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MINUTES MEETING NO. 7-24

Water Center
Conference Room 602 C & D
322 E. Front Street
BOISE

July 1, 2024
Special Board Meeting No. 7-24

At 1:00 PM(MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel, following the executive session. Online participants joined via Zoom.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Albert Barker—in person
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chairman—in person
Marcus Gibbs—online
Patrick McMahon—online
Brian Olmstead—in person
Dean Stevenson, Secretary—online
Dale Van Stone—online
Jeff Raybould, Chairman—in person

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Executive Manager
Cynthia Bridge Clark, Bureau Chief
Wesley Hipke
Justin Ferguson
Meghan Carter
Jennifer Strange

Guests Present

Ann Yribar
Barney Metz

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.

Ann Yribar spoke on the topic of MHAFB Project water rights.

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve out of executive session at 1:28 PM. 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: Water Management Account and ARPA Spending Plans

Cynthia Bridge Clark discussed spending plans that the Finance Committee meeting recommended for the ARPA Funds. The total amount in the spending plan is \$250,000,00. She read through a draft resolution.

Mr. Olmstead moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. McMahon seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye with mention of conflict; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye, with mention of conflict; 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.

Cynthia Bridge Clark discussed a draft resolution for the Water Management Account spending plans. The Finance Committee recommended the same at a July 1st meeting. The spending plan was attached to the resolution.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Olmstead 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. 4: Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project

Neeley Miller discussed a draft resolution to approve funding for the Lower Clearwater Exchange Project in the amount of \$28,000,000. Mr. Barney Metz shared appreciation for consideration. The Finance Committee recommended the funding and the terms and conditions.

Mr. Barker moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, abstain; 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.

Agenda Item No. 5: New York Canal Rehabilitation Project Update

Neeley Miller discussed a draft resolution to approve funding for the New York Canal Rehabilitation project in the amount of an additional \$25,000,000. The Finance Committee recommended the funding and the terms and conditions.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, abstain; 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.

Agenda Item No. 6: Regional Water Sustainability Project List Update

Neeley Miller mentioned that the priority list would need to be updated due to the adopted funding plans and add approved projects to the list. He named other specific items that would be updated. The newest list would be finalized and posted to the website right away.

Agenda Item No. 7: IWRB Commitment of Storage Water Pursuant to IGWA/SWC Agreement

Brian Patton discussed an issue in the IGWA/SWC agreement that would involve the Board’s storage water. He shared a draft resolution that would authorize expenditure of up to \$260,000 to cover the cost of rental of water through the Water District 01 Rental Pool, including Water District administrative fees, but waives the IWRB surcharge fee.

Mr. Gibbs moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye with explanation that others in his firm are involved in the agreement; 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. 8: Non-Action Items for Discussion

There were no other items.


Agenda Item No. 9: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Mr. Olmstead moved to adjourn. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of July 2024.



Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*



Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*