

Water District 120
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2005

Tim Deeg called the Water District 120 quarterly meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Other advisors in attendance were Scott Clawson, Walter Gay, Marla Tribble, Stephanie Mickelsen, Kevin Michaelson, Neal Powell, Terrell Sorenson, and Gaylen Van Orden. Ron Carlson, Lewis Rounds, and Gene Hansen of IDWR, Lynn Tominaga, Bruce Wright, and Terry Klipfel were also in attendance.

Tim Deeg asked Terry to read the minutes from the last meeting. Kevin Michaelson made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Stephanie Michelson seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written by unanimous vote.

Next, Tim asked Lewis to give the water master report. Lewis began by announcing a public meeting concerning the creation of Water District 110. He said specific meeting information was enclosed with meeting materials. He talked about the Director's Report for Basin 27, stating it is due November 29th, but may be ready before that. Portions of basins 25 & 27 should be moved into Water District 120 before the annual meeting. Lewis also spoke briefly about an enclosed map that includes the boundaries of the proposed Water District 100.

Lewis discussed the district audits, stating that all had gone well, and that there were no major problems. Audits covered approximately 10% of the measured wells in the water district. He said that in addition to providing WMIS data for his annual report, he is now required to submit a written report. Because of this, he is requesting that reports from each of the ground water districts be submitted no later than February 1st. Lewis said he would need to know the number of diversions measured by each district besides those measured by Water District 120.

Lewis and Gene talked about water level measurements that had been done on approximately 20 wells. A few showed declines in water levels, but wells in the Hamer-Montevue were mostly stable. Wells in the Aberdeen American Falls area were mostly stable or showed slight increases in water levels, with the Idaho Falls area showing small increases. Gene Hansen provided graphs showing water level measurement comparisons. Lewis said the results show the downward trend seems to have stopped, or even reversed in some cases. Terrell Sorensen asked if the Bureau's well level measurements were included in the data. Gene told Terrell they were not, but said the information is available on their website. Lewis advised folks to wait until the spring measurement data was done before drawing conclusions about well measurements.

Next Ron talked about his retirement from IDWR and his plans to work with the Pearl House Project. Tim Deeg emphasized how much he and others appreciate all of Ron's hard work and dedication to IDWR and the water users. Tim then commenced with the chairman of the water district report.

Tim talked about meetings with the Surface Coalition, stating that they had not been fruitful in reaching a solution that would allow users to enter into an agreement. He said it would take some time before there would be further negotiations because the surface users always want the ground water users to give more. He said they had put forth a good effort, but the ground water users are not willing to give up any more than they felt they had generously offered. He talked about the Bureau and a potential agreement that they might present, but Tim said the ground water users were not willing to do anymore at this point in time.

Next, Lynn Tominaga gave an overview of water cases pending before the courts. There was significant discussion about these cases, and the potential for curtailment should the judge decide in favor of surface users. Lynn stated they were in the process of putting together information to provide to the judge. Ron said this is all reminiscent of the "Musser" case.

Next Tim talked about securing water for next year. He was unsure of the exact amount obtained, but said it was something just less than 40,000 acre-feet. Tim asked for a report on reservoir levels to date. Lewis said that there were 1.4 million acre-feet in the reservoirs, with the system 34% full at this point. Last year at the same time, there were only about 800,000 acre-feet and the system was 20% full. The difference is about 540,000 acre-feet more this year. Ron said that the system delivers about 8 million acre-feet per year with about 40% going to the surface water coalition.

Tim Deeg asked if there was any other business. Lewis said that the snow pack to date is about 130% of normal, but that could change significantly by April.

Tim asked Lewis how bringing in wells from basins 25 & 27 might affect WD 120. Lewis said there would not be much of an affect, but said when WD 100 is created, we will lose some wells to that district and some income. He said the district has had some savings because the full-time employee took a job elsewhere and the position has not been filled. Some of that money was used to fund extra secretarial help. There should be a new full-time employee hired by the annual meeting.

Tim asked if Lewis had any idea who might be hired to be the Water District 100 water master. Lewis said he didn't know at this time. There was also discussion about the Fremont Madison Irrigation District Office being the site of operation of WD 100.

Tim asked about the annual meeting date and location for this year. Lewis said it would most likely be held at the University Place auditorium, and would be on February 13th.

There was also some discussion about what would happen to folks administratively who were outside of the Snake Plain Aquifer area. Lewis said he believed the Director was leaning toward everyone being a part of a water district.

Next Lewis reminded advisors that there would be another meeting two weeks prior to the annual meeting. At that meeting, he will discuss what he plans to present at the

annual meeting. There was also some discussion about the Water District 120 budget. Lewis wanted advisors to be aware of a bill that now allows the Director to bill for maintaining the water model. The charge could be up to 1.2 million dollars per year. There was a lengthy discussion about the water model and potential bill from the Director. There was also some discussion about an advisory committee the Director plans on putting together to oversee the maintenance and billing of the water model.

Tim reminded advisors there would be a hearing in March about the Director's Order. He said ground water users do impact storage, but emphasized there are many other impacts besides that of ground water. There was no more business.

Marla Tribble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Wright seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Water District 120
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Aug. 8, 2005

Tim Deeg called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. Advisory members in attendance were Scott Clawson, Tim Deeg, Dan Hammond, Kevin Michaelson, Bill Taylor, & Marla Tribble. Others in attendance were Lewis Rounds and Ron Carlson of IDWR, Terry Klipfel of Water District 1, Brian Higgs, Ed Conn, and Keith Keller, & Steve Houser.

Lewis Rounds gave his Watermaster report discussing Lan-Sat photos, domestic user violations, ground water report status, the measurement program, the status of Water District 110, and water orders.

Tim Deeg gave the Chairman of the water district report. He talked about replacement water obtained, saying they had obtained 98,000 acre-feet of water in the spring, with 27,700 being the amount required to avoid curtailment. Tim said they purchased some high lift water to have supply, and would work to do an exchange for natural flow with the Bureau. Because of the spring rains, and the director's re-order, damage was not as bad as it could have been. Tim said it was possible some of the water could be used for conservation projects in WD 130, and possibly on re-charge projects, but said they would not do re-charge unless they received credit for doing so. Tim said they were still firming up the supply with Mitigation Inc. They have obligations to underwrite the supply with the Ft. Hall Indians. It is possible the water district would provide for the water this year, and they would give us supply for the next year.

Tim said they were still reviewing the director's reorder and are raising questions as ground water users. Tim said there are still negotiations going on with some surface water users. He said the Surface Water Coalition wants a negotiated settlement. Tim said that going forward with litigation would be very expensive for both sides.

Tim said there is a hearing scheduled in January on the director's orders. He said they need agreements in place for the high lift water exchange for natural flow with the Bureau, and said he thought the Bureau was willing to work in that direction. If the water district had to purchase the water it would be \$1150 dollars an acre, \$250 more per acre than the Nez Pierce water. Tim said there is a meeting on August 22nd in Burley with the Bureau to try to form an agreement. There was also some discussion about the CREP program.

Next Ron Carlson gave the surface water supply report. He said that they are looking at having 1,000,000 acre-ft. more carryover this year than last year. The rains helped a great deal. He said it had been an amazing year, and hopefully with a good winter some of the issues facing us will be defused. There were some questions about Nez Pierce Agreement water and the rental pool.

Steve Houser gave an overview of Aberdeen Springfield's recovery wells, saying their depth to surface measurements were at 99ft. Within 2 weeks of putting water into the

canals, the well depth fell to 89 feet. He said this shoots the director's charge that no re-charge is happening in that area. Now, Steve said, the wells are down to 86'.

Next Brian Higgs gave his presentation on his view of the Snake River Plain Water Crisis. He showed various ground and surface water hydrographs. Brian is convinced that the real solution to our water problems is re-charge. There was much discussion about this. Bill Taylor asked about obstacles toward re-charge. Ron said there are significant road blocks such as the costs being extremely high, DEQ requirements, and Idaho Power's being against it.

There was no more business. Craig Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Clawson seconded the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Water District 120
Quarterly Meeting Minutes (Draft)
May 9, 2005

Tim Deeg called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. Other members in attendance were Kevin Michaelson, Jenny Ruff, Terrell Sorensen, Marla Tribble, Scott Clawson, and Steve Howser. IDWR employees Lewis Rounds, Ron Carlson, and Water District 01 employee Terry Klipfel were also in attendance.

Tim Deeg suggested members review minutes from the annual meeting and suggest corrections or changes at the next quarterly meeting. Tim reminded members that the minutes would not be officially adopted until the next annual meeting.

Tim asked Lewis Rounds to give his water master report. Lewis talked about the 800 letters that went out to people with later than 1979 priority dates. Lewis said that 600 of those have never really had to deal with water issues. Letter recipients have been referred to ground water districts in their areas. They were told they would have to become members or participate in mitigation plans as non-members. Lewis also talked about letters that had been sent to 13 domestic users who were watering more than allowed by their domestic rights. The letters were sent to these folks were a result of complaints received that he is following up on. There was some lengthy discussion about these types of diversions and the "over" use situation. A motion was made by Steve Howser that letters be sent to the county planning and zoning entities, asking them to inform perspective home builders of the law in regards to domestic wells and water use. It was seconded by Jenny Ruff and passed by unanimous vote. Lewis said he would prepare a letter.

Next, Lewis talked about 42-228 wells. Steve Howser asked a question about the canal company recovery wells. There was a lengthy discussion about this. The next item on the agenda was discussion of the Dry Lease Program. Tim Deeg said the program was put together in a hurry, but should run more smoothly next year. Tim said there was some difficulty because of criteria set forth by the department. There was also discussion about lands left dry for several years, and credit that should be accrued because of it. Tim said that there are things that need to be clarified by the director because this is a huge task, but that in 2005 & 2006 this program could go a long way in providing replacement water.

Next, Lewis reminded members that reports from each of the representative ground water districts are due. He said that, ideally, reports should be provided by the first of the year. This allows for the accounting to be in by the annual meeting, and also enables the district to send assessments in a timely manner. There was some discussion because power records are not available until the beginning of the year. Lewis told them that the records could be sent in time and IDWR could input the power records at a later date.

Lewis discussed the formation of Water District 110, and the ground water district in that area, as well as Water District 140. One member asked about the availability of

boundary maps and having them available for the public. Lewis said that any maps that we have available are on the Internet.

Lewis asked Tim Deeg to give his report as chairman of the water district. Tim told members that they had requested a status conference with the director about the recent order. The director answered many of their questions, but raised a few more. There were questions about a particular Table within the order that looked at arriving at storage carryover and depletion. The order was somewhat unclear about who would pick up a balance of 32,000 acre-feet. Tim was concerned that water users in Water Districts 120 & 130 would be responsible, but the director said no. They would be responsible for the 101,000 acre-feet, however. Tim talked about the mitigation plan that was submitted that will provide for the 27,700 acre-ft. of minimum replacement water required to keep from having diversions curtailed. Tim also talked about the high-lift water, issues of control of that water, the cost of that water, and the benefits to obtaining it. One member asked if acquiring high-lift water might be pre-mature. Tim said that if they ended up with excess water it could always be sold. Tim expressed concern about drying up too many acres under the CREP Program, and the impact that it might have upon the agricultural economy.

Ron Carlson talked about the water supply. Last year the reservoir's peak fill was 57%. Right now, he said we are at 67% and seeing some new accrual in Palisades. Ron said the snow pack is less this year, but the rains have made a difference. Higher snows have not melted yet, Ron said, and he expects the total system accrual to be just over 70%. He said this was good news, relatively speaking, but that this year would probably not be much different than last year. Lyle Swank handed out copies of the current "River/Reservoir" schematic and answered questions about the various reservoirs and priorities. Lyle said this year is similar to the more recent drought years, but would know more when runoff is completed. Lyle said the demand for water is about the same this year as last year. He did express concern over some of the higher reaches, which generally still have snow pack, being at 0.

Tim Deeg asked if there was other business. Terrell Sorensen asked Lewis if he would come down to measure his wells, and calibrate his meters. Lewis told Terrell to give him a call when he is ready and has pumps running and he would be glad to send someone down. Also, Steve Howser asked Lewis if he had any information on flow meters because he wanted to purchase some. Lewis said he would email him the information that he had. There was no more business. Scott Clawson made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Kevin Michelson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Water District 120 Annual Meeting
Minutes
February 14, 2005
American Falls High School

Tim Deeg called the annual meeting of Water District 120 to order at 2:25 p.m. Other advisors in attendance were Terrell Sorenson, Stephanie Micklesen, Craig Evans, Scott Clawson, Dane Watkins, Bill Taylor, Kevin Michaelson, Richard Meyer, Walter Gay, and alternate Rich Line. In all, there were approximately 90 meeting attendees. Tim asked for nominations for meeting chairman and secretary. Stephanie Micklesen made a motion to elect Tim Deeg chairman and Terry Klipfel secretary. Dane Watkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tim asked members if they would like Terry to read the minutes from last year's meeting. Stephanie Micklesen made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Terrell Sorensen seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Tim Deeg read the annual meeting notice, explained the voting procedures according to Idaho code, and gave the definition of a water district. Tim then asked Lewis Rounds to give the water master report.

Lewis began by showing the boundaries of Water District 120. He gave a list and breakdown of Water District 120 employees, and discussed accomplishments of district personnel over the past year. They included working to identify diversions within the district, using satellite photos to locate illegal diversions, auditing some of the diversions for proper measurement methods, and holding quarterly advisory committee meetings. He discussed the progress made on illegal diversions, saying that some of the pumps had been turned on too early, or too late. He said that seven irrigators had been contacted or informed about questionable acres. Some of those irrigators had to perform transfers of their water rights to correct discrepancies. In other cases, it was determined that actual acres irrigated did not exceed what was allowed by the water right.

Lewis talked about measurements, stating that they can be done by water district, or ground water district personnel. He then discussed measurement audits, explaining that they would be done every three years for the purpose of insuring accurate reporting. The auditing goal would be to re-measure between 5% and 10% of the diversions measured, and explained how the audits are conducted. He also showed sample screens from the WMIS data base, discussed ET, its data sources and benefits to the irrigator, and the benefit in providing a more accurate number of depletion rather than actual water pumped. Lewis also explained maps showing ground water level comparisons and gave Snotel Site information. Tim Deeg asked if there were any questions about the water master report and there were none.

Lewis asked Tim Deeg to give the chairman's report. Having completed his third term as chairman, Tim thanked patrons, the advisory board, Lewis Rounds, Terry Klipfel, and the

rest of the IDWR staff for their support and efforts to provide assistance to Water District 120. Tim gave a brief history of difficulties and challenges faced by water users within Water District 120, and gave an overview of the Stipulated Agreement. Tim said the agreement provided a "safe harbor" for ground water rights providing they complied with the basic elements of agreement. This agreement was not perfect, Tim said, but it was developed under adverse conditions, and was the best obtainable condition at that time. Tim discussed the history of providing replacement water for the agreements from 2002 through the extension period in 2004, which allowed for the operation of junior, out of priority diversions to operate as they had in the past. Tim talked about the delivery calls of 2004, stating that they have brought about many changes in surface/groundwater negotiations. He also said they are working on finding water for 2005, but said that there is no extension of the agreement for 2005. Tim also talked about work being done by the state legislative committee and subcommittee, including the recent "Strawman Proposal". He discussed the delivery call made by seven irrigation companies on January 12, 2005, motions to intervene by the IGWA, including the mitigation plan filed on February 8, 2005, and the recent meeting of ground and surface water users with the governor and leadership to continue the negotiation process. He also talked about the motion filed by Idaho Power to intervene in the Surface Water Delivery Call. Tim said that representatives from the ground water districts and surface water users are continuing to meet and are working on water issues such as measurement, compliance, mitigation, funding, and projects which can be incorporated into a Comprehensive Long Term Aquifer Management Plan.

Tim asked Ron Carlson to talk about conjunctive management. Ron discussed, at length, water calls, mitigation, and management verses regulation, and water law administration, stating that all water law flows out of constitutional principles. Ron told members of Water District 120 that they are lucky to have Lewis Rounds as their water master because of his perspective on water issues. Ron also discussed the benefits of ET and the delivery system, giving several examples. He told members that the best alternative in an uncertain process is for the water district to find ways to mitigate/negotiate settlements. Ron showed several slides on snow averages in different places throughout the state and discussed the water supply situation. Ron said that if the drought trend continues, looking at a four-year accumulation basis, 2005 could be the shortest water supply year in history. Ron said the next legislative session could prove interesting and said because there is so much at stake, ground water users need to be very active. Upon completion of Ron's presentation, Tim Deeg asked Wendy Murphy to give the financial report.

Wendy reported cash on hand for the water district as of Oct. 31, 2004, of \$54,094, and an accounts receivable balance of \$6,737, leaving total assets to Water District 120 at \$60,881. Liabilities totaled \$19,989, and net income for 2004 was \$40,892, providing a total of assets to the water district of \$60,881. Income between Feb. 2004 and Oct. 2004 totaled \$60,957, with the majority of income coming from assessments and late fees. Total expenses of the district for the year were \$20,065. A majority of this was the IDWR contract for personnel (\$19,911). Other expenses were the costs of office supplies, equipment, and meeting expenses. The Water District's net income was \$40,892.

Estimated 2005 Expenses for the IDWR contract are \$66,300. Other budgeted expenses include \$1,500 for general office expenses, \$2,000 for auto expenses, \$3,000 for equipment, and \$2,000 for meeting expenses. The total proposed budget for November 2004 through October 2005 is \$74,800.

Tim Deeg asked for a motion to accept the financial report. Dane Watkins made the motion. Stephanie Micklesen seconded the motion and the financial report passed as presented by Wendy.

Lewis Rounds began discussion of the resolutions, stating they are the same as last year with date changes. Steve Houser made a motion to accept the 2005 resolutions as printed. Stephanie Micklesen seconded the motion and the resolutions passed without dissent.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the board of directors. Tim Deeg asked for a motion to recess for 15 minutes in order that the various groups could meet to discuss whom they would like as representatives on the board. Dane Watkins made the motion and Bill Taylor seconded it. It passed by unanimous vote. Nominated directors and alternates for the 2005 advisory committee included the following:

Aberdeen Am. Falls GWD

Tim Deeg
Kevin Michaelson
Terrell Sorenson
Richard Mayer

Bingham GWD

Craig Evans
Scott Clawson
Gaylen Van Orden
Walter Gay

Bonn/Jeff GWD

Bill Taylor
Dane Watkins
Stephanie Micklesen

Alternates

Richard Line
Kirk Atkinson
Dan Hammond

Alternates

Neil Powell

Alternates

Marla Tribble

Dane Watkins made a motion to elect the slate of directors and alternates as presented. Todd Louder seconded the motion and the board was elected by unanimous vote.

Next Tim Deeg talked about a letter, in the form of a new resolution, for members to consider. The letter asks the director to put the remainder of the East Water Measurement District into Water District 120, rather than the proposed Water District 110 for geopolitical reasons. After some discussion as to the benefits of doing so, Stephanie Micklesen made a motion to accept the new resolution to present to the director. Steve Hauser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Tim Deeg asked if there was anymore business. There was none. Dane Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter Gay seconded the motion and members voted to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

WD120 Advisory Committee Meeting
Feb. 1, 2005

Tim Deeg called the meeting of Water District 120 Advisors to order at 1:06 p.m. Other advisors or alternates in attendance were Scott Clawson, Craig Evans, Walter Gay, Richard Line, Richard Meyer, Stephanie Mickelsen, Gaylen Van Orden, Neal Powell, and Dane Watkins. Ron Carlson, Lewis Rounds, Gene Hansen, and John Phillips of IDWR, and Terry Klipfel of Water District 1 were also present.

Stephanie Mickelsen made a motion to forego the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Tim suggested that the spelling of Senator Noh, spelled Noy on the second page of the minutes, be corrected first. Stephanie made a motion to accept the minutes with the name change. The motion was seconded by Dane Watkins and passed unanimously.

Lewis began discussion on the agenda for the annual meeting. There was some discussion on ways to save time and make the meeting move along quickly. Tim Deeg said there were some statutory requirements that needed to be followed to comply with the law. Ron said they had not read minutes at an annual meeting for years because someone always made a motion to forego the reading of the minutes.

Discussion turned briefly to maps of the East Snake Plan that showed variations in water levels in different areas within and around the district.

Next Lewis asked if anyone wanted him to read the resolutions. Members did not, and Lewis said the budget would be voted on and was included within the resolutions. This year, the proposed budget is \$74,800, with assessments remaining the same for 2005. There was some carryover and Lewis explained that there were still some outstanding bills from January and February to come in. The money would also be used to continue operation of the district until assessments began coming in for 2005. There had been some savings to the district due to John Phillips coming aboard in the middle of the year. The budget had allowed for a full-time employee all year. Stephanie Mickelsen wanted to know if there was a "slush" fund that, when of appropriate size, could be used to lower assessments. Lewis said actual numbers show the budget to be very close. Once advisors were comfortable, as early as next year, Lewis said, they could pass a resolution that allowed billing for previous years expenses. Then, he said, assessments could go down. Lewis talked about the profit and loss sheet, minimum charge diversions, diversions measured by Water District 120 that are not within district boundaries, and the 2004 balance sheet. He said the balance sheet was current as of Thursday. He would update it before the annual meeting. One of the advisors asked what water district assessments pay for. Lewis said they pay for 1/3 of his wages, 1/2 the cost of field personnel, 2/3 the cost for secretarial needs, equipment rental not supplied by IDWR, office supplies not supplied by IDWR, and meeting expenses. Advisors also wanted to know what we get from IDWR. Lewis said that personnel costs were high because we pay IDWR overhead up to 41% (indirect). This covers office space, vehicles used,

incidental office supplies, and immediate access to IDWR support staff and WD1 personnel.

The remainder of the annual meeting agenda was discussed. Some advisors wanted Karl Dreher to be invited to the meeting. Tim Deeg said that you can invite Karl, but he won't talk about the delivery call so he wasn't sure what the purpose having him there would serve.

There was discussion of the election of the advisory committee and how to make it an easier process for the purpose of expediting the meeting. Lewis said he had had numerous persons who had received the minimum charge assessments interested in having a voice on the committee. When asked how many minimum charge diversions there were, Lewis said there were approximately 160 with an additional 150-250 to come in should Basin 25 become part of WD 120.

Lewis introduced the "Letter to the Director" that he proposed be presented to members at the annual meeting. He explained that the letter would basically ask the director to put the remaining part of the East Water Measurement District into WD 120 rather than into WD 110. Lewis had seen a map at a recent meeting with IDWR that proposed putting the remainder of the district into WD 110. Lewis said that the East Water Measurement District Advisory Committee passed the same resolution this morning. After some discussion, Tim Deeg said he thought they should go ahead and adopt the resolution, but as a separate resolution not connected to the others.

Members decided that it would be beneficial to have Karl Dreher at the annual meeting even if he couldn't talk about the call. Neal Powell made a motion for Lewis to prepare a letter inviting Karl to the meeting. Tim Deeg is to sign the letter. The motion was seconded by Dane Watkins and passed without dissent.

Stephanie Mickelsen made a motion to accept the presentation, resolutions, budget, and new resolution as presented by Lewis to members at the annual meeting. Scott Clawson seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation.

Lewis thanked advisory members for their participation and discussed the make-up of the committee, stating that there were 9 elected members, leaving 2 vacancies. Advisors wanted to know what could be done to expedite the election process at the annual meeting.

Lewis introduced Marla Tribble, a minimum diversion water user interested in being on the advisory committee. She explained that she would like to become part of the committee so that minimum diversion charge water users would have a voice in the district. Neal Powell entertained a motion to have Marla be elected to the committee, but there was no second. Tim Deeg said it could be suggested again at the annual meeting and folks in the Idaho Falls area could discuss the possibility of her being a representative for them, just as there are municipal and industrial representatives. There was more discussion about the election of advisors. Advisors concluded that they could have each

representative ground water district provide a list of current advisors and alternates with changes or additions ready for the annual meeting.

There were some questions about negotiations with surface users in the lower valley, and whether or they would continue. Tim said the folks that made the call said they are open to negotiate, but that he didn't know how negotiations in "good faith" could continue after they had been "Beaten over the head". Ground water users want to avoid litigation and want to continue trying to negotiate a deal. Advisors wanted to know the specifics about the proposed plan by ground water users. Tim said there were no specifics yet, but they would be forthcoming in a week or so.

Ron gave an overview of the current water situation and talked briefly about the rental pool, and the Nez Pierce Agreement. Advisors were interested to know if Ron feels the legislature will ratify the Nez Pierce Agreement. Ron said if they reject it, one has to wonder. They would lose nothing and the state of Idaho gains.

There was also some discussion on the "Straw Man Proposal". Advisors were concerned by the inequity of fees within the proposal which included a \$5 per acre fee for ground water users verses the \$1 fee per acre for surface water users. The new water model was also discussed.

There was no more business. Neal Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dane Watkins seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

WDIZO Advisory Meeting
1:00 p.m. Feb. 1

Sign In

Jerry Buttz	Roberts	228-2454
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John Phillips	EWM D	525-7161
MARLA TRIBBLE	IF	524-1382
Brian Hyggs	WWC	522-0399
Rich Lene	Springfield	328-2361
Sophane Nielsen		709-1295
Walter Gay	Blackfoot	285-5080
Don W. Starn	IF	523-0820
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