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****WATER DISTRICT 65 ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ****

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Watermaster's Report
 - 1. Financial Report
 - 2. River Flows, Fish Flush and Reservoir Status
 - 3. 1995 Annual Report - Status
 - 4. Diversion Upgrade Project - Status
 - 5. Letter to Bruce Babbitt on Choosing Preferred Alternative - Rules and Regulations to Implement the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.
- C. Accepting Leases to Rental Pool for In and Out of Basin Use:

1. Emmett Irrigation District	11,882 AF
2. Farmers Co-op Irrigation Co.	25,000 AF
3. Noble Ditch Co.	7,500 AF
4. Lower Payette Ditch Co.	10,000 AF
5. Lake Irrigation District	<u>1,000 AF</u>
	55,382 AF
- D. Idaho Power Company Cloud Seeding Project - Roger Fuhrman
- E. Final Approval - Boise Cascade/Smith Ditch Measuring Device Cost Share
- F. Approval of Draft Cooperative Agreement for Black Canyon Dam Crest Gates Structural Modification - Raising Black Canyon Dam 6 Inches
- G. Rental Pool Charges for Out of Basin Rentals - Rental Price Through 1999
- H. Cascade Sedimentation Study - USBR
- I. Any Other Business to be Brought Before the Board
- J. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
Water District 65

- Opening The Advisory Board of W.D. 65 held a meeting in Payette at the office, 102 N. Main St., June 10, 1996 at 8:00 PM.
- Those present Those present were, Virgil Johnson-Johnson/Colwell Ditch, Dennis Lammey-B.C.I.D., Karl Siller-E.I.D., Duane Van Leuven-Independent, Marc Shigeta-Noble Ditch, Robert Henggeler-Farmers Ditch, Cecil Shurtleff-Lower Payette, Dale Krause-B.C.I.D., Jerry L. Anderson-Enterprise, Joy R. Sisler-Gill Slough, Gail Springer-Bilbrey Ditch Co., Dean Charters-Last Chance, Steve Dobson-Independent/Vice-Chairman, Mark Limbaugh-W.M. W.D. 65, Marcia Herr-Letha Irrig. Co./Secty.
- Guests Guests: Dave Tuthill-I.D.W.R., and Jerry Gregg-U.S.B.O.R.
- Approval of Minutes Steve Dobson-Vice Chairman, W.D. 65, conducted the meeting. He began by calling for any comments or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Cecil Shurtleff moved to accept them as mailed with a second by Marc Shegata. Motion Carried.
- Financial Report Mark Limbaugh, W.M. W.D. 65, presented the financial report. There is about \$514,000 in the bank, \$317,000 of that is deferred revenues for 1996 water rentals. He stated that about 99% of the water users have paid their assessments. He pointed out that the amount for workman's compensation coverage was \$398-, a better cost than originally expected. He also made mention of an ultrasonic measuring device that is available through the IDWR that can be used if there is a dispute regarding power consumption for pumps. A detailed financial report is on record in the office. Following a general discussion, Vice-Chairman Dobson asked for a motion to approve the report. Bob Henggeler moved to accept the report as presented with a second by Keith Standley. Motion carried.
- River Flows The next item was the information regarding river flows. A graph of the flows of '94, '95, & '96, showed the flows at Horseshoe Bend a little under 16,000 cfs. Deadwood is full and it is expected that Cascade will probably fill by Thursday or Friday. Jerry Gregg, USBOR, stated that the inflow into Cascade is the highest in 55 years with the flows at Horseshoe Bend being the second or third highest in the last 8 years.
- Annual Report Mark L. discussed the annual report of 1995, that he is compiling for the IDWR. USBOR, the WD, BCID, and EID, will also receive copies. It will contain information related to all activities of the WD.
- Water Quality Issues Mark brought to our attention information from Attorney Scott Campbell regarding water quality issues. In a letter from him, he highlighted changes to water quality

rules and how they will impact the water users in regard to TMDL's and BMP's. Keith Standley moved to have Mark follow up on this information. Second by Duane Van Leuven. Motion carried. Keith S. also commented that these changes that seem to be coming will require the attention and input of all. He feels that this issue has the potential for much growth in terms of changes to the way we farm and the money required to implement these changes as required by the DEQ. He feels that this will be an ongoing long term effort and very expensive.

USCID Meeting

The next item of business was in regard to an opportunity for Mark to present a paper at the December 5-7 meeting of USCID in Las Vegas, Nevada. The topic is "Competing Interests in Water Resources-Searching for Consensus". USCID = U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage. The goal of the conference is to find ways of achieving consensus among the water user and water provider communities. Dave Tuthill, IDWR, stated that he felt it would be worthwhile for the water district to support this effort. Keith Standley moved to have Mark make preliminary preparations to attend this conference. Second by Bob Henggeler. Motion carried.

DEQ, BPA, ID.Pwr USBOR Meeting

Mark will attend a meeting at the DEQ with BPA, Idaho Power and USBOR in regard to releasing some of the water for flow augmentation in the summer. Advantages are water quality and water temperature along with being an advantage for the fish. A power exchange is to be worked out between Idaho Power and BPA. Idaho Power to release water when the fish need it and USBOR to backfill at Brownlee.

Water Lease

USBOR has an order in to rent 50,000 AF of irrigators space for 1996. They will put in their 95,000 AF of uncontracted space plus the 50,000 AF for a total of 145,000 AF.

Long Term Lease Payette System

Jerry Gregg presented information about a long term lease negotiated in the Upper Snake for up to 250,000 AF for 4 years. There are two levels of cost. One - \$2.95/AF for beneficial use above Milner Dam, and \$10.50/AF below Milner Dam(out of basin). This is to accomodate the USBOR in acquiring water to aid in the collection of data related to the migration survival of Snake River salmon species. During the term of the biological opinion, any water available for use below Milner shall first be made available to the USBOR. Further details are available through the Water Master's office. The reason for bringing the topic up is to cause the water users to begin to think about the possibility of this type of lease on the Payette system. Negotiations should probably be entered into in December or January. The various companies affected should begin to consider this proposal soon.

Exchange Agree-
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The next item of business was acceptance of Lake Reservoir/Lower Payette Exchange Agreement addendum to Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of 9/25/95. Cecil Shurtleff moved to accept the letter which serves as guidance to this issue and will be added to the minutes. Second by Dennis Lamme, Keith Standley dissented, the rest in favor. Motion carried.

Black Canyon
Dam Modification

Mark L. brought to our attention a draft of the Cooperative Agreement for Black Canyon Dam Crest Gates Structural Modification. This information arrived today and will be brought before the board again later. The recommendation was made to have several members review this draft with Mark. Dennis Lamme made this into a motion. Second by Keith Standley. Motion carried. Mark will choose three persons to serve on the committee.

Diversion
Upgrade Update

Dave Tuthill, IDWR, gave an update on the status of the Diversion Upgrade Project. The pre-bid conference has been held with 11 firms present, among them M.K., Montgomery-Watson and CH2M-Hill, also a firm from Fort Collins, Colo., and one from Seattle, Wash. Bids are to be opened June 21st and there are sufficient funds for this project. He announced that he will be temporarily filling Dave Shaw's position in the Adjudication Department. Mr. Shaw is retiring after 30 years service. Dave is assigned until probably September and someone else from the Western Regional Office, possibly Steve Lister will be coming to the W.D. meetings in Dave's place.

Consulting by
Water Master

Mark made mention of some "consulting" that he is doing for some water companies on the river, helping with record keeping and computer start up work. He assured that Water Master duties will come first. He asked Dave Tuthill to comment. Mr. Tuthill stated that doing things in addition to Water Master duties for compensation is acceptable as long as there is no conflict of interest or conflict of time.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Marcia Herr. All in favor. Motion carried.

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