



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

MINUTES MEETING NO. 5-18

Roger W. Chase
Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

Best Western Plus University Inn
Conference Room
1516 Pullman Road
MOSCOW

Jeff Raybould
Vice-Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

July 26, 2018
Work Session

Vince Alberdi
Secretary
Kimberly
At Large

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, Gary Spackman, Nikki Regent, and Doug Jones. Guests present were: Ann Vonde, Megan Sloan, Kiira Siiteri, Eugene Gussenhoven, Mark Solomon, Bobby Hills, Barney Metz, Korey Woodley, Tyler Palmer, John Simpson, Jerry Klemm, Robin Nimmer, Paul Kimmell, Roland Springer, and Les MacDonald.

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

- Mr. Miller presented flood management grant applications and flood management grant criteria as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- Mr. Miller gave a brief update on the Priest Lake Water Management Project.
- Kiira Siitari from Idaho Department of Fish & Game gave a presentation on the Priest Lake Siphon Proposal.
- Mr. Patton gave a brief overview of the Lower Lapwai Rental Pool Proposal. Director Spackman provided recommendations for the Board.
- Ms. Bridge Clark gave an overview of the history of Boise River Feasibility Study and current status of the project. Roland Springer, the Area Manager of Reclamation's Snake River Area Office, presented the details of technical team's findings and discussed options to focus study activities going forward to meet deadlines defined under the WIIN Act.
- Korey Woodley, Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee, updated the Board on current projects.

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen
Lewiston
At Large

July 27, 2018

Board Meeting No. 5-18

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
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager
Doug Jones, Northern Idaho Regional Mgr.
Nikki Regent, Admin Asst.

Gary Spackman, Director
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner

Guests Present:

Roland Springer, Bureau of Reclamation

Ann Vonde, Deputy Attorney General

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Alberdi made a motion for the Board to resolve into Executive Session. Mr. 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 immanently likely to be litigated. Topics: Water Rights. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion carried.

No actions were taken by the Board during the Executive Session. Mr. Alberdi moved to exit Executive Session. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded the motion. Voice vote: All were in favor. Motion carried. The Board resolved out of Executive Session at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item No. 4: Agenda & Approval of Minutes

Mr. Patton presented the Board with two sets of meeting minutes for the 11-17 and 4-18 meetings. Mr. Van Der Meulen made a motion to accept both sets of meeting minutes. Mr. Van Stone 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 as of June 30th. He included balances for the Secondary Aquifer Fund, Revolving Development account, and Water Management account. The committed/earmarked balance in the Water Management Account includes the \$1M legislative appropriation for the Flood Management Grant Program per HB 712. There was some discussion. Mr. Patton had some additional information.

Agenda Item No. 6: Flood Management Grant Awards

Mr. Miller presented a resolution to award funds and to amend the criteria for the Flood Management Grants originally passed on May 18, 2018. It would allow a second round of applications for the grants and direct staff to issue a statewide solicitation for Flood Management projects. Mr. Barker and Mr. Raybould suggested removal of the deadline dates from the criteria and inclusion of the submission dates in the notice to the public.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution to award funds, amend criteria with proposed changes in Attachment B, and amend the resolution to reflect the deadline to submit applications for the second round awards. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye with abstention on Twin Lakes Flood District application; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye with abstention on the 1st and 2nd applications; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 7: ESPA Recharge

Mr. Patton presented five resolutions to the Board that were recommended by the Aquifer Stabilization and Finance Committees. The resolutions will fund the development of managed recharge sites and infrastructure improvements. Mr. Van Der Meulen requested additional discussion about selection and prioritization of recharge sites going forward.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the five resolutions recommended by the Aquifer Stabilization Committee as a bundle. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Raybould, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Der Meulen, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolutions were adopted.

Agenda Item No. 8: Boise River Storage Feasibility Study

Ms. Bridge Clark presented a resolution to authorize the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to prioritize analysis of the feasibility of the raise of Anderson Ranch Dam. Mr. Barker suggested the resolution include coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation to identify cost savings resulting from the more focused scope of study. There was some discussion about the resolution. Mr. Springer provided some information.

Mr. Barker made a motion to amend and accept the resolution. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Alberdi, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, 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: Basin 63 Refill Settlement Agreement

Director Spackman explained the Basin 63 Refill Settlement Agreement. The agreement will protect the ability of the space to refill after flood control events per the water rights decreed by the SRBA court. The Supreme Court appeal will not occur at this time.

Agenda Item No. 10: Northern Idaho Regional Manager's Report

Mr. Jones expressed appreciation for Board sponsored projects in Northern Idaho, including the Priest Lake project. He mentioned some issues and challenges from the growing population like an increase in permits being issued. The Northern Region office will be fully staffed after experiencing personnel changes in the past three years.

Agenda Item No. 11: Director's Report

Director Spackman congratulated the Board on the extraordinary recharge efforts for the year and appreciation for the hard work put into the Priest Lake Project. He noted that the Board will receive funding from IDWR to pay for an operator and necessary maintenance. He explained a merger between Vista Power Company (Northern Idaho) and Hydro-One (Canadian). IDWR sought to intervene to this case in hopes of acquiring water rights that were subordinated in the Northern Idaho Adjudication. He had signed an agreement to make the water rights subordinate to future irrigation needs except irrigation storage in the lake.

Agenda Item No. 12: Non-Action Items for Discussion

No items were discussed.

Agenda Item No. 13: Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next scheduled board meeting will be September 13th and 14th in Salmon. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Chairman Chase seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of September, 2018.



Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*

Nikki Regent, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

- The Board adopted meeting minutes 11-17 and 4-18.
- The Board adopted a resolution to award funds and amend the criteria in the matter of Flood Management Grants.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund and provide signatory authority in the matter of infrastructure improvements for the MP 28 Hydropower Plant on the Milner-Gooding Canal for American Falls Reservoir District No.2.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund and provide signatory authority in the matter of construction of the Wilson Canyon Recharge Site off the North Side Canal Company.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund and provide signatory authority in the matter of construction of the H. Jones Recharge Site for the Farmers Friend Irrigation Company.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund and provide signatory authority in the matter of construction of the Ward Recharge Site for the Great Feeder Canal Company.
- The Board adopted a resolution to approve funds from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund and provide signatory authority in the matter of construction of the Browns Injection Well for the Butte & Market Lake Canal Company.
- The Board adopted a resolution to authorize the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to prioritize analysis of the feasibility of a raise of Anderson Ranch Dam in the matter of the Boise River Storage Feasibility Study.