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MINUTES MEETING NO. 2-24

Water Center
Conference Rooms 602 C-D
322 E. Front Street
BOISE

February 5, 2024
Special Board Meeting No. 2-24

At 1:02 PM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel. Online participants joined via Zoom.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Albert Barker – *in person*

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chairman- *online*

Marcus Gibbs - *online*

Patrick McMahon- *online*

Brian Olmstead- *online*

Dean Stevenson, Secretary- *online*

Dale Van Stone- *online via livestream*

Jeff Raybould, Chairman- *online*

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Executive Manager

Cynthia Bridge Clark

Wesley Hipke

Neeley Miller

Phil Blankenau

Jennifer Strange

Cooper Fritz-*online*

Guest Participants on Zoom

Barney Metz

Ann Yribar

Lance Schuster

Agenda Item No. 2: South Fork Recharge Project Proposal

Cooper Fritz provided brief summaries of additional research regarding the proposed South Fork Recharge Basin project considering site geology, the value of the parcel on which the site would sit, an analysis of how the 74

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acres in the parcel would be used, and clarification from Progressive Irrigation District (PID) regarding the use of any assets derived from the parcel beyond the recharge basin. Mr. Gibbs appreciated the additional information. Mr. Stevenson asked about the associated water rights. Mr. Barker asked about the maximum delivery capacity. There was discussion about modeling results. Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the resolution that had been included in the meeting materials. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion.

Mr. Hipke interjected that an updated resolution was available for discussion. Mr. Barker suggested that “costs” be added to the updated resolution. There was discussion about using Secondary Aquifer funds to purchase land. There was discussion about monies returned from the sale of byproducts. Mr. Barker asked if all the property could be purchased with Secondary Aquifer funds. Chairman Raybould suggested some edits for the resolution. Considering all the suggested edits to the resolution, the maker and second of the motion both withdrew their motions. Mr. Hipke read the last portion of the resolution which stated that “the IWRB will not release funds for this Project until agreements to deliver recharge water to the 55th Road Recharge Site and this Project are fully executed including the necessary agreements between PID and the Enterprize Canal Company.”

Mr. Lance Schuster for PID stated that there was no agreement with Enterprize. Chairman Raybould suggested the resolution be passed with the agreement as listed in the resolution.

Mr. Olmstead moved to adopt the resolution with the discussed amendments. Mr. Barker seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahan, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, absent; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 7 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 3: Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project Terms and Conditions

Neeley Miller stated that on December 4, 2023, Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District submitted a request for \$1,287,000 to fund a 30 percent engineering and design study. Representatives provided a presentation on the funding request at the IWRB’s January 11, 2023, Finance Committee meeting. On January 19th the IWRB passed resolution no. 06-2024, authorizing \$1,287,000 to complete the engineering and design study for the project. In that resolution, the IWRB also directed staff to work with project sponsors to develop appropriate contract terms and conditions to be brought back to the IWRB for approval.

He discussed the terms and conditions included by attachment to a draft resolution. Barney Metz with LOID stated that the terms and conditions had been reviewed and were acceptable.

Mr. McMahan moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, abstain; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahan, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, absent; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 4: Metric Evapotranspiration Ground Truthing Project

Mr. Patton introduced Phil Blankenau. Cynthia Bridge Clark provided background on the project. The Board’s budget included a line item for the project up to \$1M. Details for the project were presented last May by Mr. Blankenau. Mr. Barker asked about the overestimation of water usage in groundwater modeling. Mr. Blankenau stated that the focus would be on ESPA model boundary. A draft resolution was presented.

Mr. Gibbs moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, absent; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 7 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 5: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Olmsted stated that folks will likely be providing more proposals for recharge sites in Eastern Idaho.

Agenda Item No. 6: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Patton mentioned upcoming events. Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of March 2024.



Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*



Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*