



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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MINUTES MEETING NO. 2-17

Idaho Water Center
Conference Rooms 648A
322 East Front Street, 6th Floor
BOISE

February 6, 2017
Board Meeting
Telephonic Board Meeting

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman	Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary	Bert Stevenson
Dale Van Stone	Albert Barker
Chuck Cuddy (joined later)	

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Wesley Hipke, Project Manager
Nikki Regent, Admin. Assistant

Agenda Item No. 2: Hells Canyon

Mr. Patton introduced the Hells Canyon Complex Relicensing Resolution to the Board. The state of Oregon, when issuing its Clean Water Act, is requiring fish passage and reintroduction of anadromous fish past Hells Canyon Dam. This would occupy Idaho waters as well as Oregon Waters. Idaho has sent a few letters to the Oregon Governor outlining their position on this issue. The legislature is taking up a resolution on this issue as well and it was suggested that the Water Resource Board may also want to consider a resolution on this issue. The Resolution for the Board states that Policy 2B of the State Water Plan does not allow any introduction or reintroduction of federally listed species of other aquatic species without state consultation or approval is against the Public Policy Code 67818 paragraph 5. It also states that for these reasons, it

therefore be resolved and the Board opposed Reintroduction of anadromous fish above Hells Canyon Reservoir.

Mr. Barker also added that the resolution from the State of Idaho is being drafted and reviewed by the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office. The resolution that the Board is creating is not conflicting with the State of Idaho's resolution.

Mr. Raybould moved that the Board adopts the resolution. 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, absent; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 3: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Chairman Chase was asked by the Center of Resources Committee whether the Board would be interested in Federal money. Chairman Chase mentioned that the Board has a subcommittee that was looking into this. He feels that there is some support from the Senate with this. Mr. Raybould agreed that a subcommittee should be put together to pursue federal funding.

Chairman Chase discussed the flood water in the Upper Basin. Chairman Chase would like to move forward with opening the canals earlier in the season to assist with Recharge and also flooding that the Upper Basin may experience. Mr. Hipke has a draft template contract sent to legal in Friday to get their approval on it. Mr. Hipke has also been in contact with many of the canal companies to see which companies are interested with participating.

Agenda Item No. 4 Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Barker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of March 2017.



Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*



Nikki Regent, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

- Adopted a resolution in the matter of the Hells Canyon complex relicensing of the dams.