

2014 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2014

STAR CITY HALL

Chairman Vern Case called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Present were Chairman Vern Case, Sect/Treas. Sam Rosti, Clinton Pline, Oscar Baumhoff, Randy Davison, Ron Blickenstaff, Jim Payne, Larry Story, Alan Newbill and Mike Houston.

Guests: Jon Bowling, Sean Parkinson and Derek Blestrud from Idaho Power.

Minutes from the 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting were read by Sam Rosti. It was moved by Clinton Pline to approve the minutes as read. Second by Alan Newbill. Motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business:

- a. Cloud Seeding: Jon Bowling asked if the committee had any specific questions about the program. Vern Case asked for an update on activities to date in the Boise Basin. Jon, Derek and Sean provided answers to several questions regarding this program including the costs for ground generators and aircraft operations. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Jim Payne to bring this issue before the water users at the annual meeting for a vote. Second by Clinton Pline. Motion passed with all in favor.
- b. Upper Basin Administration: Rex explained the progress being made in the upper basin and some of the challenges the Water District will face as this issues move forward. One item that was not expected, the measurement order included the entire basin. Several calls have been received from lower basin water right holders concerning the letter from IDWR. Most of these calls are related to water rights from drains below the Star Bridge. Rex will continue to move forward with this issue.
- c. Boise River Refill Issue: Vern Case gave an overview of the meetings with IDWR and space holders to date. It was the consensus of the committee that the legal representatives for the irrigators were actively involved and that there is no clear solution at this time.
- d. Automation: Rex reviewed the automation program and explained there has been a little interest in installing new sites but no new sites have been identified as wanting to upgrade. There is some interest from canal operators for down-canal sites but at this time funds are not available to install sites off of the river.

New Business:

- a. Wood Creek Reservoir: Vern Case, Sam Rosti, Clinton Pline and Rex attended a meeting at the Snake River Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation about a proposed project to pump water from Anderson Ranch Reservoir to a storage reservoir east of Little Camas Reservoir. This project is being planned for power generation and they are proposing to pump water from Anderson uphill at night and generate power during the day. About 10 KAF would be used each year for this operation with 1500 AF of expected evaporation loss. The project would pump water to fill the 50KAF reservoir only during periods of flood control operations. Possible benefits would be additional water available for Boise River Water Users. Rex will monitor this project and keep the committee informed.

Watermaster Report: Rex reported on conditions in the basin for 2014. Near normal snow pack resulted in 1.4 MAF of runoff. All space holders accounts were filled with the exception of the Bureau of Reclamation's "last of the last" to fill. Reservoir capacity was reported at 42% on December 1, 2014. Rental pool activity was near normal this year with 46,232 AF being used for flow augmentation, 8000 AF for Idaho Power and 4902 AF being leased for in basin use.

Bank balances were reported at 1,703.91 checking and 390,805.78 in the money market and state investment accounts. Space holders will be paid \$259,742. 54 and IWRB \$18449.86 out of the money market account.

The 2015 budget was presented at \$87,250.00. No changes were recommended.

The audit report from Mr. Gary Merkle was reviewed and no discrepancies were noted.

It was moved by Clinton Pline to accept the Watermasters Report, 2015 Proposed Budget and Audit Report as presented. Second by Oscar Baumhoff. Motion passed with all in favor.

There being no further business it was moved by Sam Rosti to adjourn. Second by Clinton Pline. Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.



Vernon Case, Chairman



Sam Rosti, Sect/Treas.

Date: 12-3-15