



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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## MINUTES MEETING NO. 4-20

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

May 28, 2020  
**Board Meeting No. 4-20**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order. This meeting was conducted via online GoToMeeting/Teleconference from the IDWR conference rooms listed above.

### Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

#### *Board Members Present via GoToMeeting/Teleconference*

Roger Chase, Chairman	Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman
Vince Alberdi, Secretary	Pete Van Der Meulen
Bert Stevenson	Dale Van Stone
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen	Albert Barker

#### *Staff Members Present*

Gary Spackman, Director	Brian Patton, Executive Officer
Mat Weaver, Deputy Director	Jennifer Strange, Admin. Asst.

#### *Via GoToMeeting/Teleconference*

Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager	
Neeley Miller, Water Resource Sr. Planner	
Garrick Baxter, Deputy Attorney General	
Sean Vincent	Craig Tesch
Wesley Hipke	Amy Cassel
Neal Farmer	Rick Collingwood
Emily Skoro	Kala Golden
Justin Shearer	Steve Stuebner
Noah Stewart-Maddox	

#### *Guests Present via GoToMeeting/Teleconference*

Ann Vonde	Darrell Early	Clive Strong
Michael Orr	Bryan Horsburgh	Scott Campbell
Hattie Zobott	Dylan Lawrence	Tom Bassista

Peter Anderson  
Lynn Tominaga  
Rob Sepich

John Roldan  
Marie Callaway Kellner  
Scott Pugrud

Kresta Davis-Butts  
Selena Moore  
John Simpson

### **Agenda Item No. 2: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 3-20**

Mr. Patton presented meeting minutes 3-20 for approval.

Mr. Raybould moved to accept the minutes with the addition of Al Barker to the roll call. Mr. Alberdi seconded the motion. Voice vote. All ayes. The minutes were adopted.

### **Agenda Item No. 3: Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Agenda Item No. 4: Financial Report**

Mr. Miller provided the Board's financial status report. Available and committed balances were for the Secondary Aquifer Funds: committed/earmarked but not disbursed--\$13,763,007 and uncommitted balance--\$8,445,450; Revolving Development Account: committed/earmarked but not disbursed--\$20,794,411, loan principal outstanding--\$26,242,888, uncommitted balance--\$7,044,254, and anticipated loanable funds available next year--\$10,544,254; and the Water Management account: committed/earmarked but not disbursed--\$21,085,100 and uncommitted balance--\$467,083. The totals were committed/earmarked but not disbursed--\$55,642,518; loan principal outstanding--\$26,242,888; and uncommitted balance--\$15,956,787. There was no discussion.

### **Agenda Item No. 5: Senate Concurrent Resolution 137**

Mr. Clive Strong presented information on Senate Concurrent Resolution 137, which included a brief history of events in the Lemhi River Basin that led to the resolution. There was discussion about what's next and the Board's role. Technical presentations from the Department will be needed to move forward. Meetings with the water users in the basin and board members were recommended. No actions were taken.

### **Agenda Item No. 6: Boise River Feasibility Study**

Ms. Bridge Clark introduced Mr. Bryan Horsburgh from the Bureau of Reclamation who provided a project update and a request from BOR for additional funding from the IWRB to address project cost increases. Mr. Horsburgh explained the reasons for the cost increase and addressed questions from IWRB members. A draft resolution to approve additional funding for the study was presented by Ms. Bridge Clark. She suggested changes to the draft resolution at lines 62-63. It was asked where the additional funds would come from; Mr. Patton stated that the increase would come from the FY 2020 budget from the Secondary Aquifer Fund.

Mr. Raybould made a motion to accept the resolution as recommended. Mr. Stevenson 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, no response; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

### **Agenda Item No. 7: Priest Lake Update**

Mr. Miller provided a brief background on the management study recommendations; and an update on Phase 3 of the project, including the funding status. Mr. Collingwood provided a schedule of events for the project for this year. He stated that IDWR hydrologists are developing an operations plan. Mr. Miller stated that bids would be coming in and a resolution will likely be presented at the July board meeting. Mr. Raybould asked about funding options and bids. Mr. Collingwood replied that there seems to be a good amount of interest in the upcoming project. No action was taken by the board on this item.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8: Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund Budget**

Mr. Miller discussed the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund Budget and said that when a line item has an asterisks near it, then the funds listed will require a board approved resolution for the funding to be utilized. In April, the Finance Committee recommended the Board adopt the attached budget. There was some discussion on the 5% holdback request from the Governor's office.

Ms. Cole-Hansen 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, no response; Chairman Chase, aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9: Flood Management Grant Program Update**

Mr. Miller gave a brief history on the Flood Management Grant Program budgets. The FY2020 monies will be transferred on July 1, 2020. Chairman Chase asked if all projects were good projects, and Mr. Miller assured that the guidance criteria developed by the Board was being used. The deadline for project submittal would result in a recommendation from an upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

#### **Agenda Item No. 10: Administrative Rules Update**

Mr. Weaver provided a brief review of the administrative rules processes. He discussed next steps and a memo from the Division of Financial Management.

#### **Agenda Item No. 11: Update on Legislation**

Mr. Baxter provided information on legislation recently passed. There was some discussion about the Bear River adjudication legislation that was passed. There was some discussion about Senate Bill 1283. No action was taken.

#### **Agenda Item No. 12: Director's Report**

Director Spackman updated the Board on the University of Idaho financial issue and on the 5% budget holdback directive. He stated that there is currently a hiring freeze for the agency, and those openings will provide some of the funds for the holdback. Any position considered "essential" would need to go before a review committee with DFM. Board members made statements of support for keeping the agency run efficiently by looking at some of the available positions. Director Spackman shared the steps being taken in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Finally, he discussed some challenges with the stock water statute.

There was further discussion about the upcoming Department budget. No action was taken.

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

Mr. Stevenson asked about flows past Milner. Mr. Hipke stated the flows were natural, not augmented. Chairman Chase stated he had received an email from John Williams of BPA that provided evidence that water vessels which had passed inspections were found to have invasive mussels, later found by trained dogs.

#### **Agenda Item No. 14: Executive Session**

Mr. Alberdi made a motion to move into Executive Session to communicate 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; and to consider records that are exempt from disclosure. Mr. Raybould 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, no response; Chairman Chase, aye. All ayes. The topics discussed were Lemhi by Michael Orr and Aquifer Recharge by Ann Vonde and Darrell Early.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to move out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Barker and agreed upon by voice vote in favor. No actions were taken by the Board in Executive Session. The session was closed to the public.

**Agenda Item No. 15: Next Meeting and Adjourn**

The next meeting was confirmed for July 30, 2020 in Boise and via online/teleconference. Mr. Raybould moved to adjourn. Mr. Barker seconded. Voice vote: all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
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Vince Alberdi, *Secretary*  
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Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*

**Board Actions:**

1. Adopted Meeting Minutes No. 3-20.
2. Approved funding resolution to commit additional funding in the matter of Boise River Basin Feasibility Study.
3. Approve a resolution to pass the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, & Implementation Funds.