

WATER DISTRICT #11 BEAR RIVER
Minutes of Special Meeting
May 20, 2009

Attending

Jim Smith
Dustin B. Smith
Demar Romrell
Blair Mathews
Mark Mathews
Rock Holbrook
Steve Meek
Joel Teuscher
Dell Transtrum
Garth Boehme
Joseph G. Larsen
Larry Pitcher
Wayne Bosen
Lyle Bosen
David Skabelundl
Paul Nelsen
Dan Forsgren
Bill Robison
Lyla Detmer
Joann Taylor
Pete Petersen
Steve Smith
Connely Baldwin
Austin Moses

Representing

Smith Broken Heart Ranch
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Neupher Canal
Small Irrigator
Last Chance Canal
District #11 Watermaster
Riverdale-Preston Irrigation & BRSI
Watermaster 11-F
Glenn Transtrum
District 11-F
District #11, West Cache
West Cache Canal
Bosen Irrigation
Smith Bosen
Self
Preston Montpelier Irrigation
Preston Thatcher Irrigation
Water Dist. #11 Advisory Committee
Franklin Soil & Water Conservation
Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation
Self
Franklin Soil & Water Conservation
Pacificorp
Water Dist. #11 Treasurer

The meeting opened at approximately 10: 00 a.m. with Connely Baldwin serving and meeting chairman and Austin Moses serving as meeting secretary.

Connely indicated that a grant opportunity had come up from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for projects costing at least \$2,000,000. Although the Water District #11, Bear River, does not have water improvement projects of that magnitude, Franklin and Bear Lake County Soil and Water Conservation Districts are willing to join with the District for grant purposes. They have some larger conservation and piping projects, which, when combined with the District's would meet the grant requirement. In order to submit the grant application, Water District #11 needs to pass a resolution approving the action.

The following items were explained and discussed: The Conservation Districts have two grant administrators capable of completing the paper work for the grant. Costs from

February 17, 2009 will be eligible for reimbursement if they are qualifying expenditures. A 50% match will be required, with in-kind match from the District provided by Watermaster Rock Holbrook. The only cash outlay from Water District #11 will be the \$5,000 budgeted for telemetry. Individual water users will be required to provide their own match. This is an opportunity for individuals and canals to obtain a 50% grant to install metering and telemetry which the State of Idaho has mandated they provide. PacifiCorp will not make any direct contribution to the match, as they have already completed the necessary upgrades for metering and telemetry.

The grant budget and time-line was presented by Connely, who also explained how the match would be applied to the grant items. There was considerable discussion as to the types of metering devices that would be acceptable by the State. Also discussed was where the telemetry devices would be placed.

Lyla Detmer explained the numerous projects for piping upgrade that would be applied for.

Connely read the following resolution:

Resolution #1-2009

Resolved that the water users of Water District #11 commit to the financial and legal obligations associated with the receipt of financial assistance under the Challenge Grant Program in cooperation with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and the Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District. As required by the grant application:

- The Water Users of Water District #11 support the application.
- Water District #11 assures that it has included in the current budget and assessments the funding and in-kind contributions specified in the funding plan in the application for the water measurement and data telemetry portion of the project. Water District #11 assures that it also has reserve funds available that could be made available by the water right holders of Water District #11 if they approve.
- The official with legal authority to enter into the agreement is Austin Moses acting in his capacity as Treasurer of Water District #11.
- Water District #11 will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement if the grant application is successful.

Further, in the event that the Water District #11 application is successful, the Advisory Committee is authorized to enter in an agreement with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and the Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District to specify

accounting and financial arrangements necessary to administer grant funds in accordance with the application.

Mark Mathews moved that the resolution be approved as read. David Skabelund seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

Bill Robison expressed appreciation for Joann, Lyla and Connely for the work performed in the grant application.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon.