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Water District No 65

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2005

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Dear Advisory Board Member;

The Water District No. 65 Advisory Board will meet on **Monday November 14th at 7:00 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 October 10th Minutes.*
- *Review to approve Financial Statement.*
- *Water Accounting and Reconciliation.*
- *Reservoir Status.*
- *Cost Share Program, Project Review Process.*
- *Budget Committee Report.*
- *Nominations Committee 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. Members! Also please find correspondence from Scott L. Campbell in this notice packet!

Remember: **November 14th, 7:00 pm, at the Payette River Irrigation Office.**

Sincerely,



Ron Shurtleff

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2005-10-13

Regular Board Meeting

Date: November 14, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 North Main, Payette, Idaho

Attending: Dennis Lammey, George McClelland, Robert Henggeler, Ron Mio, Marc Shigeta, Norman J. Collinsworth, Rick York, Joy Sisler, Jim Robertson, Chuck Pollock, C. Eugene Parks, Dan Surmeier, Dennis Heaps, Marcia Herr, Jim Standley and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff.

Guests: Steve Burrell, Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Chairman McEvoy is out of the country at the present date and Vice Chairman George McClelland will conduct the evenings meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular October 10, 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. Vice-Chairman George McClelland asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to those minutes. **Dennis Lammey moved to accept the minutes as mailed, Joy Sisler seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Financial: Ron Shurtleff gave the financial report. He reported a checking account balance of \$4,121.46 and a savings account balance of \$1,044,953.14 as well as and a fixed assets total of \$54,351.30. As of October 31st the total liabilities and equity for the water district equaled \$1,102,950.45. The district has payroll liabilities of \$1,176.3 and water lease liabilities of \$650,248.68. The result is a Retained Earnings amount of \$405,705.58. Ron read through the Profit and Loss Statement that gave an itemized report of income and expenses to date. At the end of October the district indicated a negative income amount of \$12,653.96. Ron directed attention to the Budget to Actual page of the report. The 2005 approved budget indicated the intent to incur expenditures in excess of income to the amount of \$110,614.85. Ron indicated that if the 2005 cost share program disperses its total budgeted amount this year, the district will continue to remain well inside the approved budget for 2005. Vice Chairman McClelland asked the members if there were any questions about the financial report. **Gene Parks moved to accept the financial report as presented, Dennis Lammey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Water
Accounting
Report:

Steve Burrell from the Department of Water Resources attended the meeting and provided copies of the Payette River stored water supply reconciliation. Steve reported, as of October 31, 2005 there was 841,711 acre-feet of Accounted for Storage; 40,352 acre-feet of Unaccounted for Storage for a Total Storage Available of 882,063. He reported storage water usage of 223,762.7 acre-feet by canals and pumps, 15,989 consumption by the minimum flow release from Deadwood Reservoir, Endangered Species flow augmentation consumption of 130,000 acre-feet, Power flow releases by the USBR of 8,923.8 acre-feet and operational losses of 16,597.7 acre-feet. The basin also incurred evaporation losses of 6,275.9 acre-feet charged to the USBR storage and 29,887.1 acre-feet charged proportionally to all storage holders in the system. The combined storage used totaled 431,805.7 acre-feet on October 31st. Steve reported that when the total storage used amount is subtracted from the total storage available the remaining figure is 450,257.3 acre-feet. This figure is compared to the Actual Reservoir Content as measured in the reservoirs and the resulting difference equals negative 13,593.07 Mr. Burrell stated that this averaging error is larger than is expected and that he would like to reexamine the figures to insure that all water was accounted for

properly. Ron Shurtleff stated that the operational loss amount seem higher that expected and indicated that he thought the ending figure would be close to 7,000 acre-feet. Mr. Burrell stated that the Department of Water Resources will insure that the accounting is reconciled and accounted for accurately, after all of the data is received from the districts watermaster for the 2005 season.

Steve Burrell also gave a report on the operation of the reservoirs during the 2005 season. Steve presented charts for both Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs that compared this past season to the 2004 season. Deadwood Reservoir in 2005 was drawn down to nearly the same level as it was in the previous year but has not yet picked up as much new fill that was experienced in 2004, resulting in about 6,000 acre-feet less in the reservoir than was experienced the past year at this date. Also Cascade Reservoir was drafted harder this year resulting in about 27,000 acre-feet less content in that reservoir than in the 2004 year.

Ron Shurtleff also prepared similar charts for the reservoirs and explained that in the fall of 2004 rain storms contributed to increases of natural flow to the river. The result was reduced storage usage as indicated in the forebay curve on the Cascade Reservoir chart. At the time Ron had calculated that the rains had contributed nearly 30,000 acre-feet to the system in 2004. These figures are somewhat substantiated by the difference in reservoir contents during this year which was absent of the storm effects.

Snotel Report: Ron included in the information packets chart for eight of the 2005 Snotel sites in the Payette basin. Ron pointed out that the past water year had recorded very low total precipitation, but that timing of the precipitation had resulted in a very good water year for irrigators and other water users. Ron reported that the reservoir content to starting the 2006 season is about 32,000 acre-feet less than at the start of the past season, but that the 2006 Snotel charts indicate one of the best season starts in many years. Ron said he had included the 2006 charts as a form of "so far so good" with the 2006 water outlook.

In-Basin

Rental Report:

Ron presented a list of the in-basin water users for the 2005 season. The list contained the name of the diversion in the water accounting and the number of acre-feet of storage consumption for the season. There are 63 in-basin users on the list that incurred in-basin storage consumption. The preliminary total of storage consumed is 6719 acre-feet. Ron reported that he must contact each entity and confirm the usage and that there are sure to be some minor changes in the total number of acre-feet of usage after confirmation has been established.

Cost Share

Re-allocation:

Ron reminded the members that the reallocation of cost share monies had been postponed at the last meeting and is now on the agenda for this meeting. Ron presented a spread sheet listing the approved projects for 2005 with the addition of the Black Canyon Irrigation Districts Ramp Flume Project at the head of their "A" line canal that was approved at the October meeting. With the addition there are four projects that will likely be completed and utilize an additional \$34,347.42 of the 2005 budget. Ron further explained that there is an additional un-committed amount of \$47,759.59 that remains in the budget that is eligible for re-allocation if the entire \$200,000 allotment is to be dedicated to projects in this budget year.

Ron asked the members to review the list of eight projects that had been submitted for funding in the 2006 cost share program. Ron explained that some of these projects could be funded with the un-committed funds from the 2005 budget if the advisory board should so decide. Ron asked the two members representing Emmett Irrigation District to comment about pipe replacement project that has recently become a priority project for their irrigation district and listed as project no. 8 on the 2006 list. Ron also reported that the Lower Payette Ditch Company is making application for additional funding for their diversion dam project listed as project no. 1 and if successful that company will have an urgent need for assistance from the district.

After considerable discussion it was evident that the assistance request from the Emmett Irrigation District for the pipe replacement at the head of their canal represented the project of highest priority. **With this in mind Dennis Lammey moved to dedicate the remaining un-committed funds from the 2005 budget up to \$48,760 to the Pipe replacement project at the head of the canal of the Emmett Irrigation District. Marcia Herr seconded the motion and the vote was all in favor, the motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Ron reported that the budget committee had not conducted a meeting because the action taken at this meeting concerning the un-committed cost share monies should take place before account balances can be established and provide solid decision making data for the 2006 operating budget. The budget committee will be prepared with a report at the December meeting.

Joy Sisler reported that the Nominations committee met just prior to the district meeting and has the following suggestions to be considered at the December meeting. Nominated for Chairman, George McClelland, nominated for Vice Chairman Dean Charters, and Dan Surmeier, nominated for Secretary, Dan Surmeier, and Jim Standley. Joy explained that since Dean Charters was not available at this meeting to express his intentions as to whether he is interested in remaining active in the water district, the nominations committee decided that having an alternate nomination in place would be more expedient and allow for a final nominations list to be approved at the December meeting after communicating with Dean.

Auto Site

Communication: Ron reported that Ken Mineard and he had met with Eric Dick from Aqua Systems 2000 and viewed the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system used at The Owyhee Irrigation-District North Board of Control. Ken and Ron toured the automation sites and then visited the office in Nyssa where they were able to see the SCADA with Radio communication in operation. Ron reported that their system operates just as the automation sites in the Payette basin with the exception of how personnel communicate with the sites. Unlike our dialup system the radio system is in constant communication with the sites. The Owyhee system currently only has five auto sites and all five sites were able to be displayed on one computer screen at all times.

Ron said that he is interested in radio communication because in 2007 the Payette basin is facing a modification to their current system when the analog cell phone communication is discontinued. Ron said that in his opinion converting to radio communication would be no more costly than upgrading to digital dialup and over time be much more cost effective by eliminating the reoccurring telephone bills.

Ron stated that the Payette basin should make every attempt to get a base unit in operation for the 2006 season to test its effectiveness. The Campbell Scientific company has radio systems that are compatible with the current data loggers in the Payette system, but technical assistance may need to be purchased if the upgrade is accomplished before any disruption in service is experienced.

ArcGIS

Upgrade:

Ron reported that Mr. Lester Britton from the Bureau of Reclamation brought the ArcGIS upgrade to the Payette office recently and installed it on Peggy's and his computers. The Bureau was generous enough to do this at no cost to the office. Ron said that he is very grateful to the Bureau of Reclamation because the upgrade has allowed the new imagery to work properly and both Peggy and he are learning the program and are able to put it to work in their daily tasks. Ron included a sample of the imagery in the information packets. Ron also said that the Payette River irrigation office is planning to upgrade Jamie's computer, and she to will be able to learn and work with the Mapping and Data system.

Adjournment:

Vice-Chairman George McClelland asked if there was any further business to come before this board. Seeing none Mr. McClelland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Shurtleff
Watermaster,

Michael McEvoy
Chairman, Water District No. 65