



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Brad Little
Governor

MINUTES MEETING NO. 6-24

Jeff Raybould
Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

University of Idaho Bonner County Extension
Conference Room
4205 N. Boyer Ave.
SANDPOINT

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen
Vice Chair
Lewiston
At Large

May 23, 2024
Work Session

Dean Stevenson
Secretary
Paul
District 3

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Chairman Raybould called the work session meeting to order at 8:30 AM (PT) in Sandpoint, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel online. Board members present were Al Barker, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marcus Gibbs, Patrick McMahon, Brian Olmstead, Dean Stevenson, Dale Van Stone, and Chairman Jeff Raybould.

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Mat Weaver, Kara Ferguson, Mike Morrison, Neeley Miller, Michelle Richman, Evan Roda, Steve Stuebner, and Jennifer Strange. Online were Erik Boe and Amy Cassel

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

Guests present were: John Simpson, John Williams, Tyler Plamer, Clay Hickey, Merritt Horsmon, Mike Faupel, Allen S., and Ann Yribar.

Brian Olmstead
Twin Falls
At Large

Agenda Item No. 2: Administrative Rules Update

Erik Boe provided a brief update on rulemaking schedules.

Marcus Gibbs
Grace
District 4

Agenda Item No. 3: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project

Mike Morrison provided a construction schedule for the Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project.

Patrick McMahon
Sun Valley
At Large

Agenda Item No. 4: North Idaho Adjudication Update

Evan Roda discussed updates on the adjudication efforts in North Idaho.

Agenda Item No. 5: North Idaho Fisheries Streamflow Challenges & Opportunities by Idaho Fish and Game

Clay Hickey and Merritt Horsmon shared issues that Idaho Fish and Game are observing with streamflow in certain areas of North Idaho. They focused on salmon and trout impacts within the Potlach and Pack Rivers areas.

Agenda Item No. 6: Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Presentation

Tyler Palmer discussed water issues for declining aquifers in the Moscow area. He discussed several project options to provide water to the region. He discussed a renewed focus to project alternative one. Next steps include an RFQ to refine the process.

Agenda Item No. 7: Regional Manager’s Update

Michelle Richman provided updates on the work of the Northern region office. She discussed the status of the aquifers in the region.

Agenda Item No. 8: Priest Lake Outlet Dam Operations Update

Kara Ferguson and Michelle Richman discussed hydrology involved with outlet dam operations at Priest Lake. Operational guidance and communications challenges were discussed.

Agenda Item No. 9: Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 10: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM (PT). After lunch, the board went to the Priest Lake outlet dam for a field trip.

May 24, 2024
Board Meeting No. 6-24

At 8:32 AM (PT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Sandpoint, 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
- Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chairman
- Marcus Gibbs
- Patrick McMahan
- Brian Olmstead
- Dean Stevenson, Secretary
- Dale Van Stone
- Jeff Raybould, Chairman

Staff Members Present

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| Mathew Weaver, Director | Brian Patton, Deputy Director/Exec. Manager |
| Cynthia Bridge Clark | Wesley Hipke |
| Neeley Miller | Kara Ferguson |

Jennifer Strange

Steve Stuebner

Staff Members Online

Meghan Carter
Amy Cassel
Craig Tesch

Justin Ferguson
Amy Steimke
Sascha Marston

Guests Present

Ann Yribar

John Williams

Guests Online

Scott Campbell
Bryan Horsburgh
Chris Keith
Ben Sandberg
Norm Semanko

Ron Shurtleff
Tom Banducci
Doug Jones
Eric Simonson
Wade Olorenshaw

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. Mr. Barker 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Scott Campbell spoke on the topic of North Idaho Adjudication Federal and Tribal Reserve Claims. Meghan Carter spoke on the topic of Priest Lake.

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve out of executive session at 9:22 AM (PT). Mr. Barker 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 4-24 and 5-24

The agenda did not have changes. The minutes for meetings 4-24 and 5-24 were available for approval. Mr. McMahon moved to approve the minutes presented. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Public Comment

Doug Jones provided an update on the Lost Valley Reservoir project. He stated that all shares had been sold; funds collected; and Forest Service meetings will result in squirrel studies commencing.

John Williams with Bonneville Power Administration provided updates on industry developments and partnerships.

Agenda Item No. 5: Financial Report

Neeley Miller provided the Board's financial report. The accounts as of March 31, 2024, were: Secondary Aquifer Fund: cash balance \$38,361,952, committed/earmarked but not disbursed \$29,485,107, and

uncommitted balance \$8,876,845; Revolving Development Account: cash balance \$35,836,499, committed balance \$32,918,051, loan principal outstanding \$18,864,804, and uncommitted balance \$2,918,448, and Water Management Account: cash balance \$290,349,765, total obligated funds \$183,278,863, and unobligated funds \$107,070,902.

Total committed/earmarked/ obligated but not disbursed \$364,548,216; total loan principal outstanding \$18,864,804; and total uncommitted/unobligated balance \$118,866,195.

ARPA: committed per HB 769 is \$100,000,000; committed per SB 1181 (2023) is \$24,497,543; committed per SB 1411 (2024) is \$25,502,500; and total received to date is \$150,000,043. Total expended \$82,234,932; obligated (but not yet expended) \$78,033,115; and total obligated \$160,268,047. Obligated (but appropriation not yet received) is (\$10,268,003).

Agenda Item No. 6: FY25 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund Budget

Neeley Miller provided a draft resolution to adopt the FY25 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund budget. He discussed parts of the resolution. The budget had been recommended by the Finance Committee on May 13, 2024.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. McMahon 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 7: Water Management Account and ARPA Spending Plans

Cynthia Bridge Clark provided an update on Water Management Account funds and ARPA spending plans. Staff recommended that the Finance Committee meet in June to review spending plans and update costs.

Agenda Item No. 8: Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria Update

Neeley Miller provided a draft resolution that the Finance Committee had recommended at the May 13th meeting to update Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Voice vote: 7 ayes, Mr. Barker, abstained. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 9: Anderson Ranch Dam Raise

Cynthia Bridge Clark introduced Bryan Horsburgh, of the Bureau of Reclamation, who provided updates on the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise project. He mentioned that updated cost estimates would be forthcoming after a meeting with the Regional Director in early June.

Agenda Item No. 10: Priest Lake Outlet Dam

a. Operations and Maintenance Contracts

Mike Morrison discussed a resolution to provide funding for operations and maintenance contracts of the Priest Lake outlet dam. He stated the costs would be \$150,000 over 5 years.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Barker 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

b. Construction Litigation

Mike Morrison provided a resolution to provide \$280,000 for litigation costs in the Priest Lake construction litigation.

Mr. Olmstead moved to approve the resolution Mr. Stevenson 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 11: Regional Water Sustainability Projects List Update

Neeley Miller discussed an update to the Regional Water Sustainability Projects List that was first presented to the Storage Committee on May 6th and then to the Finance Committee on May 13th. The update adds Upper Payette Basin Storage Project to the list.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Gibbs 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 12: Loan Program

a. Farmers' Land & Irrigation Company

Justin Ferguson discussed a loan of \$185,333 with an interest rate of 8.5% for a 15-year term for Farmers Land & Irrigation Company. He highlighted conditions on the resolution.

Mr. Gibbs moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Stevenson 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

b. Boise City Canal Company Loan Extension

Justin Ferguson discussed a loan extension request from Boise City Canal Company. The resolution would extend CONTRACT IWRB1041 to December 2025.

Mr. Stevenson moved to approve the resolution Mr. Gibbs 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, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Agenda Item No. 13: Director's Report

Director Weaver mentioned issues with structural integrity on Albeni Dam. He addressed concerns with potential interference with treaties in Canada and Idaho water allocations. Also, he recently spent time in the Potlach drainage area and suggested that requests for managed resources will likely rise. He further shared concerns with timelines for the MHAFB water right application. Finally, he provided an update on the delivery calls on the ESPA.

Mr. Barker asked for an update on Basin 37. Mr. Weaver mentioned that the committee met last week. They plan to resubmit in October/November timeframe. Mr. Barker asked if the CEIF would continue. Mr. Olmstead suggested that it likely would.


Agenda Item No. 14: Non-Action Items for Discussion

Mr. Van Stone said he planned to attend the Albeni Dam meeting. Mr. Olmstead mentioned that spring measurements on sentinel wells would be appreciated. Ms. Cole Hansen mentioned a June Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Gibbs mentioned the next meetings would be held in Soda Springs.

Agenda Item No. 15: Next Meeting and Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of July 2024.



Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*



Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*