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# MINUTES MEETING NO. 2-19

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

> March 21, 2019 Work Session

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, David Hoekema, Sean Vincent, Craig Tesch, Rick Collingwood, Ann Vonde, Emily Skoro, Shelley Keen, Nikki Regent, and Rick Collingwood. Guests present were: Peter Anderson, Walt Poole, Alexis Clark, Terry Scanlan, Shaun Parkinson, Ed Rose, Sarah Higer, Roland Springer, Selena Moore, Scott Campbell, Kevin Khotz, Jeff Fereday, and Steve Stuebner.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed

- \* An update on Water Supply by David Hoekema.
- \* A loan request presentation for Monument Ridge Ranch HOA by Mr. Collingwood.
- \* A presentation on the ESPA Cumulative Transfer Analysis by Shelley Keen.
- \* An update on the Boise River Feasibility Study by Mr. Patton, Ms. Bridge Clark, and Roland Springer of the Bureau of Reclamation.
- \* An update on the Priest Lake Water Management Project by Mr. Miller.
- \* Mr. Patton, Chairman Chase, and Vice Chair Raybould discussed recent developments with Bear Lake.
- \* An update on the Flood Management Grant Program by Mr. Miller.

March 22, 2019 Board Meeting No. 2-19

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
Neeley Miller, Senior Planner
Wesley Hipke, Program Manager
Rick Collingwood, Engineer
Nikki Regent, Admin. Assistant

Guests Present
Ann Vonde, Attorney General
Shawn Parkinson, Idaho Power Company
Roland Springer, Idaho Power Company
Douglass Jones, Idaho Water Engineering
Jon Bowling, Idaho Power Company
John Simpson, Barker Rosholt
Hal Anderson, Idaho Water Engineering
Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Association
Sam Eaton, Governor's Office

#### 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 (f), for the purpose of communicating with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation. Topic: Big/Little Wood River Recharge Water Right. Mr. Van Stone 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. 8 ayes. Motion carries.

At approximately 8:05 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 resolve out of 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 9:15 a.m.

## Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment

No items were discussed.

# Agenda Item No. 4: Agenda & Approval of Minutes

Mr. Patton presented the Board with a set of Meeting Minutes No. 1-19. Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion passed. The meetings were approved.

#### Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Report

Mr. Miller presented the Financial Status Report to the Board. The committed/earmarked but not disbursed balance in the Secondary Aquifer Fund was \$19,475,631 as of February 28, 2019. The Revolving Meeting Minutes 2-19

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Development Account has a committed/earmarked but not disbursed balance of \$23,336,233, loan principle outstanding of \$25,885,750, and uncommitted balance of \$2,442,771. The Water Management Account has a committed/earmarked but not disbursed balance of \$901, 702. The committed/earmarked balance in the Water Management Grant Account (WMA) included the \$1M legislative appropriation for the Flood Management Grant Program per HB 712. Mr. Miller noted the balance of the WMA will be adjusted as grant disbursements are made.

# Agenda Item No. 6: Monument Ridge Ranch HOA

Mr. Collingwood presented a resolution to authorize funding to replace a failing well and construct a new well in the matter of Monument Ridge Ranch Homeowner's Association loan request. The amount of the proposed loan was \$300,000.00 at 4.5% interest with a 10-year repayment term.

Mr. Collingwood presented the Board with the resolution to authorize funds for the Monument Ridge Ranch Homeowner's Association loan. Mr. Barker made a motion to 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. 8 ayes. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### Agenda Item No. 7: ESPA Managed Recharge Program Update

Mr. Hipke presented an update on the ESPA Recharge Program for the Board. A total of 205,853 acrefeet has been recharged in the 2018-2019 season. Recharge was accomplished for 216 total days with some locations beginning recharge as early as August 16, 2018.

#### Agenda Item No. 8: Spokane River Conference

Mr. Miller presented a resolution to consider a request to provide funding support to the Spokane River Forum in the amount of \$5,000.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to accept the resolution and recommended that he and Ms. Cole-Hansen attend. Mr. Barker 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. 8 ayes. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

#### Agenda Item No. 9: Legislation of Interest

Mr. Patton presented a few pieces of legislation of interest to the Board. HB 1 relating to the water rights permits and licenses was first introduced and read for the first time to Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee in the House for printing on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It passed the House on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, passed the Senate on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and was signed by the Speaker on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Bill was signed by the Governor on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Patton presented HB 67 related to geothermal water rights. The legislation amends existing code to clarify the temperature at which low temperature geothermal resources may be used for uses other than heat value. The bill was introduced on January 31<sup>st</sup>, passed the House on February 13<sup>th</sup>, and passed the Senate on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Agenda Item No. 10: Director's Report

Director Spackman addressed the Board about some seasonal issues with the operating gates at Priest Lake and about the May 1<sup>st</sup> Notice of Service to the Palouse Basin for the adjudication. He discussed Senate Bill 1056A which grants the director the authority to curtail ground water users that have failed to comply with provisions and elements of the mitigation plan imposed by ground water districts to meet the terms of the ESPA Settlement.

# Agenda Item No. 11: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Barker mentioned the County of Maui case that the Supreme Court will hear in October. The State of Idaho has joined the case through an Amicus Brief. He also discussed the completion of Phase 1 of the Columbia Basin Partnership and the start of Phase 2, which will be a review of the operating system. Ms. Cole-Hansen said feedback from the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee was positive, and they wish to meet with the Board during the May meetings.

Agenda Item No. 12: Next Meeting & Adjourn

Next meeting was scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mr. Barker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Raybould seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

Vince Alberdi, Secretary

Nikki Regent, Administrative Assistant II

# **Board Actions:**

- Approved meeting minutes 1-19.
- Approved a resolution to authorize funds for a loan to replace a failing well and construct a new well in the matter of Monument Ridge Ranch Homeowner's Association.
- Approved a resolution to allocate funds in the matter of projects related to the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan.