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MINUTES MEETING NO. 2-18

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

January 25, 2018
Work Session No. 2-18

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, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Wesley Hipke, Rick Collingwood, Remington Buyer, Liz Cresto, Nikki Regent, Sean Vincent, Garrick Baxter, Steve Stuebner, and Gary Spackman. Guests present were: Representative Gibbs, Ann Vonde, Hal Anderson, Jon Bowling, Marie Kellner, Walt Poole, Colonel Richey, Douglas Jones, Doug McAlvain, Claudia Cottle, Kresta Davis-Butts, Jon Bowling, Marie Kellner, Devin Stoker, Walt Poole, Selena Moore, Roland Springer, Lynn Tominaga, Braden Jensen, John Baker, and Shaun Parkinson.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- Mr. Alberdi made a motion for the Board to resolve into Executive Session. Mr. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) subsection (d), to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided by law. Topics: Legal Analysis of Interstate Waters.

Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi: Aye; Mr. Barker: Aye; Mr. Raybould: Aye; Mr. Rusche: Aye Mr. Stevenson: Aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen: Aye; Mr. Van Stone: Aye; and Chairman Chase: Aye. 8 Ayes.

No actions were taken by the Board during the Executive Session. Mr. Alberdi moved to exit Executive Session. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board resolved out of Executive Session at approximately 9:30 a.m.

- An update by Mr. Patton the Board's Finances. Director Spackman addressed the Board regarding a Department audit.
- A presentation by Ms. Bridge Clark and Roland Springer regarding the Boise River Feasibility Study.

Mr. Barker moved to amend the agenda to move item 7 up. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion.
Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

- Mr. Baxter provided the Board with an update on proposed legislation of interest.
- Mr. Hipke reported on ESPA recharge during the past year and projections for the upper and lower valleys
- Mr. Patton and Ms. Bridge Clark updated the Board on the Lost Valley Reservoir Expansion Project. Hal Anderson provided information on the project.
- Mr. Miller informed the Board of progress to the Priest Lake Reservoir as well as information provided by the approved study

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

January 26, 2018
Board Meeting No. 2-18

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary
Bert Stevenson
John Rusche

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

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Remington Buyer
Steve Stuebner

Gary Spackman, Director
Emily Skoro
Rick Collingwood
Wes Hipke
Nikki Regent

Guests Present

Ann Vonde, Deputy Attorney General
Colonel Richey
Claudia Cottle

Mark Bowen
John Williams
David Cottle

Agenda Item No. 2: Public Comment

Chairman Chase opened the meeting for public comment. Mark Bowen from Ch2MHill/Jacobs updated the Board on the merge between CH2M and Jacobs.

Mr. John Williams, Bonneville Power, gave the Board an update of BPA's ongoing projects and budget for 2018. Chairman Chase expressed his appreciation for BPA's efforts during the 2017 year.

Ms. Claudia Cottle and Mr. David Cottle gave the Board with a brief presentation of Bear River and expressed concerns with the water levels in the area.

Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda & Approval of Minutes

Mr. Patton presented the Board with five sets of meeting minutes 3-17, 4-17, 5-17, 6-17 and 7-17. Mr. Van Der Meulen suggested a change of the spelling of 'dams' on page four of meeting minutes 5-17.

Mr. Van Der Meulen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the change that was provided. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Voice vote: all were in favor. Motion passed. The meeting minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item No. 4: MHAFB Water Sustainability Project

Mr. Broesch provided the Board with a brief update on the progress of the MHAFB Water Sustainability Project. He was working on the Water Utility Service Contract negotiations with the Air Force Base establishing the long-term utility relationship between the Board and the MHAFB, and will serve as the revenue commitment needed to pursue the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the project.

Board staff and the MHAFB have been working together to move through the process of procuring the utility services. On December 21, 2017, the MHAFB issued “business clearance” (or authorization) to enter into negotiations with the Board. Negotiations are ongoing and staff anticipates execution of the WUSC by late March 2018.

Mr. Broesch also explained the Board is expected to retain the senior water rights and enter into a water utility service contract with the MHAFB for the delivery of the municipal water. The Board will undertake the financing, design, construction, and maintenance methods to bring the project to fruition. Colonel Richey addressed the Board.

Agenda Item No. 5: Bear River

Chairman Chase proposed a discussion regarding the Board’s future actions with the Bear River. He explained the possibility of adjudication and administration of the streamflow in Bear River, the possibility of recharge sites along the Bear River and the possibility of the Board taking an active role in this water interest. Mr. Stevenson suggested interested parties look into the adjudication process of the Bear River, so the Board understand what water rights are currently present and expected in the future. Mr. Van Der Meulen agreed with Mr. Stevenson’s suggestion to the interested parties. Mr. Raybould and Mr. Rusche suggested the Board look into the Basin Plan for the Bear River and see what the local stakeholders are interested in pursuing.

Agenda Item No. 6: Priest Lake Water Management Project

Mr. Miller gave a brief update on the Priest Lake Water Management project including the current process of the project, results of the study and recommendations and Governor’s FY2019 Budget a proposing appropriation of \$2.4 million for the Priest Lake Water Management Project to the Board’s Revolving Development Account.

Mr. Miller discussed the possibility of utilizing a 2005 CREP appropriation to the Board to be used to make loans to the ground water districts. Currently there is \$2.4 million remaining in 2005 CREP fund. Mr. Miller provided a resolution for the Board to consider.

Mr. Rusche made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Rusche, 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: Committee Assignments

Chairman Chase proposed committee assignments adding Mr. Rusche to the Water Storage, Streamflow and Planning Committees. Chairman Chase asked the committee members from the Water Storage Committee to decide who will be the chair for the committee.

Agenda Item No. 8: Director's Report

Director Spackman reiterated his appreciation Board's accomplishments during the 2017 calendar year and how JFAC was satisfied with the work the Board had accomplished. The Director updated the Board about two positions that will be added to assist with the Board's projects: a position to assist with contracts and another to assist with the accounting staff. Chairman Chase expressed his appreciation to Director Spackman for taking on tough issues for the Board and Jon Bowling from Idaho Power Company.

Agenda Item No. 9: 2018 Calendar

Mr. Patton proposed the IWRB calendar for 2018 with holding the July meeting in Moscow and September meeting in Salmon.

Agenda Item No. 10: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Barker updated on a Supreme Court water issue.

Agenda Item No. 11: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next meeting was set as March 22nd and 23rd, 2018. Mr. Van Der Meulen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Raybould seconded. Voice vote: All were in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of March, 2018.



Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*



Nikki Regent, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

- Approved Meeting Minutes 3-17, 4-17, 5-17, 6-17 and 7-17.
- Passed a resolution appropriating funds to the Priest Lake Project.