

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2005

Dear Advisory Board Member;

The Water District No. 65 Advisory Board will meet on **Monday August 8th at 8:00 P.M.** in the evening. The meeting will be held in the **Payette River Irrigation Office** located at 102 North Main Street in Payette Idaho. The following tentative agenda items will be considered during the meeting.

- *Review to Approve July 11th Minutes.*
- *Review to approve Financial Statement.*
- *Water Accounting and Reconciliation.*
- *Reservoir Status and Water Supply Report.*
- *Natural flow Report.*
- *Report need for "In Basin" Leases.*
- *Stream Gaging cost share Payment.*
- *Report on latest stream measurement device*
- *Cost Share Program, Payment Report*
- *Any other business to be brought before the board.*

There will also be a Meeting of the Payette River Water Users Association, board of directors following the water district meeting. Members please find the meeting notice enclosed with this mailing.

Remember: **Monday, August 8th, 8:00 pm, at Payette River Irrigation Office.**

Sincerely,



Ron Shurtleff

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: August 8, 2005
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 North Main, Payette, Idaho

Attending: Marcia Herr, Rick York, Dennis Lammey, Jim Standley, Dennis Heaps, Chuck Pollock, Robert Henggeler, Michael McEvoy, Dean Charters, Joy Sisler, George McClelland and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff.

Guests: Jerrold Gregg, USBR.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular July 11, 2005 meeting were mailed to the members for their review along with the meeting notices; they were also presented to those attending in the meeting packets. Chairman Michael McEvoy asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to those minutes. **Dennis Lammey moved to accept the minutes as mailed, Jim Standley seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Financial: Ron Shurtleff presented the financial report. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$564.86 and a savings balance of \$319,282.80. He reported no changes in the fixed assets amount of \$54,101.30, which is still consistent with the current inventory list. As of July 31st the total liabilities and equity of the water district was \$377,421.77. Ron read through the Profit and Loss Statement and reported that the year to date income is at a negative \$82,543.82. Also enclosed was the Budget Worksheet, indicating approved budget compared to actual activity for 2005. The 2005 budget offers expenditures in excess of income in the amount of \$110,614.85 this is to reduce the reserve funds account to an appropriate level. At this date the actual activity indicates \$(85,543.82) this is 75% of the allowed amount. Ron explained that the income will turn positive again after the Administration fees for water rentals are collected and then likely go back negative as all Cost Share payments are made, but still remain below the budgeted amount due to projects that can not be completed in this year. Ron then asked if there were any questions. **George McClelland moved to accept the financial report as presented, Dennis Lammey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Water
Accounting
Report:

There was no one present from the Department of Water Resources but Ron had been supplied with the Payette River Stored Water Reconciliation report. As of July 31, 2005 there is 841,711.0 acre-feet accounted for storage; 40,352.0 unaccounted for storage for a total storage available of 882,063.0. Ron reported that the Canals and pumps have used 45,953.3 acre-feet and with Endangered Species Flow of 80,904.3 acre-feet, resulting in a stored flow passing Letha of 96,893.3 acre-feet. This all amounts to a total storage used of 157,958.9 acre-feet. The actual storage in the reservoirs less Net Storage calculated in the report leaves a balance of -6,116.9 acre-feet considered acceptable as an averaging error, indicating that the water accounting does reconcile.

Ron presented the Bureau of Reclamation Teacup Diagram that indicated the storage facilities in the Payette River system at 77% of its full capacity. Ron also presented a Natural Flow Comparison at Horseshoe Bend showing that currently we are running about average with the 2002 and 2004 water seasons. Ron also included the IDWR Water accounting sheets for August 7 indicating that the river is serving the last right of 1908 on all reaches except the Letha to Payette Reach where all rights through 2005 are being served. Also included was a daily accounting for the storage consumption of Black Canyon Irrigation District, and Emmett Irrigation District.

USBR Land:

Mr. Jerrold Gregg from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported that the Bureau is being asked to sell some of their real estate holdings in the Cascade Reservoir area. Mr. Gregg said that the State of Idaho, primarily the governor's office has supported the return of some of the federal holdings back into State or private ownership, where development opportunities might then exist. Mr. Gregg reported that the Bureau is not motivated to dispose of any of their lands, but that Ideas and pressures have come from outside interest, mainly development ideas, likely because of the Tamarack momentum. Mr. Gregg did state that a recent land survey revealed that there are several instances where private land owners have encroached onto federal lands with their cabins and out buildings. Mr. Gregg said the Bureau is very interested in correcting this situation and this may require some sale of federal land to correct the boundary discrepancies.

Nez Perce Tribe:

Ron reported on a phone conversation that he had with Mr. Greg Haller, a Representative of the Nez Perce Tribe. Mr. Haller has requested to meet with the this board at a future date to provide information regarding the SRBA Nez Perce settlement and FERC re-licensing process of the Hells Canyon Complex. Ron reported that he has attended several of the HCC negotiation meetings where the subject of reintroduction above the complex seems to be a stipulation that Idaho Power may have to agree to, in order to achieve their license. Ron said that the tribes and the fisheries services are very intent on reintroducing an experimental population of Salmon into both Pine Creek and Indian Creek. These creeks are tributaries to the Snake above Hells Canyon Dam and below Oxbow Dam. Ron went on to say that the next areas of interest are the Weiser and Payette Rivers. This is where Mr. Haller would like to express his position as a representative of the Nez Perce Tribe. Ron explained that in the negotiations both Scott L. Campbell and himself have expressed that the Irrigation community could not be expected to withstand any added restrictions of operations or expenses if this experiment and study are to take place. In response to this NOAA Fisheries has presented a plan to include a hold harmless agreement that could shield irrigators and other water users from the Endangered Species Requirements. Ron explained that it appears that NOAA Fisheries has provisions that could provide assurance for a hold harmless agreement but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not likely be able to provide such an assurance. Ron said that Mr. Haller's visit might be more appropriate in a Payette River Water Users Meeting however he wanted to address the subject in this meeting so that Mr. Gregg would learn about the Nez Perce Tribe intentions.

Water Bank
Leases:

Ron Shurtleff presented the updated 2005 Local Rental Pool Lease Report. Total "Out of Basin" is at 50,000 acre-feet and total "In Basin" is at 6,947. Ron explained that if all of the "In Basin" water is not used it will come off of the Noble Ditch Co., Emmett has priority because of the first come first serve policy, whereas all of the "In Basin" contributions were received after July 1, 2005. Bob Henggeler suggested that he would like the Farmer's Coop. Irrigation Co. to also contribute to the "In Basin" leases.

Gaging
Program:

Ron provided the board with a copy of the payment due for the FY 2006 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006) U.S. Geological Survey cooperative stream-gaging program. This is due by September 23, 2005 to continue to participate in the program. It was agreed to pay this invoice in full, no motion was needed for this decision since the item was included in the budget and fell within the budgeted amount.

Rental Pool
Request:

The Water District received a letter from Jennifer Sukow with the SPF Water Engineering Company, for a request to rent water from the Water District 65 Rental Pool for use in construction of the Blackhawk on the River subdivision. Sage SGI, LLC needs to acquire water during the construction phase of the project to perform a leak test on a new 8-million gallon (25 acre-foot) wastewater lagoon and conduct an initial fill of the amenity ponds (150 acre-feet) to weight the PVC liners and prevent flotation during the construction phase of the project. This water rental would be from September thru December. **Bob Henggeler moved and by Jim Standley seconded to allow the rental of 150 acre-feet to the Sage SGI, LLC. Motion carried.**

Acoustic
Doppler:

Ron presented an information printout on the new StreamPro ADCP, a new tool for shallow water discharge measurement. He stated that he observed a demonstration of this product and was greatly impressed by its capabilities. It will measure a depth of 17 feet and accurately measure discharge in shallow streams in less than three minutes. The cost is approx. \$15,000 and the USGS is currently using it, he would like this to be put on his future wish list.

Additional
Business:

Mr. Jerrold Gregg, USBR mentioned that typically the Bureau offers to devote up to 5000 acre-feet of their uncontracted storage water to be used to offset operational loss while insuring that the minimum stream flow of 135 cfs at the Letha gage is not violated. The Bureau is willing to make this offer as long as the irrigators will agree to contribute an equal amount of their contracted water. Mr. Gregg said that the Bureau is making this offer again for the 2005 season and he would like to take the Water District's agreement of commitment back from this meeting. **A motion was made by George McClelland and seconded by Dennis Heaps to authorize up to 5,000 acre-feet for a 50/50 split of operational loss with the USBR. Motion carried.**

Dennis Heaps reported that he had spoken with Norm Semanko and that the Idaho Water Users Association is supportive of sending Ron Shurtleff to the Leadership Idaho Agriculture Sessions. Dennis stated that Idaho Water Users had no other applicants for their leadership funds and that they would agree to pay Ron's Tuition to the program. Michael McEvoy said that he is also intending to attend the sessions and would like to travel with Ron if acceptable. There were no objections.

Adjournment: Chairman Michael McEvoy asked if there was any further business to come before this board. Seeing none Mr. McEvoy declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie White,
Recording Secretary,

Chairman Michael McEvoy
Water District No. 65