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MINUTES MEETING NO. 1-20

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

January 23, 2020
Work Session

Chairman Chase called the work session meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. All Board members were present. IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Neeley Miller, Wesley Hipke, Rick Collingwood, Sean Emily Skoro, Vincent, Craig Tesch, Matt Anders, David Hoekema, Dennis Owsey, Ethan Geisler, Kara Ferguson, Jennifer Strange, and Gary Spackman. Guests present were: Michael Orr, Darrell Early, Ann Vonde, Steve Stuebner, Dan Stanaway, Brandon McLean, Abbi Dorn, Nate Runyan, John Roldan, Tyson Glock, Ethan Geisler, Ashley Newbry, Steve Hannula, and Christian Petrich.

During the Work Session the following items were discussed:

- Emily Skoro introduced the Brown and Caldwell representatives who presented the Treasure Valley Managed Recharge Study. Dan Stanaway discussed water availability along the Boise River, the Payette River, and the Snake River in the Treasure Valley. Brandon McLean discussed favorable vs. unfavorable locations for managed aquifer recharge based on various criteria. Abbi Dorn provided infrastructure requirements and costs.
- Executive Session to discuss topics: Northern Idaho Adjudication and Lemhi River. Mr. Alberdi moved to resolve into executive session; Ms. Cole-Hansen 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. Closed to the public. No action was taken.

Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Mr. Van Der Muelen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. No action was taken by the Board during the Work Session. The session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

January 24, 2020
Board Meeting No. 1-20

At 8:30 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
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen

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

Staff Members Present

Gary Spackman, Director
Garrick Baxter
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Manager
Sean Vincent
Wesley Hipke
Rick Collingwood

Brian Patton, Executive Officer
Mat Weaver, Deputy Director
Neeley Miller, Water Resource Sr. Planner
Sascha Marston
Emily Skoro
Jennifer Strange Steve Stuebner

Guests Present

Ann Vonde
Scott Campbell
Keith Esplin
Cathy Cooper
Ron Fehringer

Bryan Horsburgh Mark Limbaugh
Hal Anderson Peter Anderson
Claudia Cottle David Cottle
Paul Kimmell John Williams
Kresta Davis-Butts Kevin Fagan

Agenda Item No. 2: Public Comment

David Cottle, Executive Director with the Bear Lake Watch made comments to the Board about protecting Idaho's interests in water from Bear Lake and for a joint solution. Keith Esplin from Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition mentioned a letter delivered to the Board members. He also provided an update on some projects with Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Recharge. John Williams provided three updates from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) related to cost allocations; BPA's strategic plan; and resource adequacy.

Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 10-19 & 11-19

Mr. Raybould suggested an edit for meeting minutes 10-19. Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the minutes for 10-19 with the suggested edit. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the meeting minutes for 11-19. Mr. Barker seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Financial Report

Mr. Miller provided a report of the Board's finances. He provided account balances.

Agenda Item No. 5: Boise River Feasibility Study

Bryan Horsburgh from Bureau of Reclamation provided an update on the Boise River Feasibility Study. A third alternative will be needed to complete the study. He stated the study is experiencing a delay, but

that they are committed to completion to meet the WIIN Act deadline. Project costs were discussed, and the Chairman emphasized the importance of keeping the deadline.

Agenda Item No. 6: ESPA Recharge

Mr. Hipke discussed ESPA recharge operations and capacity development efforts. Natural flow volumes were presented including an update on reservoir operations influencing available recharge water. Updates on completed projects and projects under development were provided.

Agenda Item No. 7: Priest Lake

Mr. Miller had a brief update on the Priest Lake Water Management Project. Background on the project was provided. Then the next steps related to the project schedule and the funding status were presented. There was some discussion about Board funding limitations and the need for stakeholders to seek alternative funding sources.

Agenda Item No. 8: Bear Lake Update

Vice Chairman Raybould stated there was a joint meeting with stakeholders to review the draft of the modelling team. The team completed a revision and will present their findings at an upcoming meeting in Logan, UT. Additionally, Mr. Raybould stated the Bear River adjudication seems to be moving forward in the Idaho Legislature.

Agenda Item No. 9: Update from Mark Limbaugh of the Ferguson Group

Mr. Limbaugh had several updates related to Federal affairs, including: fiscal year 2020/2021 appropriations; WaterSMART—WIIN Act Funding; water infrastructure bills; and Board accomplishments and priorities for 2020.

Agenda Item No. 10: Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Update

Paul Kimmell from the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee had information on recent surveys to assist in strategic long-term water supply solutions. Current projects listed were LEAP analysis; seismometers for quantifying recharge; Palouse water alternatives data gaps; and an updated groundwater model.

Agenda Item No. 11: Update on Potential Legislation of Interest

Mr. Baxter presented potential legislation of interest. He discussed the proposed legislation from the Department related to filing of statutory claims and water districts. Municipal legislation by the City of Twin Falls was proposed. Bear River Basin adjudication legislation was discussed. There was some discussion about rulemaking and related to stream channel alteration rules.

Agenda Item No. 12: Director's Report

Director Spackman had a few comments for the Board. He congratulated the Board and the department staff on the accomplishments of the recharge efforts. He had comments related to the rulemaking processes, the potential for Bear River adjudication, and financing for the Water Center.

Agenda Item No. 13: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Barker stated the water users in the Big Wood are interested in setting up a local water rental committee. Director Spackman stated he has reviewed drafts of the proposal and is supportive of the efforts. Mr. Stevenson asked if dye test results from the Wilson Canyon area could be presented at a future meeting.

Agenda Item No. 14: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Patton stated the next scheduled meetings are March 19 and 20, 2020 in Boise. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April, 2020.


Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*


Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*

Board Actions:

1. Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the minutes for 10-19 with the suggested edit. Mr. Van Der Meulen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion adopted.
2. Mr. Van Der Meulen moved to adopt the meeting minutes for 11-19. Mr. Barker seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion adopted.