

Advisory Board Meeting held May 25, 2004.

Present were Seth Beal, Larry Quist, Jay Jensen, Preston Bell, Alvin Crawford, Shane Rosenkrance, Jay Pearson, Bob Duke, Cindy Smyer, and several interested water users.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00. Present were Tim Luke, Jennifer Berkey, and Gary Backman.

Seth explained why meeting was called and why IDWR department is here to explain and determine how mitigation works.

Jay Jensen explained the land and water listed under mitigation call. A total of 152 + 65 + 87 acres with 6.53 CFS total.

Mitch Sorensen explained the rights called for mitigation and how they work in combination with their ground water right.

Mitigation will require:
47,000 AF pumped
13% depletion
6110 AF for mitigation
2000 AF in 1st half of irrigation season

There was:
38,000 AF pumped last year
13% of this is 11,440 AF

Mitch factored the amount of those called for mitigation which is, $1.75\% \times 11,440 = 200 \text{ AF} = 5000 \text{ inches}$, which = 30 inches a day for first half of season and 60 inches for second half.

To satisfy mitigation this year is possible. Another year may not be possible if all that call for mitigation do.

Alternatives – if no mitigation is made – then to call and petition may not be worth it.

Should District #34 propose mitigation Plan for 2004? Motion to propose mitigation by Preston Bell and Seconded by Shane Rosenkrance, passed.

The committee to consider a plan, including the Advisory Board, Dave Nelsen, Terry Monson, Harvey Walker, Mitch Sorsensen, Lynn Rothwell.

Next meeting, Tuesday June 1, 2004 8 PM possibly at City Hall.

Rule 40 – 49.6 CFS – People sign to have water used to charge the river – under control of water master. Delivered down stream – 80.0 CFS.

Futile call information was given to Bob from the IDWR. Explains what is needed to make futile call.

For Beaver Dams on Antelope Creek, request Fish and Game to remove the dams.

Advisory Board Meeting held June 1, 2004 at the BIC center in Arco, Idaho.

Present were Seth Beal, Shane Rosenkrance, Preston Bell, Logan Williams, Larry Quist, Alvin Crawford, Jay Jensen, Bob Duke, Lynn Rothwell, Terry Monson, Dave Nelson, L. Vaughn Jensen, Lynn Hintze, and Mrs. Lynn Hintze.

Seth Beal called meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Plans for Mitigation funding could be taken from contingency fund or surplus to cover the mitigation cost.

Pumping 110 AF for flow augmentation.

Dave Nelson questioned whether we need to mitigate at all.

Ground water rights, that are not included in the drainage of the Big Lost River, are not included in mitigation, these are administrated separatel

Shane Rosenkrance indicated several would like to challenge mitigation to make them (IDWR) shut the wells off.

District #34 could develop a mitigation plan and the individuals have the option to not accept the plan.

Some of the wells pump more than allowed or pump in addition to storage – or when rights are on.

Shane suggested that our plan include cleaning up the well – surface right issue – using more water that there is a right for.

There is about \$6000 in a contingency fund that could be used for mitigation.

Vote on Mitigation Plan – Yes or No.

Eric moved to participate in a mitigation plan. 5 in favor, 2 opposed. Jay Vaughn abstained.

43,000 inches charged the river – suggested consider this as some mitigation.

Alternate Plan could include:

1 – Storage – rotation credit

2 – Restrict expansion – transfers/sales

Eric moved for Direct Augmentation for 2004 to satisfy mitigation.

Mitch Sorsensen suggested possibly use money in Recharge fund be used to make a study of underground and relation with surface water. Jay Pearson seconded the motion. 3 for – 2 against – Jay Jensen abstained, Shane Rosenkrance abstained.

Meeting adjourned.

Advisory Board Meeting, June 4, 2004 at District Office in Mackay, Idaho.

Present were Preston Bell, Shane Rosenkrance, Alvin Crawford, Bob Duke, Seth Beal, Eric Aikele, Jay Pearson, Jay Jensen, and Art Quist. A Letter from the ground water users was handed out to each member.

Meeting was called to order at 11:45.

The authority of the Advisory Board to finance mitigation was questioned. Seth feels that IDWR has given the Advisory Board authority to satisfy mitigation.

Possibly 50 pumpers signed the petition to oppose the Advisory Board Mitigation Plan.

Jay Jensen assumes they have used 400 + AF through surface and well use thus far this season. A Mitigation well possibly would only pump for 30-40 days. Possibly \$4500 to cover the cost this year.

Mitigation for another year should involve an Alternative plan – all the issues should be discussed before next irrigation season.

Each Board member was given chance to express their opinions about mitigation.

Bob Duke felt that under the circumstances and time involved that direct augmentation was best for this year.