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MINUTES MEETING NO. 4-18

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

May 17, 2018
Work Session 4-18

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, Wesley Hipke, Rick Collingwood, Randy Broesch, Remington Buyer, Tim Luke, Amy Cassel, Nikki Regent, Liz Cresto, Aaron Golart, and Mat Weaver. Guests present were: Bud Corbus, Barbara Steele, Kresta Davis-Butts, Kira Finkler, Walt Poole, Connely Baldwin, Peter Anderson, Lanie Paquin, Jerry Klemm, Lynn Tominaga, Selena Moore, Hattie Zobott, Todd Garrett, Charles Brockway, Ann Vonde, Clive Strong, Mel Kunkel, Terry Scanlan, Roland Springer, Shaun Parkinson, Danny Tappa, Ron Abramovich, Kara Ferguson, Carl Ellsworth, Carl Lufkin, Merrill Beyeler, Bobby Hills, and Barney Metz.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- Mr. Miller presented FY 2019 Budget for the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management and Implementation Fund as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- Mr. Miller presented recommended changes by the Finance Committee for the proposed Flood Management Grant Program Criteria.
- Mr. Buyer introduced Roland Springer (Bureau of Reclamation), Bobby Hills (Nez Perce Tribe), Barney Metz (Lewiston Orchards), and Jerry Klemm (Lower Clearwater Exchange) to the Board. They discussed a proposal to appoint a committee to facilitate the lease and rental of storage water in the Lower Lapwai Basin.
- Mr. Raybould moved to amend the agenda to allow the representatives from the Raft River Pipeline briefing to speak following the Boise River Storage Feasibility Study, and to allow the Elmore County representatives to speak following the Raft River folks. Mr. Barker seconded. Voice vote: all in favor.

- Ms. Bridge Clark and Mr. Springer provided an update on the Boise River Storage Feasibility Study.
- Ms. Bridge Clark discussed the Raft River Pipeline. Hattie Zobott, Todd Garrett, and Charles Brockway presented the project information.
- Ms. Bridge Clark introduced Terry Scanlan who presented an update on the Elmore County Recharge Project.
- Mr. Patton, Chairman Chase, and Vice Chair Raybould provided an update of recent activities on the Bear River Basin as well as a resolution, for review, authorizing funds.
- Mr. Miller provided a status update on the Priest Lake Water Management Project.
- Mr. Hipke presented an ESPA Recharge update.
- Ms. Cassel provided a brief introduction to water issues in the Lemhi River Basin. Also addressing the Board were Carl Ellsworth, Carl Lufkin, and Merrill Beyeler.
- Ms. Bridge Clark, Ron Abramovich, and Kara Ferguson updated the Board on Natural Resources Conservation Service SNOTEL Analysis and Snow Survey Improvements.
- Ms. Bridge Clark, Shaun Parkinson, and others from IPC presented an update on program expansion and build-out, the development of the Weather Research and Forecast Model-Cloud Seeding Module (partially funded by the IWRB), and the status of the SNOWIE project (Seeded & Natural Orographic Wintertime Clouds: the Idaho Experiment).
- Tim Luke and Aaron Golart updated the Board on the status of the South Fork Clear Water River Suction Dredge Mining issues.
- Liz Cresto provided the Board with a presentation on ESPA Spring Flows.

No action was taken by the Board during the Work Session. The session adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

May 18, 2018
Board Meeting No. 4-18

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

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
 Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
 Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
 Randy Broesch, Engineer
 Amy Cassell, Transactions Program Manager

Mat Weaver, Deputy Director
 Meghan Carter, Deputy Attorney Gen.
 Andrea Courtney, Deputy Attorney Gen.

Guests Present

Connely Baldwin
 Ann Vonde
 Megan Sloan

Peter Anderson
 Emmi Blades

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Alberdi made a motion for the Board to resolve into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) subsection (d), to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Topic: MHAFB Water Sustainability Project, Water Utility Contract. In addition, the Board resolved into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 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. Topic: MHAFB Water Sustainability Project, Water Rights. 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; and Chairman Chase, aye. 7 Ayes. At approximately 8:35 a.m. the Board resolved into Executive Session by unanimous consent.

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

Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment

Chairman Chase opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was available.

Agenda Item No. 4: Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Patton presented the Board with a set of meeting minutes for the 3-18 meeting. Mr. Stevenson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Meeting minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Report

Mr. Miller presented the Financial Status Report, which included balances for the Secondary Aquifer Fund, Revolving Development Account, and the Water Management Account.

Agenda Item No. 6: Flood Management Grant Program

Mr. Miller gave a brief overview on the Proposed Flood Management Criteria and the funds approved by the legislature, including a FY 2018 transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management fund in the Department of Water Resources budget. The funding is intended for a grant program administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board to provide competitive grants for flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or flood prevention projects.

The Board reviewed the proposed criteria and resolution that was recommended by the Finance Committee for adoption by the Board. The resolution establishes a criteria and timeline for the award of Flood Management Grants.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 7: FY 2019 Secondary Aquifer Budget

Mr. Miller presented a resolution for the FY 2019 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund budget. There was a date change recommended.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution with the discussed change. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 8: ESPA Recharge

Mr. Patton presented a resolution amending the FY 2018 the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, Budget Recharge Conveyance cost from \$2,500,000 to \$4,700,000. The funds were unallocated funds in the Secondary Aquifer Fund.

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 9: Priest Lake Project

Mr. Miller proposed a resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority for Staff to proceed with the engineering and design phase for the Priest Lake Water Management Project. If approved, IWRB authorizes the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$600,000 from the Revolving Development Account for the Engineering and Design phase of the Priest Lake Water Management Project, which includes preliminary engineering, regulatory permitting, final engineering, and public/stakeholder support. There was discussion about an adjustment to the fund amount.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Raybould seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 10: Transaction Projects

Ms. Cassel proposed a resolution to Approve Funds and Provide Signatory authority for Bohannon Creek 2018-2037 Water Transaction Contracts. This resolution would consider funding for a total of \$1,370,370.00 for 20 years of pumping costs for both water users. Funds for the water transactions will come from 2018 Idaho Fish Accord and the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program. The resolution was recommended by the Streamflow Committee.

Mr. Van Der Meulen 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. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Ms. Cassel provided the Board with a resolution to Approve Funds and Provide Signatory authority for Big Timber Creek 2018-2037 Water Transaction Contracts. This resolution would consider funding for a total of \$117,937 for 20 years of pumping costs. Funds for the water transaction will come from 2018 Idaho Fish Accord. The resolution was recommended by the Streamflow Committee.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Ms. Cassel provided a resolution to Approve Funds and Provide Signatory for the Board to purchase water right no. 77-4207 from Wester Rivers Conservancy. This resolution would fund the acquisition of the Knapp Creek Water Right No. 77-4207 for a total of \$775,322.00. Funds for the acquisition will come from the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund. The resolution was recommended by the Streamflow Committee.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 11: Appointment of Hearing Officer for Denial of Dredge Mining Applications on Iowa Creek

Ms. Blades presented a resolution appointing James Cefalo as the Hearing Officer for the denial of the dredge mining applications on Iowa Creek.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 12: Bear River

Mr. Patton presented a resolution that would authorize up to \$100,000 for two items: 1) appraisals of lands where flood easements in Gentile Valley would be located, and 2) costs and/or contracts needed to participate in modeling studies with the State of Utah. Because both items are still somewhat uncertain, Staff is proposing that although funds would be authorized, all expenditures would require the further direction of the Chairman. There was discussion to remove the first item: appraisals of lands.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution with the discussed change. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 13: Director's Report

Deputy Director Weaver discussed the measurement effecting the Eastern Snake Plain effecting 5,500 points of diversion order requiring installation of meters. A hotline was used as a way to communicate those that have the new meters installed or have are waiting for installation with approved equipment. Mr. Weaver also briefly discussed the national flood insurance issues with FEMA, and that IDWR was currently in discussions with FEMA to remedy those concerns.

Agenda Item No. 14: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Barker stated that the EPA has set a deadline of May 21st for comments.

Agenda Item No. 15: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next meeting was scheduled for July 26-27, 2018 in Moscow, Idaho. There was discussion about scheduling a Water Supply Bank and Finance Committee meetings. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of July, 2018.


Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*


Nikki Regent, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

- The Board approved meeting minutes 3-18.
- The Board adopted a resolution to establish criteria for the award of Flood Management Grants.
- The Board adopted a resolution establishing the Fiscal Year 2019 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund
- The Board adopted a resolution amending the FY 2018 the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, Budget Recharge Conveyance cost from \$2,500,000 to \$4,700,000. The funds were unallocated funds in the Secondary Aquifer Fund.
- The Board adopted a resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority for staff to proceed with the engineering and design phase for the Priest Lake Water Management Project.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds and provide signatory authority in the matter in the Purchase of WR No. 77-4207 from Western Rivers Conservancy.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of Big Timber Creek 2018-2037 Water Transaction Contracts.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of Bohannon Creek 2018-2037 Water Transaction Contracts.
- The Board adopted a resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of the Priest Lake Water Management Project.
- The Board adopted a resolution appointing James Cefalo as the Hearing Officer for the denial of the dredge mining applications on Iowa Creek.
- The Board adopted resolution that would authorize up to \$100,000 for two items: 1) appraisals of lands where flood easements in gentile Valley would be located, and 2) costs and/or contracts needed to participate in modeling studies with the State of Utah. Because both items are still somewhat uncertain, Staff is proposing that although funds would be authorized, all expenditures would require the further direction of the Chairman.