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MINUTES MEETING NO. 4-24

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

March 28, 2024
Work Session

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Chairman Raybould called the work session meeting to order at 8:06 AM (MT) in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel online. Board members present were Al Barker (joined after item 5), Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marcus Gibbs, Patrick McMahon, Brian Olmstead, Dean Stevenson, Dale Van Stone, and Chairman Jeff Raybould.

IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Mathew Weaver, Wesley Hipke, Mary Condon, Matt Anders, Sean Vincent, David Hoekema, Ethan Geisler, Neal Farmer, Amy Steimke, Rob Whitney, Shelley Keen, Tito Sanabria, Collin Macheel, Kara Ferguson, Erik Boe, Craig Tesch, Steve Stuebner, and Jennifer Strange.

Guests present were: Neil Shippy, Scott Pugrud, Kresta Davis, John Simpson, John Williams, Paul Arrington, and Ann Yribar.

Agenda Item No. 2: Social Media Strategy

Steve Stuebner discussed the department's social media strategy. There was some discussion about handling comments. He displayed some of the recent posts on the Facebook page and examples of posts from other state agencies.

Agenda Item No. 3: Groundwater Modeling update

Sean Vincent discussed groundwater modelling process and all modelling projects across the state.

Agenda Item No. 4: Water Supply Meeting Update

David Hoekema shared snowpack conditions across the state and provided a discussion on basin-wide seasonal volumes and drought conditions.

The board took a short break. Immediately following the break, Director Weaver announced that Sean Vincent would soon be retiring. Appreciation was expressed.

Agenda Item No. 5: Stream and Return Flow Monitoring

Tito Sanabria and Collin Macheel discussed the Eastern Snake Plain surface water monitoring program. They highlighted collaboration and the importance of telemetry, including data quality and calibration.

Agenda Item No. 6: Rental Pool Procedures

Mary Condon presented amended rental pool procedures for Water District 01-Upper Snake, Water District 65-Payette, and Water District 65K-Lake Fork. Mr. Barker asked for a summary of the discussion on proposed changes to the last official rules in WD 65.

Agenda Item No. 7: Administrative Rules Update

Erik Boe updated the board on four active rulemakings, including well construction standards and injection well rules.

Agenda Item No. 8: Big Wood GWMA Management Plan Update

Shelley Keen provided an update on Wood River Groundwater Management Area management plan. He discussed current progress and future plans for the committee. There was discussion about the board's commitment to the CIEF (Conservation, Infrastructure, and Efficiency Fund) committee.

Agenda Item No. 9: Potential Legislation of Interest

Garrick Baxter provided the dispositions of several pieces of legislation of interest to the board.

Agenda Item No. 10: Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 11: Adjourn

Dean Stevenson moved to adjourn. Mr. Van Stone seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

March 29, 2024
Board Meeting No. 4-24

At 8:30 AM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel online upon adjournment of the executive session.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Albert Barker, *online video only—audio didn't work*

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chairman

Marcus Gibbs

Patrick McMahan

Brian Olmstead

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

Dale Van Stone

Jeff Raybould, Chairman

Staff Members Present

Mathew Weaver, Director
Cynthia Bridge Clark
Mary Condon
Neeley Miller
Meghan Carter
Mike Morrison

Brian Patton, Deputy Director/Exec. Manager
Wesley Hipke
Dylan Wimer
Amy Cassel
Justin Ferguson

Guests Present

Scott Campbell
Bryan Horsburgh
Chris Keith
Nick Smith

Ann Yribar
Neil Shippy
Erik Boschulte

Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (f) 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 pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, unavailable; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 7 ayes. The motion passed.

Scott Campbell spoke on the topic of Nez Perce Water Rights. Ann Yribar spoke on City of Pocatello WD 01 Rental Pool Litigation. The topic of ARPA Funding was not discussed.

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve out of executive session at 9:07 AM. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried. The meeting was closed to the public, and no actions were taken during the executive session.

Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 1-24, 2-24, and 3-24

The agenda did not have changes. The minutes for meetings 1-24, 2-24, and 3-24 were available for approval. Mr. McMahon moved to approve the minutes presented. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Report

Neeley Miller provided the Board's financial report. The accounts as of February 29, 2024, were: Secondary Aquifer Fund: cash balance \$39,198,253, committed/earmarked but not disbursed \$30,321,408, and uncommitted balance \$8,876,845; Revolving Development Account: cash balance \$35,939,252, committed balance \$33,014,247, loan principal outstanding \$19,082,964, and uncommitted balance \$2,925,005, and Water Management Account: cash balance \$291,283,543, total obligated funds \$257,754,803, and unobligated funds \$33,528,740.

Total committed/earmarked/ obligated but not disbursed \$321,090,458; total loan principal outstanding \$19,082,964; and total uncommitted/unobligated balance \$45,330,590.

ARPA: committed per HB 769 is \$100,000,000; committed per SB 1181 is \$24,497,543; expended \$76,387,526; obligated \$88,884,921; and unobligated (\$40,774,903).

The obligated balance in the Water Management Account includes the \$20M legislative appropriation per HB 285 (FY 2019) for the Anderson Reservoir Enlargement and/or Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Supply Project. The obligated balance also includes \$50M for large infrastructure projects per Senate Bill 1121 (FY 2021) for the Anderson Ranch enlargement, Mountain Air Force Base Water Supply Project, ESPA Managed Aquifer Recharge Program, other projects identified by the IWRB.

The Water Management Account unobligated balance also includes \$150M per HB 361 to be used for expenditures, loans, or grants for water projects, including studies to address water sustainability, rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure, or support flood management. The legislature indicated that the IWRB may provide up to one-third of this money for grants.

Mr. Patton commented about Senate Bills 1411 and 1269.

Agenda Item No. 6: Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Update

Cynthia Bridge Clark introduced Bryan Horsburgh of Bureau of Reclamation who discussed progress on design packages and environmental compliance on the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise.

Ms. Bridge Clark discussed a draft resolution to authorize additional expenditures from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund, up to \$950,000, for the remaining activities defined in Modification No. 3 to the MOA

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

Agenda Item No. 7: Priest Lake Dam Modification Update

Mike Morrison introduced engineer Dylan Wimer. He shared the finishing touches to the Priest Lake Dam modification construction and named future needs for dam maintenance and operations. There was some discussion on automation options.

Agenda Item No. 8: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project Update

Mike Morrison introduced Nick Smith with Stantec and Erik Boschulte with IMCO Construction.

He discussed reasons for a change order for \$350,502.00. He provided a draft resolution. There were questions about the pumps for the station.

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

Agenda Item No. 9: Rental Pool Procedures & Appointments (WD 01, 63, 65, 65K, 74)

Mary Condon shared a draft resolution for Water District 01-Upper Snake River amended rental pool procedures and appointments. Director Weaver provided his recommendation.

Mr. Van Stone moved to approve the resolution for WD 01. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ms. Condon discussed a draft resolution for WD 63 Boise River rental pool procedures and appointments.

Mr. Olmstead moved to approve the resolution for WD 63. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ms. Condon discussed a resolution to adopt updated procedures and appointments. Director Weaver stated he would recommend the procedures that Water District 65-Payette River amended.

Mr. Gibbs moved to approve the resolution for WD 65. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ms. Condon presented amended rental pool procedures. Director Weaver had looked over the amended procedures. Resolution reappointed committee for Water District 65K-Lake Fork and adopted amended procedures.

Mr. McMahon moved to approve the resolution for WD 65K. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ms. Condon shared a draft resolution to reappoint the local committee for the WD 74-Lemhi River Basin Rental Pool.

Mr. Van Stone moved to approve the resolution for WD 74. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 10: Regional Water Sustainability Project Priority List

a. Proposed List Update

Neeley Miller shared an updated list for priority projects. Mr. Olmstead had a question about Minidoka dam raise. Mr. Patton discussed options for that project. Ms. Cole-Hansen stated that the Finance Committee recommended the updated list.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to approve the resolution to update the RWSP List. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

b. Proposed Criteria Update

Neeley Miller discussed a proposed criteria update. The Finance Committee recommended the updates. He shared the updated criteria and a draft resolution.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to approve the resolution to update the RWSP List criteria. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 11: Regional Water Sustainability Project Contract Terms and Conditions for New York Canal Rehabilitation Project

Neeley Miller presented terms and conditions for the New York Canal Rehabilitation Project. He provided a draft resolution. There was discussion that the project would be considered eligible for ARPA funding.

Mr. Patton stated that the Attorney Generals' office review was pending for that determination. They recommended the resolution be amended to add "pending review" language.

Mr. Gibbs moved to approve the resolution with the mentioned amendment. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 12: Director's Report

Director Weaver shared thoughts on social media and discussed the policy related to public comments. He provided an update on employee compensation. He provided an update on ESPA Area of Common Groundwater. A map was shown on screen. He mentioned that seven new mitigation plans from groundwater districts have been received. He explained how SB 1341 modified the area of common groundwater boundary. He provided updates on the methodology order and joint runoff forecast timeline.

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


There were no other items for discussion.

Wesley Hipke had a brief update on ESPA recharge.

Agenda Item No. 14: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of May 2024.



Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*



Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*