

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: April 10, 2006
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 N. Main, Payette, Idaho

Attending: Dennis Lammey, Jim Standley, Dennis Heaps, Margaret Barber, Marcia Herr, C. Eugene Parks, Dean Charters, Dan Surmeier, Marc Shigeta, Watermaster Ron Shurtleff and Recording Secretary Jamie White

Guests: Liz Robbins, Idaho Department of Water Resources and Jerrold Gregg of the United States Bureau of Reclamation and Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Dean Charters.

Watermaster Ron Shurtleff introduced a new member, Margaret Barber, representing the Bilbrey Ditch Company.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular March, 2006 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 Charters asked if there were any additions or correction to be made to those minutes. **Dennis Lammey moved and Jim Standley seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.**

Financial: Watermaster Ron Shurtleff gave the financial report. He presented a Balance Sheet as of April 5, 2006 and reported a checking account balance of \$3,039.65, a savings account balance of \$339,629.03 and a fixed assets total of \$55,001.29. The total liabilities and equity for the Water District equaled \$401,347.58. Ron then read through the Profit & Loss Summary, he stated that we currently have a net income of negative \$29,086.69. Vice Chairman Charters asked the members if there were any question about the financial report. Bob Henggeler requested that Ron provide an aging report at next months meeting. **Gene Parks moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Motion Carried.**

IDWR Report: Liz Robbins from the Idaho Department of Water Resources attended the meeting and presented Run-off Projections. Liz provided charts for Deadwood Inflow the South Fork Payette River at Lowman, and the Weiser River at Weiser. The charts indicated runoff predictions at 5 levels of exceedence from normal, 10, 30 50 70 and 90 percent for the period from April 3 2006 to July 1, 2006.

BOR Report &
Water Supply

Outlook:

Brian Sauer from the United States Bureau of Reclamation attended the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Snow Pack and Reservoir Report. Using the teacup diagram, Brian reported Cascade is 56% full and Deadwood right at 50% of capacity. He also reported on the reservoir conditions and flood control operations. An Idaho Snowpack Update Report was included in the packets which showed the snow depth and snowpack density. Deadwood Summit has approximately 56 inches of water content and 140 inches of snow and Brundage Reservoir approximately 46 inches of water content and 93 inches of snow as of April 8, 2006.

Watermaster Ron Shurtleff gave his water supply outlook report and provided graphs for Deadwood and Cascade Reservoir. He also reported as a point of interest, the total acre-feet of water passing three of the river gages since October 1, 2005. There has been a gain of 192,397.4 acre-feet from Horseshoe Bend to Letha; 175,736.3 acre-feet from Letha to Payette; and 368,133.7 acre-feet from Horseshoe to Payette. With a total of 1,132,150.3 acre-feet leaving the mouth of the Payette River since the new water year started on October 1 2005.

Facility Tour:

Ron Shurtleff gave an update on the progress and plans for the upcoming Facility Tour. A June 14, 2006 date has been set and a Commercial Motorcoach Chartered Bus has been reserved. Ron contacted Matsy's Restaurant and they are willing to cater a lunch stop in our tour area. Ron requested that each of the Managers for the involved irrigation companies make a list of locations that can be toured and map out a route. He also stated that he has an offer for a demonstration of the Acoustic Doppler Equipment that could be conducted at our lunch stop or scheduled as a separate stop. Ron has sent invitations out to Governor Kempthorne, Norm Semanko and Mark Limbaugh, also included on the invitee list is the Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Legislators, Other Basin Managers, and the Soil Conservation Districts. Ron will provide further updates at next months meeting.

Other
Business

Vice-Chairman Charters opened the floor for any other business. Ron Shurtleff reported on an invoice he received from the Boise Public Schools to support Water Awareness Week beginning May 1, 2006. This support will provide educational materials on the value and importance of water in our communities, workbooks, and field trips for over 16,000 sixth grade students. **Moved by Gene Parks and seconded by Dennis Lammey to pay the \$1000 invoice for materials and supplies for Water Awareness Week 2006. Passed.**

Ron then reported on a mailing he received from the Gem Soil and Water Conservation District regarding their Gopher Control Program Support. They were requesting our support thru a financial contribution to help continue this program in Gem County. After much discussion it was determined that each individual irrigation company within our organization has their own program for gopher control and no action will be taken regarding this request.