

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Water District 65

- Opening                   The Advisory Board of Water District 65 held a meeting in Payette at the office, 102 N. Main St., April 8, 1996 at 8:00 PM.
- Chairman Andrew opened the meeting, welcomed those present and introduced the guests.
- Those present           Those present were Gail Springer-Bilbrey Ditch, W.L. Charters-Last Chance, Dean Charters-Last Chance, Jerry L. Anderson-Enterprise, Keith Standley-E.I.D., Karl Siller-E.I.D., Mike Bankhead-Lower Payette,, Cecil Shurtleff-Lower Payette, Virgil Johnson-Johnson-Caldwell Ditch, Robert Henggeler-Farmers Co-op, Dennis Lammey-B.C.I.D., Dale Krause-B.C.I.D., Duane VanLeuven-Independent, Marcia Herr-Letha Irrig./Sect'y., Brick Andrew-Chairman W.D.65, Mark Limbaugh-Watermaster W.D.65.
- Guests                   Guests Present were Jerry Gregg-U.S.B.R., Dave Tuthill-I.D.W.R., Gene Gray-Three Rivers Insurance Agency-Payette.
- Minutes/Approval       Chairman Andrew gave time for members to read the minutes of March 18th. There being no additions or corrections, Dale Krause moved to accept them as presented. Second by Gail Springer. Motion carried.
- Financial Report       Mark Limbaugh presented the financial report. The total accounts receivable is \$49,850.33. This includes assessments and rental pool fees. Moving on to deferred revenues of \$117,465.50, he explained that this is the last to fill portion of out of basin use by the USBR for 1955. This amount will be held until the reservoir fills and then the USBR will add to it for what they will rent in 1996. The total of current liabilities at this time is \$127,048.56 - which includes IDWRB fees, interest payments on the rental pool, payroll and water rentals for in basin use that will be paid to E.I.D. and others. He discussed the budget comparison sheet. The one item that is over budget is printing. That is because of preparing for the annual meeting. Chairman Andrew called for any questions or discussion. There being none, Dale Krause moved to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Bob Henggeler. Motion carried.
- Workman's Compensation   Mark L. then brought to the attention of the advisory board, information regarding the necessity of providing workman's compensation for the watermaster and executive board member - i.e. the chairman, secretary and treasurer. This is a new item required by IDWR. This cost was not included at budget time because the information requiring it was not available.

Consequently, there is not funding available in the budget unless a special meeting is called. However, the USBR indicated that the monies designated for the alteration design of Black Canyon Dam would not be needed until the fall or early next year and part of it could be utilized for payment of workman's compensation coverage. The cost for coverage is based on the size of the payroll and can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Cecil Shurtleff moved that Mark reserve a certain amount out of cost-share fund to cover the cost of workman's compensation. The question was asked if a private company could write this for the water district. Gene Gray, Three Rivers Agency, replied that any private company would present the same cost as the State Insurance Fund, but that by 18 months or so, the dividends of the State seem to be greater. A second to Cecil's motion by Duane Van Leuven. Chairman Andrew stated that because workman's compensation is a requirement, the lowest rate that could be found would be accepted. Duane Van Leuven asked that it be noted in the motion by Cecil Shurtleff, that the monies the W.D. will be using from the USBR Black Canyon fund will be

reimbursed to the USBR at a later date. Dave Tuthill stated that the Advisory Board cannot commit future dollars from the district outside of the annual meeting. Mark L. asked that the information in the motion be left and stated that the difference between the \$13,000 cost share on the USBR study and the amount left over in that fund will be on the table at the next annual meeting and be part of next year's budget. The Chairman called for a vote. Bob Henggeler dissented, the rest in favor. Motion carried.

River Operation  
1996

Mark L. reported on a meeting held 3-19-96 at the office of Jerry Gregg, USBR, regarding operation of the Payette River for 1996. Agencies present were IFG, DEQ, USBR, Cascade Reservoir Representatives, BPA and Idaho Power. The conclusion was reached to release half of the fish flush water in summer and half in the winter. Mr. Gregg indicated that he would release the uncontracted space first, then leaving opportunity for individual storage holders to lease theirs. The consensus was that it would benefit all as far as water quality is concerned, and also management of more even river flows. This would be between July and September. He added that TMDL'S are considered along with the amount of river flow.

WAG

The WAG met recently. During that meeting, Keith Standly became irrigation district representative, Mark Limbaugh is alternate, George McClelland is agricultural representative, alternate is Danny Mendiola, Karl Siller is alternate of public at large.

Diversion Upgrade

Dave Tuthill brought an update on the diversion upgrade

project. He stated that there is \$38,000 available now, with \$5,000 from the Water District. There are three tasks to be conducted by the contractor this fall with an engineering firm to do the work. They are finalizing the requests for the proposals this month. Bids for the work will be selected in June, contracts signed about July 1st with work commenced in the fall. The tasks are to physically examine each of 52 diversion sites along the Payette from Black Canyon to the confluence of the Snake River and also the Boise River. There are about a dozen on the Payette. A diversion means a dam at least 2/3 of the way across the river. Pump stations without dams are not included. Each exam should be conducted with the owner of the diversion or appropriate representative of the owner present. Each exam should result in preparation of a brief narrative describing the present condition of the diversion, photos and a video depicting the diversion with a preliminary listing

of diversion improvement possibilities. Those possibilities might include rebuilding the structure or in some cases, keeping the existing structure.

2.-For ten specified diversions, prepare a) recommendations for changes based on preliminary cost benefit analysis, b) listing of all multiple use benefits of the improvement possibilities, c) assessment of possibilities of consolidating this diversion with other diversions. They will do extra work at 10 sites based on the desire of the companies to participate. The cost is \$1000 for a participating organization.

3.-For 2 specified diversions, prepare a set of basic engineering plans and preliminary costs for a cost effective permanent diversion structure.

Boise Cascade has put in monies to do this at their diversion near Emmett, also Little Pioneer on the Boise River.

Lower Payette/  
Lake Reservoir

Follow up on the Lower Payette/Lake Reservoir issue is that further work will be done and the final draft will

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be completed in the near future.

Bill Charters asked if the IDWR needed to be consulted before their company did any work on their dam. Mr. Tuthill replied that companies that have diversions in the river have full exemption from the stream channel law and the Corp of Engineers law and so no permit is required to do repairs to their dam.

Rental Pool  
Activity Report

The next item was review of the 1995 rental pool activity report required by the State of Idaho. In the

interest of time, Mark L. recommended postponing this review and discussion until the next meeting.

Water Bank Money  
Interest

The next item for discussion was the interest on Water Bank monies. Mark L. has called the state treasurer and found that funds could be invested there instead of with the local banks. The interest is a little higher and the ability to access the funds is greater. A CD is locked in at a certain amount for a certain amount of time. The interest with the state is a fluctuating rate. Currently, we are using the local banks with some in a money market so that it is easily accessible. Bob Henggeler suggested leaving it the way it is now and if there seems to be a change occur then to bring it up to the board and make a decision at that time.

USBR Lease

Discussion of USBR lease of water to the water bank for 1996 was next. The amount is 95,000 AF of uncontracted water along with an agreement to rent that same amount of water at 50 cents/AF. This water is for flow augmentation. Dale Krause moved to accept this with a second by Jerry L. Anderson. Motion carried.

The next agreement was to rent water from the water supply bank if available, of 50,000 AF for instream use. Both of these agreements are subject to rental pool procedures and will be subject to last to fill requirements if used out of basin. This water will not be available until July 15th according to water bank rules and procedures. Dale Krause moved to accept this agreement with a second by Keith Standley. Motion carried.

Mark L. made mention of a statement of account sent to the USBR describing the storage water rentals for 1995-95 seasons from the W.D.65 rental pool. The amount USBR paid April 5, 1996 was \$196,800.45.

Reservoir Review

Jerry Gregg, USBR, reviewed the reservoir system. The amount in storage in Cascade now is 561,000 AF - 128% of average - 4% more than last year. The snowpack is not as good as last year but is higher than normal. The snowpack and anticipated rain help to determine the amount of space needed in the reservoir for storage. There is 30,000 AF more space that they need right now. They are keeping the river at 2200 cfs and by May 1st, the reservoir will start to fill. The remaining snow is in the high country.

Capacity/Sediment  
Study

Dale Krause asked about the capacity/sediment study percentages mentioned in last month's report regarding Cascade Reservoir. He asked if the 40% mentioned as not being there initially was accurate. Jerry Gregg stated that the accuracy of methods for survey of the reservoir

now is greater than in 1947. Not all of the loss (estimated at 3 1/2%) is due to sedimentation. Some of the difference is survey error. Mr. Krause then challenged the USBR to take that 40% out of uncontracted space and not out of B.C.I.D. and E.I.D. and other storage holders; to recalculate their numbers and take the 40% out before the USBR prorates - out of the uncontracted space. Jerry G. reminded him that what the districts bought was a percentage of space and that it goes up and down. He promised a full report to the districts when the information is complete. Mark L. asked if it is possible to determine the percentage of sedimentation within the 300,000 AF of the conservation pool. Jerry G. said that he would check on that.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Andrew adjourned the meeting.

Marcia Herr - Secretary