



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 6-24

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

September 9, 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 were Chair Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marc Gibbs (online), Jeff Raybould, Dean Stevenson (online), and Dale Van Stone (online). Other board members present were Al Barker, Pat McMahon, and Brian Olmstead.

IDWR staff members present were Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Neeley Miller, Kala Golden, Dylan Wimer, Neal Farmer, and Jennifer Strange.

Guests present were Douglas Jones. Online were Ann Yribar, Mike Faupel, and Tyler Palmer.

Agenda Item No. 2: Aging Infrastructure Grant Awards

Neeley Miller presented the 5th round of Aging Infrastructure Grant projects that staff had evaluated, scored and ranked. He highlighted award criteria. The limit was \$2 million; IWRB grant portion couldn't exceed 33% of total project costs; and no more than 50% of the total award budget may be spent within a single IWRB district—with a waiver available if there were no competing funding demands.

Mr. Gibbs moved to recommend to the full board to fund the 23 projects listed for \$12,394,270.60. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Raybould mentioned a conflict with two of the projects on the list.

Agenda Item No. 3: Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Project Terms & Conditions

Neeley Miller presented terms and conditions for the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Regional Water Sustainability Project. Attached to a draft resolution were project description, proposed summary scope of work, and estimated project schedule. Tyler Palmer with the City of Moscow expressed appreciation.

Mr. Raybould moved to recommend to the full board the project terms and conditions. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Twin Falls Regional Water Sustainability Project

Mr. Raybould stated that it was premature to take action on the project. He moved to table the topic. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 5: Spending Plan Update: Governor Little's ESPA Commitment

Mr. Patton reminded the committee that on August 27, 2024, Governor Little committed \$10M to improve the long-term health of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The Governor suggested that funds be moved from the Dworshak/Clearwater Pipeline project to ESPA activities. Chair Cole-Hansen clarified that the total budget of the Water Management Account was not increasing, but that funds were being shifted.

Mr. Raybould moved to recommend to the full board that the WMA spending plan be updated to reflect the Governor's recommendation. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. The motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 6: Other Items

There was a brief discussion on the MHAFB ceremony scheduled for September 10, 2024.

Agenda Item No. 7: Adjourn

Mr. Raybould moved to adjourn. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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