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## MINUTES MEETING NO. 5-17

**Lewis-Clark State College**  
Williams Conference Center  
837 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
LEWISTON, ID

May 18, 2017  
**Work Session**

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Gary Spackman, Mat Weaver, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Randy Broesch, Nikki Regent, Ken Neely and Amy Cassel. Guests present were: Ann Vonde, Lynn Rasmussen, Barney Metz, Korey Woodley, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Mark Solomon, Paul Kimmell, and John Williams.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- Proposed FY 18 Budget Secondary Aquifer Fund
- ESPA Recharge Update
- MHAFB Water Sustainability Project Update
- The Board amended the agenda to remove item #5 Salmon Challis Forest Plan Revision Process. All were in favor.
- Palouse Basin Water Supply Study
- Lewiston Deep Aquifer Phase Investigation 1 Final Report

At noon the Board broke for lunch. A tour of the Port of Lewiston and Lewiston Aquifer sites of interest followed lunch. No action was taken by the Board during the Work Session. The field trip ended at 4:45 p. m.

May 19, 2017  
**Board Meeting No. 5-17**

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  
Albert Barker

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

### *Staff Members Present*

Gary Spackman, Director  
Brian Patton, Bureau Chief  
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager  
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner  
Amy Cassel, Program Manager  
Mat Weaver, Deputy Director  
Nikki Regent, Admin. Assistant

### *Guests Present*

Ann Vonde  
John Williams  
Lynn Rasmussen

Barney Metz  
Doug Zenner

## **Agenda Item No. 2: Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Patton provided meeting minutes 1-17 and 7-16 for approval. Mr. Van Stone moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote: all in favor. The minutes were adopted.

## **Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment**

John Williams, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in the work session field trip and updated the Board about ongoing BPA activities.

## **Agenda Item No. 4: Financial Report**

Mr. Patton provided updates as of May 1<sup>st</sup> on the Board's account balances. He informed the Board of five loan applications in the early stages of preliminary planning, including the Ground Water Districts' loan.

Mr. Patton provided a status update of the sale of Pristine Springs. As of May 19, 2017, the purchase and sale agreement has been signed by both the College of Southern Idaho and the Board. On May 21, 2017, the documents were expected to be delivered to the title company and funds would be transferred to the Board's account by the trustee.

## **Agenda Item No. 5: Loan Interest Rate**

Mr. Patton presented options for modification of the Board's loan program interest rate per a recommendation from the Finance Committee. The Committee's recommendation was to change the loan interest rate from 3.4% to 4.5%, effective the beginning of fiscal year 2018. Mr. Barker recommended the rate change take effect as of May 19, 2017 (day of the Board Meeting).

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution as recommended. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, absent; 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. 6: FY 2018 Secondary Aquifer Fund Budget**

Mr. Patton briefly updated the Board on the FY 2018 Secondary Aquifer Fund resolution recommended by the Finance Committee during the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Jerome, ID. He noted that changes recommended by the Board during the work session will be made to the final resolution.

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to accept the resolution with changes as recommended. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, absent; 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. 7: Lewiston Deep Aquifer Phase 2 Investigation**

Mr. Miller presented a brief history of the one-time appropriation from 2014 House Bill 479 setting aside funds for Northern Idaho Aquifers. He discussed how in March 2016 the Board authorized funding for Phase One (completed April 1, 2017) of the Lewiston Deep Aquifer Investigation. Phase One included a hydrological analysis of the eastern and southern Lewiston plateau ground water management area producing important data that was used to identify additional work needed to address questions of the sustainability of the aquifers. Mr. Miller discussed a proposed Phase Two designed to collect more hydrologic and geological data. The final product of Phase Two is expected to be completed by June of 2018.

Mr. Van Stone made the motion to accept the resolution as presented authorizing the expenditure of up to \$109,000 from the Northern Idaho allocation in the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation fund to undertake Phase Two of the study targeted at improving the understanding of the Lewiston regional deep aquifer. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, absent; 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. 8: Priest Lake Update**

Mr. Miller presented a status report of the Priest Lake Water Management Study, including updates to the schedule and public meeting dates throughout the summer.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9: Goat & Meadow Creeks**

Ms. Cassel proposed two resolutions to the Board regarding Goat and Meadow Creek funding. The first resolution covered the cost of water based on the appraisal (before and after analysis) by Knipe Realty in Boise, ID. Knipe was hired by Western Rivers Conservancy. The cost of water was \$929,745.60 with a Water Supply Bank one-time rental fee of \$1,435.50. The second resolution authorized payment of the permanent Water District 71 administration fee of \$14,620. The resolution ensures Water District 71 will permanently administer water to the minimum streamflow in Goat and Meadow Creeks. The acquisition will be paid out in two lump sum payments.

Mr. Van Der Meulen made a motion to accept both resolutions as recommended. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, absent; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolutions were adopted.

#### **Agenda Item No. 10: ESPA Recharge**

Mr. Patton presented updated recharge amounts as of May 17, 2017. The Lower Snake River Valley recharged 38,736 af for 189 days. The Upper Snake River Valley recharged 136,000 af for 78 days. The Wood River Valley has recharged 38,127 af for the past 85 days and is continuing to recharge water. Mr. Patton introduced a resolution to the Board recommended by the Aquifer Stabilization Committee that

would allocate up to \$200,000 for testing one potential recharge basin, drilling and testing on infiltration well in the New Sweden Irrigation District (NSID) system and a Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program Application for the NSID reservoir recharge site.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution as recommended. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, absent; 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: Assistance for Securing Federal Funds**

Mr. Patton proposed a resolution to enter into a contract with the Ferguson Group, LLC, to provide assistance in securing federal funding for large-scale water projects. The Ferguson Group represents water interests in Washington D.C. Mark Limbaugh has served as a watermaster in Payette, Idaho, as Deputy Commissioner for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and as Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Science under the Bush Administration. He currently serves as the President of Ferguson Group. Mr. Patton stated that he has confidence in Mr. Limbaugh's ability to assist with Idaho's water interests.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Cuddy, absent; 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. 12: Director's Report**

Director Spackman expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Zenner and the Board for establishing a ground water management supported by technical services by Dale Ralston on the Lewiston Plateau. IDWR has been tracking various dams such as the Oakley, Big Lost and Mackey Dams. The department has requested the dams pass at least the minimum streamflow, but have halted due to floods in the surrounding cities. As the floods subside, dams are expected to continue their efforts.

Also, he informed the Board of an issue regarding which losses are accounted for on the Snake River. Aberdeen Springfield and a few other canal companies filed a petition with the Director after the natural flow was assigned by the Department to the reach above Blackfoot.

#### **Agenda Item No. 13: Non-Action Items for Discussion**

No items were discussed.

#### **Agenda Item No. 14: Next Meeting and Adjourn**

Next meeting was scheduled for July 27-28<sup>th</sup> in Idaho Falls. Mr. Van Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barker seconded. Voice vote: All were in flavor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.



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Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*



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Nikki Regent, *Administrative Assistant II*