

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho
Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: December 12, 2005
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 North Main, Payette, Idaho

Attending: Dennis Lamme, George McClelland, Ron Mio, Norman J. Collinsworth, Rick York, Joy Sisler, Jim Robertson, Chuck Pollock, C. Eugene Parks, Dan Surmeier, Dennis Heaps, Marcia Herr, Jim Standley, Jackie Maki, Dick Hamilton, Maynard Potter, Michael McEvoy, Dean Charters and Watermaster Ron Shurtleff.

Guests: Liz Robbins, Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Chairman McEvoy called the meeting to order.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular November 14, 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 Lamme moved to accept the minutes as mailed, Jim Standley seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Financial: Ron Shurtleff gave the financial report. He reported a checking account balance of \$784.77 and a savings account balance of \$1,037,592.13 as well as and a fixed assets total of \$54,101.30. As of November 30, 2005, the total liabilities and equity for the water district equaled \$1,095,894.21. The district has payroll liabilities of \$1,356.28 and water lease liabilities of \$651,604.96. 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 November, the district indicated a negative income amount of \$15,517.63. It was pointed out that the \$119,276.65 total cost-share incentive programs reflected on the Profit & Loss Statement, is actually half of the total cost of improvements, which when complete will reach approx. \$199,000.00. Ron then 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 reported that he projects actual expenses to be about \$98,000 in excess of income. Ron also pointed out that the 2005 actual interest income will probably come close to \$18,000, which is approx. \$8,000 more than projected in the budget. All other budgeted amounts will remain well inside the approved budget for 2005. Chairman McEvoy asked the members if there were any questions about the financial report. **Jim Standley moved to accept the financial report as presented, Gene Parks seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Water
Accounting
Report:

Liz Robbins from the Idaho Department of Water Resources attended the meeting and provided copies of the Payette River stored water supply reconciliation. Liz reported, as of November 30, 2005 there was 841,711.0 acre-feet of Accounted for Storage; 40,352 acre-feet of Unaccounted for Storage and a late season fill of 8,622.4 for a Total Storage Available of 890,685.4. She reported storage water usage of 223,757.1 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 7,186 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 432,174.5 acre-feet on November 30, 2005. Liz reported that when the total storage used amount is subtracted from the total storage available the remaining figure is 458,510.9 acre-feet. This figure is compared to the Actual Reservoir Content as measured in the reservoirs and the resulting difference equals negative 5,340.1. Liz also provided a chart of the total flow of Payette River passing the gage at Horseshoe Bend which compared the irrigation years of 2000 through 2005 to the 30 year average total flow. For a new season outlook she reported that the Payette basin at present is holding a 75% of an average snow water equivalent and since October 1st precipitation has equaled 99% of the average. Liz also showed fill rate charts for Deadwood and Cascade Reservoirs that indicated the reservoirs are below levels at this time last year but filling at normal rates. Ron presented the Bureau of Reclamation Teacup Diagram and indicated that the storage facilities in the Payette River system, including Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs are at 55% of capacity as of December 10, 2005 and the Natural Flow on that day was 605cfs.

Snow Report: Ron provided in the information packets, a chart for eight of the 2005 Snotel sites in the Payette basin. He also included a Snow Depth and Water Content graph for Deadwood Summit and Brundage Reservoir. It showed that as of December 10, 2005 the water content for Brundage Reservoir was at approx. 6 inches and the snow depth had dropped slightly too approximately 33 inches. Deadwood Summit showed water content at approximately 11 inches and snow depth also dropping slightly too approximately 49 inches.

Cost Share
Progress
Report:

An updated copy of the Cost Share Application and Payments for 2005 was provided. Ron reported that line item #14, The Gem County Mosquito Abate. Dist. Project was deleted and as of this date, \$116,892.99 has been funded for completed projects. There is approx. \$83,057.42 still left to be disbursed on in-completed projects. The total Cost Share Payments and Payables for 2005 Facility Improvement Programs will be \$199,950.41. The total Cost Share Payments for 2005 Water Quality Programs are \$4,383.10 and all submitted assistance requests has been funded.

Black Canyon Irrigation Dist. reported that the Ramp Flume project was proceeding along smoothly and the footing and floor was poured last week, they plan on installing the wing walls this week and will keep the board posted on their progress. The Emmett Irrigation Dist. reported that the State of Idaho was willing to pay a share of the Main Canal Pipe Rehabilitation Project still pending, but stressed the fact, that the Irrigation Dist. needs to find a way to complete this project without shutting down the road. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

Ron reported that as of this date, nine applications, representing \$178,387.20 have been received for the 2006 Cost Share program, and it is likely that other requests will be submitted. Three applications for Water Quality Improvement Projects have also been submitted, for requests totaling of \$4,575.00.

Committee
Reports:

Ron reported that Chairman McEvoy was absent but all other members were in attendance for the November 30, 2005 Budget Committee Meeting. The board reviewed the proposed 2006 budget and after much discussion it was decided to increase the Cost Share for Facility Improvements from \$100,000 to \$150,000. George McClelland moved to increase the proposed \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the Facility Improvement-50% Cost Share Program, Gene Parks seconded and the motion passed.

Jim Standley then moved that the advisory board accept the amended budget and present it at the Water Districts Annual Meeting and recommended it for approval. Dean Charters seconded and the motion passed.

8:05p.m., Dan Surmeier joined the meeting at this time.

Joy Sisler reported that all the committee members were in attendance at the November 14, 2005 Nominations Committee Meeting. The committee included two nominees for the position of Vice-Chairman and Secretary in order to provide options while the committee verified that the candidates would be willing to serve if elected. All nominees were present at this December meeting and with permission from the candidates that had been submitted at the November 14th meeting, it was decided to trim the list to

one candidate per office. . Moved by Jim Standley to present the following list of candidates at the annual meeting; George McClelland for Chairman, Dean Charters for Vice-Chairman and Dan Surmeier for Secretary, Dennis Lamme seconded and the motion carried.

Campbell
Scientific:

Ron presented a Software Training Class Schedule and Information sheet for Campbell Scientific. These comprehensive courses are designed for those without much datalogger experience, or for those wanting to increase their knowledge. The courses have an emphasis for "hands on" programming exercises and course handouts are used to reinforce the concepts covered by the instructors. The courses are taught by experienced CSI applications engineers and are limited to ten attendees. F&N Ditch Manager, Rick York, commented on how the Irrigation Companies are at a point where such training would be greatly beneficial to the operations of the canals and he was very supportive of receiving continued education for operations of Automation Sites. It was decided that Ron will investigate our options and determine if it would be more cost effective to bring a CSI applications engineer to our facility for training or to send interested parties to the Logan, Utah facility. Ron will report his findings at the annual meeting.

Acoustic
Doppler:

Ron supplied an information handout for the SonTek Argonaut-SW (shallow water). This is ideal for monitoring flows in small channels from 1 ft. to 16ft. deep. It offers advanced Doppler performance for sites previously thought impossible to measure. It is typically mounted on the bottom of a channel, stream or pipe; it measures water level and vertically-integrated velocity. Ron stated this would be a practical device to install on the Last Chance Ditch and would reduce the cost of installing a flume. He provided a quotation from SonTek and this unit would cost approx. \$6680.00. This is for information only and no action needs to be taken at this time.

Annual
Meeting:

Ron reminded the board members that the 2006 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 1:00p.m., and located in the USDA Center in Emmett, Idaho.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie White
Recording Secretary

Michael McEvoy
Chairman, Water District No. 65