

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Water District 65

Opening The Advisory Board of W.D. 65 held a meeting in Payette, at the office 102 Main St., December 12, 1995 at 7:00 P.M.

Present Those present were Steve Dobson-Independent, Cecil Shurtleff-Lower Payette, Karl Siller-E.I.D., Keith Standley-E.I.D., Marc Shigeta-Noble, Duane Van Leuven-Noble, Don Cutbirth-Last Chance, W.L. Charters-Last Chance, Jerry Anderson-Enterprise, John Hartman-B.C.I.D., Dale Krause-B.C.I.D., Mark Limbaugh-W.M. W.D. 65, Brick Andrew-Chairman W.D. 65, George Mc Clelland-Farmers, Marcia Herr-Secretary.

Guests Guests present - Sheryl Howe-I.D.W.R., and Dave Tuthill-I.D.W.R..

Approval of Minutes 11-13-95 Chairman Andrew opened the meeting and called for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Duane Van Leuven moved to accept them as mailed. A second by John Hartman. Motion carried.

Agreement info Lower Payette-Lake Reservoir Dave Tuthill-IDWR, stated that he had not prepared the letter yet to augment and clarify the information regarding an agreement between Lower Payette Ditch Company and the Lake Reservoir Company. This item was not clear in the minutes of Sept. 25, 1995.

Financial Report Mark Limbaugh presented the financial report. He stated that in early December we received \$91,800 for an additional 17,000 AF of fish flush water for the rental pool, so we have received all of the money the BOR owes. This figure is not shown on the balance sheet because it came after the 30th of November. The budget comparisons are about the same. However, due to the reimbursement of \$7,000 to the PRWUA for the Scanlin flood control curve report, that segment of the budget is over significantly. This transfer of funds was approved with a Vote of Diversion of the individual companies during the September meeting. With one month remaining in the year the amount of the budget expended is 83.8%.

Report/Meetings Mark L. The next item was a presentation by Mark L. of the two Meetings that he attended recently. One, "The Snake: A River Between Us" and "Profitable Stewardship", sponsored by the Pioneer Seed Companies. His report is available through his office.

Update-Flood Control Cascade Res. The next item on the agenda was an update on flood control operations in Cascade Reservoir. Mark referred to the BOR pressing to release flood control water out of Cascade Res. At that time there was no snow. After talking with some of the board members, it was felt that to release at that time might not be a wise thing. A letter was sent stating that the water that would be released would be irrigation water, specifically Black

Canyon refill. Water contributing to the excess is stored for fish flow and was scheduled for release in early December. The Bureau held up on flood control operations until approximately two weeks later when it was determined that the reservoir was closer to the new flood control curve and that released water would be charged to uncontracted space and not irrigators space if it did not refill the coming year. Right now there is 2300 cfs for flood control release. (1100 cfs. flood control, 1000 cfs for fish flush and 200 cfs for Idaho Power right.)

There is a meeting tomorrow the 13th, with the Chairman, Mark, IDWR, BOR, and Idaho Power. Idaho Power feels they should be getting all of the inflow into Cascade Reservoir in addition to the 1000cfs of the 145,000 AF fish flush. The reason being that they had to release inflows coming into Brownlee in addition to the 145,000 AF release. The difference is, irrigators have the right to storage space up to flood control space. If the 145,000 AF is deducted from the total, irrigators are not at flood control. Concern was expressed that some of the water should be allowed down in the summer to keep the flows up and improve water quality. Water released at this time of year is more valuable to Idaho Power because of power generation.

Letter to NF,SF,
Big Payette users

The next item of business was a brief discussion by Mark relating to a letter that will be sent to the water users on the North Fork, South Fork and Big Payette Lake. The decision was made at the November 13th meeting to include them in the Water District accounting program. They will be invited to the annual meeting in January at the Senior Citizens Center, New Plymouth. There will also be an informational meeting for them March 11th in Cascade.

Diversion Upgrade

A discussion regarding the Diversion Upgrade Project was next on the agenda. Dave Tuthill IDWR, presented the information and said that the most frequent question is why are we doing this? The reason is that pushed up gravel dams are the greatest problem in the river because the displacement of the pushed up gravel during high water causes gravel bars downstream. This contributes to erosion of the river banks. By upgrading the diversion to a more permanent structure, the "health" of the river is greatly improved. The Boise River and the Payette River are similar in some of their problems. It is hoped that there can be a participation by water users on both rivers to fund the study necessary to inventory the various diversions and make recommendations for the uniqueness of each site.

The question was raised if this change would be mandatory since some diversions are relatively small companies and the cost would be prohibitive. He stated that currently there is an exemption that allows water user companies to push up gravel dams - but he feels that this allowance may not always be there. Possibly

done in the fall. He encouraged the Water District to participate financially and also the water users to consider moving ahead instead of having to react to a situation where there is a requirement. The question of liability was raised. He stated that a state law exempts diversion companies and their structures from being sued for negligence. He feels that an improved structure is less hazardous and puts the irrigators in a better position.

Those companies that have expressed a willingness to participate are;

Boise Cascade \$5000

IWRB \$5000

Flood Control District 10 \$5000

Flood Control District 11 \$5000

Water District 63

Eagle Island Water \$1000

Idaho Rivers United interested

BOR, DEQ, Idaho Power, West Central Highlands, and the Payette Soil and Conservation District.

Dave T. is asking for W.D. 65 to participate with \$5000 out of the cost share fund. IDWR considers a letter of commitment to be the same as cash. The next meeting will be January 19th in Boise at the state office on Orchard.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget was discussed with recommendation for 40 cents assessment this year. The Water District will lease a truck this year from the state at less cost than on the retail market instead of Mark using his own vehicle again this year. The budget committee felt that this was an advisable thing to do. The increase in salary reflects a partial raise and a partial adjustment. Following some further discussion and explanations regarding day to day and on going expenses, John Hartman moved to accept the budget as presented with a second by Marc Shegeta. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Krause to take the money out of the cost share fund to participate in the diversion upgrade project. Second by Duane Van Leuven. Motion carried.

John Hartman moved to amend the budget to include the change which is reflected by the previous motion. Second by Duane Van Leuven. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Agenda

The Agenda for the annual meeting was presented for consideration. John Hartman moved to accept it with a second by Steve Dobson. Motion carried.

Last Chance/ 1994 charges

The next item was discussion regarding accounting of 1994 excess stored water for which Last Chance was charged. Mark L. presented a chart with the pertinent information regarding the water rights, diversions with dates and the amount used over and above Mr. Charters' payment. His habit is to pay for the water before it

is delivered. Apparently some inaccurate information was given and his decisions were based on that information. Dave T. suggested that it might be reasonable to look at this situation as operational loss if the board and those that put the water in the pool choose to do so. Dale Krause moved that the 774 AF be considered operational loss. Seconded by Marc Shegeta. Motion carried.

Cost Share/
Boise Cascade

The next item was a request by Boise Cascade for cost share funds for installation of a water measuring device. It was determined that the board did not need to take action at this time.

IWUA Expenses
for Chairman

Mark L. made a recommendation to pay for Chairman Andrews' costs to attend the IWUA annual meeting in January. Dale Krause moved that the W.D. pay for registration, meals and mileage. Second by John Hartman. Motion carried.

Dave T. thanked the board for participating in the diversion upgrade study.

John Hartman presented the idea of a different format for presenting meeting minutes.

Dale Krause presented the idea of "Idaho Leadership in Agriculture". He suggested sending the Water Master at some point. He thought that possibly Mr. Waitley could come and make a presentation about it. Chairman Andrew wondered if W.D. funds could be used for this purpose. Since the budget is already decided on, he stated that it would be considered next year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Marcia Herr, Secretary

03/18/96

Water District No. 65
Balance Sheet
 As of February 29, 1996

Feb 29, '96

ASSETS**Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

CD's- Rental Pool

293,914.30

Checking - Water Dist.

3,883.13

Money Market Savings

98,997.40

Savings - Rental Pool

877.74

Total Checking/Savings

397,672.57

Accounts Receivable

A/R - Assessments

59,160.70

A/R - Rental Pool

4,055.40

Total Accounts Receivable

63,216.10

Total Current Assets

460,888.67

Fixed Assets

Field Equipment

6,193.12

Office Equipment

4,071.09

Total Fixed Assets

10,264.21

TOTAL ASSETS

471,152.88

LIABILITIES & EQUITY**Liabilities****Current Liabilities****Other Current Liabilities**

Deferred Revenues

328,152.70

IDWRB Fees Payable

2,673.34

Interest Pay. - Rental Pool

8,000.00

Payroll Liabilities

1,159.63

Water Rentals Payable

3,004.00

Total Other Current Liabilities

342,989.67

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342,989.67

Equity

Opening Bal Equity

137,186.77

Retained Earnings

16,804.51

Net Income

(25,828.07)

Total Equity

128,163.21

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

471,152.88