attorney General
Meghan Carter, Deputy Attorney Gen.
Jennifer Strange, Admin. Assistant
Sean Vincent, Hydrology Section Mgr

Brian Patton, Planning Bureau Chief
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Randy Broesch, Planning Engineer
Andrea Courtney, Deputy Attorney Gen.
Mike McVay, Technical Engineer
Mathew Weaver, Deputy Director

Guests Present

Clive Strong, Attorney General
Shaun Parkinson, Idaho Power
Amber Christofferson, DFM
Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau

Ann Vonde, Deputy Attorney General
Jon Bowling, Idaho Power
Walt Poole, IDFG
Tui Anderson, Idaho Rural Water Assoc

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Alberdi made a motion for the Board to resolve into Executive Session. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi: Yes; Mr. Barker: Yes; Mr. Cuddy: Yes; Mr. Raybould: Yes; Mr. Stevenson: Yes; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Yes; Mr. Van Stone: Yes; and Chairman Chase: Yes. 8 Ayes.

At approximately 8:01 a.m. 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: CSRBA Update

No actions were taken by the Board during the Executive Session. Mr. Alberdi moved to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board resolved out of Executive Session at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 6-16

Mr. Patton said that there were no needed changes to the agenda. For the 6-16 Minutes, Mr. Raybould recommended there be a correction to agenda item 12. He moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Voice vote: all were in favor. The minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item No. 4: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item No. 5: Update on "Refill" Litigation Decisions

Mr. Baxter provided updates on the litigation decisions regarding refill in Water District 63 and 65. There was some discussion among the board members. No actions were taken by the Board on this issue.

Agenda Item No. 6: Procurement Considerations

Ms. Carter of the Attorney General's office addressed the Board on procurement considerations. There was some discussion among the Board. Ms. Carter explained some definitions. She explained that counsel is available to the Board members if there are any questions. No actions were taken by the Board in this issue.

Agenda Item No. 7: Financial Status

Mr. Patton provided an update on the Board's finances as of October 1, 2016. He provided the available and committed balances for the Secondary Aquifer Fund, the Revolving Development Account, and the Water Management Accounts. The Cigarette Tax monies will flow into the Secondary Aquifer Fund.

Agenda Item No. 8: Ground Water Conservation Grants

Mr. Miller proposed a resolution to establish updated criteria for Ground Water Conservation Grants. The Finance Committee met on May 6th and reviewed available funds, prioritized needs, and developed a recommended FY 2017 budget that included \$200,000 for the Ground Water Conservation Grant program.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution establishing the criteria attached hereto in Attachment A for the award of Ground Water Conservation Grants for Fiscal Year 2017. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 9: Treasure Valley Recharge Study

Mr. Hipke discussed the scope of work and a draft resolution for a proposed study of recharge opportunities in the Treasure Valley.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution authorizing expenditures not to exceed \$200,000 from the Secondary Aquifer Fund, for a Treasure Valley Recharge Feasibility Study. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 10: Island Park Reservoir Enlargement

Ms. Bridge Clark proposed a resolution to authorize expenditure of an additional \$100,000 towards the Island Park Reservoir Enlargement Land and Real Estate Assessment. The funds would come from the Revolving Development Account.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution authorizing expenditures of up to \$100,000 from the Revolving Development Account to complete the Assessment. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 11: Sustainability Policy Addition to State Water Plan

Mr. Miller recommended changes to the Sustainability Policy in the State Water Plan after receiving written comment and oral testimony during state wide hearings. An accompanying letter was presented to the Board that would contain Chairman Chase's signature and Mr. Raybould's signature as he was the Water Resource Planning Chair.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution changing the State Water Plan through the addition of a Sustainability Policy having considered the record of public comments. In the resolution the Board directs that the adopted change be submitted to the Idaho Legislature as required by Idaho Constitution Article XV, Section 7 and Idaho Code §42-1734B(6), and that copies also be provided to the Office of the Governor and Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources and be published and distributed generally as required by Idaho Code §42-1734B(5). Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice vote: all were in favor. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 12: Wood River Ground Water Policy-Water Supply Bank

Mr. Buyer proposed an updated resolution following discussions that were had during the Water Supply Bank Committee meeting a day prior. The resolution was to take action on the established interim policy and begin discussion on a long-term policy. The key change in the final clause was to set a sunset date next year to allow for a full season of rentals. This issue will be readdressed this time next year if there is a need to look at the renewing the policy.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution committing to holding Water Supply Bank Committee meetings, including meetings in the Wood River Valley during the calendar year 2017. These meetings will include committee members, IDWR staff and interested members of the public to evaluate the Modeled impacts of Wood River Valley ground water rental scenarios, and from which a long-term ground water rental policy will be established for the Water Supply Bank in the Wood River Valley. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice vote: all were in favor. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 13: Priest River Gage

Ms. Bridge Clark presented a resolution to work with USGS to install a new streamflow measurement gage downstream for the Priest Lake outlet dam.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$17,000 for the installation of a new gage below the Priest Lake Outlet Dam and the first year of operations and maintenance, as well as expenditure of funds not to exceed \$10,000 for operations and maintenance of the gage in Fiscal Year 2018. All of the funds be allocated from the Revolving Development Account and the activities performed by the USGS. Mr. Cuddy seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 14: Director's Report

Director Spackman mentioned the Idaho Ground Water Users Association members will be discussing a decision later that week regarding orders relating to the creation of a ground water management area. He indicated that he will be issuing an order regarding rotation credits or rotation of natural flow into storage in the Big Lost Basin. Also he discussed the Joyce Livestock decision.

Agenda Item No. 15: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Barker suggested an update by Mr. Yost would be helpful. Mr. Raybould suggested that a discussion on Water Supply Bank functioning would be appreciated at the next Work Session. Also recommended was a meeting for the WSB Committee.

Agenda Item No. 16: Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting was confirmed for January 23-24, 2017 in Boise in conjunction with the Idaho Water Users Association seminar and Senate Confirmation Hearings for Chairman Chase, Mr. Alberdi, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Barker.

Mr. Raybould moved to adjourn. Mr. Cuddy seconded. Voice vote: all in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2017.



Vince Alberdi, Secretary



Nikki Regent, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt Minutes 6-16. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion passed.
2. Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution for ground water conservation grants. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution for Treasure Valley recharge study. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution Island Park Reservoir enlargement. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution Sustainability Policy addition to the State Water Plan. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion carried.
6. Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution Wood River ground water policy for the water supply bank. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All were in favor. Motion passed.
7. Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution Priest River outflow gage. Mr. Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 8 Ayes. Motion carried.