

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No 65

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2007
7:00 P.M.

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Mr. John Westra,

The Water District No. 65 Advisory Board will meet on **Monday, February 12th at 7:00 P.M.** 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 December 2006 Minutes***
- ***Review to Approve Financial Statement***
- ***Guest, Roger Batt, to report on upcoming Legislative Tour***
- ***February 1, Snow Report***
- ***Report on Jan. 18th PC208 Training and Subsequent Training***
- ***Presentation of 2007 Cost Share Projects***
- ***2006 Cost Share, Payable Report***
- ***Water Awareness Week, Contribution Request***
- ***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 will find a meeting notice included with this mailing.

Note!!
7:00 PM, Winter Meeting Time.

I hope to see you at the meeting on February 12, 2006, Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Shurtleff

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: February 12, 2007

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 N. Main, Payette, Idaho

Attending: Chuck Pollock, C. Eugene Parks, Michael Mcevoy, Robert Henggeler, Maynard Potter, Dan Surmeier, Ron Mio and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff

Guests: Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation

Secretary Dan Surmeier, acting chairman, called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or changes that should be made to the agenda. Ron Shurtleff pointed out that Mr. Rodger Batt was scheduled to attend the meeting but due to an illness he was required to postpone to the March meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting had been mailed to the board members with their meeting notice. Secretary Surmeier asked the members to review the minutes for their approval. **Robert Henggeler moved and Michael McEvoy seconded to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting. The motion carried.**

Financial: Secretary Surmeier asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$1,810.60 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$276,704.47 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$278,515.07. Ron reported accounts receivable of \$6,632.65 with \$918.40 receivable in the form of past due assessments, and \$5,714.25 in the form of rental pool fees, most of which are current. Fixed assets equal \$18,267.72 for Office Equipment, \$11,196.95 for Field Equipment, and \$25,916.00 for the district vehicle. The total assets for the district as of February 12, 2007 equal \$340,528.39. Ron also read the profit and loss report for the first part of 2007 which indicates a negative income of \$22,722.63. Ron reported that the income will remain negative till the district makes its annual assessment in April. Secretary Surmeier asked if there were any question. **Michael McEvoy moved and Ron Mio seconded to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**

Contribution

Request: Ron reported that Rodger Batt was scheduled to attend this meeting to request financial assistance from District 65 for the Legislative tour that will be held this summer. Rodger had told Ron that the district had been a contributor in the past for this same event. Mr. Batt has agreed to attend the regular meeting in March and Ron will research to find the level that the district participated in the past.

USBR

Report: Brian Sauer, Conservation Specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation presented a water supply outlook for the Payette River in 2007. Mr. Sauer reported the status of the storage

reservoirs in the Payette and Boise basins at 68% and 61% respectively. Brian also reported the snow conditions at four Snotel sites and compared current conditions to prior years to indicate the potential runoff this coming spring. Brian said that he was cautiously optimistic that the reservoir system in the Payette system would reach a complete fill once again this year. Brian presented Runoff predictions for the river at Horseshoe Bend, Deadwood and North Fork at Cascade that indicated the basin runoff will yield above the 2005 year and not far below the 30 year average. Mr. Sauer reported the reservoir status in respect to the 2005 year which gives this 2007 year a much better storage fill potential.

Brian reported on the Water Conservation incentive program of the Bureau of Reclamation. Brian explained the new on line application method for cost share assistance. He explained that a person can either get the forms on line and apply on paper, or apply directly on line and submit the forms electronically. Brian encourage the applicants to get their forms in by April 1, 2007 since there will be competition for the funding. Brian also reported that the 2025 program for 2007 was not funded and that he is not certain what the status of the program will be in the 2008 season.

Watermaster's Report:

Ron reported that Liz Robbins, IDWR did not attend the meeting for personal reasons. Ron further reported that Ms Robbins was married on February 10, 2007 and that she is currently on her Honey Moon in Italy. Ron said that he expects Liz to attend our next meeting in March and that she will be Mrs. Liz Cresto.

Ron reported that Mr. Sauer's water supply report had covered the same information that he had prepared. Ron had included some long range 90day forecasting for precipitation in the region. He presented 4 slides that showed the next 30 days which are expected to be drier than normal, but the predictions further in the future look more encouraging with above normal precipitation expected when looking at a 120 day forecast.

Cost Share Program:

Ron directed the members to the page in the packet that listed the seven cost share projects presented with funding requests in the 2007 cost share incentive program. The list included the following projects and funding requests.

Facility Improvement Projects

1. Lower Payette Ditch Co.	Construct Upper End Check #4	\$24,216.50
2. Farmers Coop Irr. Co.	Two Bay Check – Calvin Stelling	\$24,153.00
3. Noble Ditch Company	Pump Back Project	\$34,144.72
4. Letha Irrigation & Water	Woods & Rosebury Flumes	\$ 6,366.00
5. WD65/Last Chance Ditch	Acoustic Doppler Argonaut SW	\$ 3,750.00
6. Reed Ditch Company	Brill Lateral-Control & Measure	\$ 7,122.50
7. Black Canyon Irr. District	“A” Line Canal, Lining Project	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	Total Application Requests	\$124,752.72

Water Quality Improvement Projects

1. Noble Ditch Company	Water Quality Testing	\$ 830.00
2. Farmers Coop Irr. Co.	Water Quality Testing	\$ 1,245.00
3. Letha Irrigation & Water	Water Quality Testing	\$ 1,245.00

4. Payette River Irr. Office	ArcGis Mapping Project	\$ 1,000.00
	Total Application Requests	\$ 4,320.00

Ron reported that the #4 project named Woods & Rosebury flumes will likely only include a measuring flume installation on the Rosebury Ditch because the land served by the Woods ditch is being converted to a subdivision and the developers are considering moving the diversion point and pumping from the Seven Mile Slough.

Ron also noted that the total requested funds exceed the budgeted amount by \$24,752.72.

After careful consideration Robert Henggeler moved to approve the entire list of cost share projects and to apply the available funds pro-rata to each project with the stipulation that if any project should drop out and not be attempted, the released funds would be available to the remaining projects. The motion was seconded by Maynard Potter, and the motion carried.

Water

Awareness:

Ron submitted a request from the Boise City Schools Education Foundation, Inc. for the annual contribution to the Water Awareness Week Program. Ron explained the program targets sixth grade students with field trips and workbooks to emphasize the importance of water and water supply systems. Ron reported that for many years the District has contributed \$1,000.00 to the program. **Robert Henggeler moved to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Water Awareness Week Program in this 2007 year. Gene Parks seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Campbell
Scientific

Training:

Ron reported that a training session conducted by Mike Lusk from Intermountain Environmental was held on January 18, 2007. The class was well attended and Ron thought that the class was very worthwhile. Ron also reported that Shane Livingston from the Bureau of Reclamation is preparing to give advanced and more specialized training to interested persons in the district that would like to gain software programming skills. This class will be held on February 21-23 in the USBR office in Boise. Ron explained that there is sufficient knowledge in the district to install automation equipment and get new sites built and operational, but that we have always depended on the Bureau of Reclamation to prepare new software programs for each new site. With this training we are hopeful that WD 65 can become a self sufficient user and operator of the Campbell Scientific equipment and software.

Ron to

Kansas:

Ron reported that he is intending to travel to Kansas City on March 28 and return on the 2nd of April 2007. The purpose of the trip is to visit his daughter who is a student at the University of Kansas and will be graduating with a Masters of Fine Art degree.

Adjournment:

Secretary Dan Surmeier asked if there were any additional business items that should be brought before the board, hearing none he declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster