



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

MINUTES MEETING NO. 8-17

Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

Hilton Garden Inn
Conference Center
7000 Lindsay Blvd.
IDAHO FALLS

Jeff Raybould
Vice-Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

July 27, 2017
Work Session

Vince Alberdi
Secretary
Kimberly
At Large

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Wesley Hipke, Mike McVay, Lyle Swank, Rick Collingwood, Nikki Regent, and Gary Spackman. Guests present were: Ann Vonde, Lynn Tominaga, and Senator Bair.

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

Charles "Chuck" Cuddy
Orofino
At Large

- A presentation by the City of Idaho Falls.
- A discussion on the criteria for Ground Water Conservation Grants and Water Sustainability Projects by Mr. Miller

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

Prior to the meeting from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., the Board attended a Field Trip to the Island Park Reservoir.

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

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

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

July 28, 2017
Board Meeting

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

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary
Dale Van Stone
Pete Van Der Meulen

Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman
Bert Stevenson
Albert Barker

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Wesley Hipke, Project Manager
Lyle Swank, Regional Manager

Gary Spackman, Director
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Mike McVay
Nikki Regent, Admin Assistant

Guests Present

Ann Vonde
Senator Bair
Albert Lockwood
Nick Schade
Wilder Hatch

Lynn Tominaga
John Williams
Mark Limbaugh
Clint Eells

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) subsection (f) for the purpose 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. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried. The topic discussed was recharge water rights.

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to move out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Raybould and agreed upon by voice vote in favor.

No actions were taken during executive session. The Board resumed the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment

Albert Lockwood from the Committee of Nine addressed the Board. There was some discussion among Board members. John Williams provided an update from the Bonneville Power Administration.

Agenda Item No. 4: Agenda & Approval of Minutes

No meeting minutes were provided.

Agenda Item No. 5: IDWR Regional Manager's Report

Lyle Swank provided a manager's report on the IDWR Eastern Region. He reviewed three topics: staffing issues for the region; rental pool rules and the water bank; and flood control management.

Agenda Item No. 6: ESPA Recharge Report

Mr. Hipke reported on the ESPA Recharge Program 2016/2017. He included program priorities and development. Discussion followed. Resolutions for infrastructure were presented.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution to approve funds for construction of the Richfield Site for the Big Wood Canal Company. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, abstain; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution to approve funds \$580,000 for infrastructure improvements for the Egin Bench Canal Inc. Mr. Alberdi seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, abstain; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution in the matter of the U.S. Department of Energy Idaho operations office funding to support ESPA Recharge and modeling efforts. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 7: ESPA Storage Level Status Report

Mr. McVay reported on the ESPA storage levels. Discussed were: improvements on water-level monitoring and aquifer storage changes for 2016/2017.

Agenda Item No. 8: Financial Status Report

Mr. Patton gave the Board's available and committed balances as of June 30, 2017 for the Secondary Aquifer Fund, the Revolving Development account, and the water management account. Senator Bair asked about monies not disbursed. There was some discussion about long term funding for recharge. A projections spreadsheet was recommended.

Agenda Item No. 9: Ground Water Districts/IGWA Loan

Mr. Patton provided background on the issue of the loan refinancing for the Ground Water Districts on the Eastern Snake Plain.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution to restructure the loan dated December 14, 2015. Mr. Alberdi seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 10: Goose Lake Reservoir Company Loan

Mr. Collingwood briefed the Board on the loan request for Goose Lake Reservoir Company to complete a study.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a loan. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 11: Salmon-Challis Wild & Scenic Rivers Eligibility—Presentation by US Forest Service

Mr. Patton provided some background and introduced Nick Schade, the Recreation Program Manager for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Mr. Schade described the eligibility and suitability for streams to be included in the Wild and Scenic Rivers program.

Agenda Item No. 12: Priest Lake Update

Mr. Miller gave a project status for the Priest Lake Water Management Study. He shared the results of the public meetings held.

Agenda Item No. 13: Ground Water Conservation Grants & Water Sustainability Projects

Mr. Collingwood presented two sustainability projects and two conservation projects. There was discussion about the program criteria. Mr. Alberdi suggested the decisions be tabled until the next meeting when program criteria can be completed.

Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the resolution for FCDC to receive a cost reimbursement of \$19,862.00. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr.

Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Collingwood briefed the Board on the Pebble Creek Irrigation project, asking for \$20,000 cost reimbursement. Mr. Hatch of the Caribou Soil Conservation District answered questions pertaining to the project.

Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the resolution to provide cost reimbursement of \$20,000 for the Pebble Creek Irrigation project. Mr. Raybould seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Collingwood presented a Ground Water Conservation Grant request from the City of Idaho Falls.

Mr. Raybould moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a conservation grant of \$10,000. Mr. Alberdi seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; Chairman Chase, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

City of Ketchum requested a Ground Water Conservation Grant in the amount of \$10,000. There was discussion about tabling this issue until the September meeting.

Mr. Raybould moved to table the request. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 14: IDWR Director's Report

Director Spackman provided an update on the Department.


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

Mr. Barker had some updates for the Board. Mr. Raybould asked about the dates of the January board meeting. Mr. Alberdi suggested a Finance Committee meeting to be held. Senator Bair applauded the Board's efforts. Mr. Patton stated Mark Limbaugh informed him of an upcoming Water Issues Workshop.

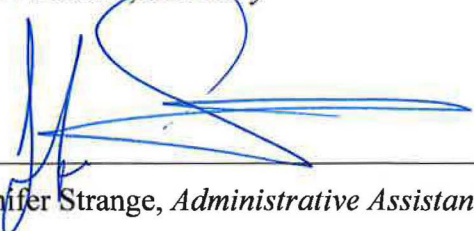
Agenda Item No. 16: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Meeting was adjourn.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April 2020.



Vince Alberdi, Secretary



Jennifer Strange, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

1. A resolution was adopted to approve funds for construction of the Richfield site for the Big Wood Canal Company.
2. A resolution was adopted to approve funds for infrastructure improvements for the Egin Bench Canal Inc.
3. A resolution was adopted in the matter of the U.S. Dept. of Energy, Idaho operations office funding to support ESPA recharge and modeling efforts.
4. A resolution was adopted in the matter of the Eastern Snake Plain Ground Water Districts and interim loan refinancing.
5. A resolution was adopted to authorize funding for dam structural evaluation for the Goose Lake Reservoir Company.
6. A resolution was adopted to approve funding for the Farmers' Co-Operative Ditch Company project in the amount of \$19,862.00.
7. A resolution was adopted to approve funding for the Pebble Creek Irrigation project in the amount of \$20,000.
8. A resolution was adopted to approve a Ground Water Conservation grant for the City of Idaho Falls in the amount of \$10,000.
9. A voice vote to table a request for a Ground Water Conservation grant for the City of Ketchum.