



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 5-24

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Conference Rooms 602 C&D / Online Zoom
322 E. Front St.
BOISE

July 16, 2024

Committee Members: Chair Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Jeff Raybould, Dean Stevenson, Marc Gibbs, and Dale Van Stone.

Agenda Item No. 1: Introductions & Attendance

Chairman Cole-Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM (MT) in Boise and remote participants joined via Zoom. The meeting was livestreamed to the board's YouTube channel. Committee members present online were Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Jeff Raybould, Dean Stevenson, and Marc Gibbs. Other board members online were Brian Olmstead and Patrick McMahon.

IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Neeley Miller, Justin Ferguson, Blake Burkard, and Jennifer Strange.

Guests present were: Mike Schubert, Mark Zirschky, and Kate Harris. Online were: Charity Staggs, Meghan Brooksher, Eric Miller, Wendy Green, and Tom Points.

Agenda Item No. 2: Flood Management Grants

Blake Burkard discussed criteria used and applications submitted for the flood management grant program. He discussed the projects by district. Ten applications were received and recommended for total funding of \$702,303.50.

Chair Cole-Hansen had some questions for the representative of the City of Nampa. Mr. Tom Points provided more information related to whether there was overlap with the drain study. Mr. Points described the project in phases. He stated that phase three is not funded. Chair Cole-Hansen asked if they were coordinating with the Boise Project Board of Control and Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District.

Mr. Gibbs moved to recommend to the full board to fund the ten applications presented in the amount of \$702,303.50. Mr. Raybould seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 3: Ground to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grant Criteria

Neeley Miller introduced criteria for a new grant program that has a \$20 million budget. There was some discussion about project definition. Mr. Miller then discussed application requirements, evaluation criteria, and funding recommendations.

Mr. Stevenson moved to recommend to the full board the grant criteria as discussed. Mr. Raybould seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Other Items

Brian Patton mentioned that the Board had been awarded \$2 million by the Bureau of Reclamation for drought resilience, with mention of measurement and automation of diversions on the Eastern Snake Plain. Further clarification and guidance are expected.

Agenda Item No. 5: Adjourn

Mr. Raybould moved to adjourn. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Strange, Administrative Assistant to the Board.