

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No 65

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2007

8:00 P.M.

Mr. John Westra,

The Water District No. 65 Advisory Board will meet on **Monday, April 9th at 8:00 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 March 2007 Minutes***
- ***Review to Approve Financial Statement***
- ***April 1, Water Supply Outlook***
- ***Water Bank Lease Report***
- ***Any other business to be brought before the board***

Since I am out of town March 28 through April 1 the minutes and financial statements will be mailed separately after I return.

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!!

8:00 PM, Summer Meeting Time,

I hope to see you at the meeting on April 9, 2007, Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Shurtleff

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: April 9, 2007

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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

Attending: Dennis Lammey, Chuck Pollock, Jim Standley, Joy Sisler, Dennis Heaps, Kevin Martin, Dan Surmeier, Rick York, Michael McEvoy, Maynard Potter, Dick Hamilton and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff.

Guests: Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation, Jerrold Gregg, USBR and Liz Cresto, IDWR.

Secretary Dan Surmeier called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 12, 2007 meeting had been mailed to the board members with their meeting notice. Secretary Surmeier asked the members to review the minutes for their approval, there were two places corrections were made. **Jim Standley moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to approve the minutes as corrected for the March 12, 2007 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 \$1,109.35 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$251,206.18 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$252,315.53. Ron reported accounts receivable remained at \$1,204.25 with \$747.60 receivable in the form of past due assessments, and \$456.65 in the form of rental pool fees, most of which are current. Fixed assets equal \$55,380.67. The total assets for the district as of April 9, 2007, equal \$308,900.45. Ron also read the profit and loss report for the first part of 2007 which indicates a negative income of \$38,588.10. Ron reported that the open assessment invoices were as follows:

* 2006, Mary Lou Holden, \$10	* 2006, Foiles Pump, \$10
* 2006, Jackson Pump, \$10	* 2006, Pay. Lake Club, \$10
* 2006, Duane Pancheri, \$423.60	* 2006, Smith Ditch #3, \$10
* 2006, Gill Slough #4, \$31.20	* 2005, Pay. River Sub., \$10
* 2005, Unimin, \$10	* 2005, Smith Ditch #3, \$20
* 2005, Gill Slough #4, \$31.20	* 2005, D. Heffner, \$24
* 2005, Foiles Pump, \$10	* 2003, Montour Ditch, \$160

Ron also stated the open rental pool invoices were as follows:

- * 2006, Horseshoe Bend Hydro, \$68.48
- * 2005, Horseshoe Bend Hydro, \$60.80
- * 2005, O&D Partnership, \$688.00
- * 2002, Smith Ditch #3, \$42.88

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Ron provided a copy of the registration form for the USCID Water Management Conference being held June 6-9, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. This conference will address irrigation and water districts ability to face ever-increasing challenges in their daily operations, including: flexible and efficient system operations, new regulatory and reporting requirements, the need to maintain and archive historical operations data, rising costs of energy, limited water supplies and more limited and costly labor resources. After much discussion, **Michael McEvoy moved, Chuck Pollock seconded to send Watermaster Ron Shurtleff to the USCID Water Management Conference in Denver, Colorado. The motion carried.**

Ron supplied a copy of a letter he received from the Recreation Engineering and Planning. It reported that the City of Cascade contacted their group to investigate the possibility of enhancing in-stream whitewater recreational opportunities and creating a stronger tie between the City and the river by making in-stream and bank improvements to the Payette River Channel between North Bridge and South Bridge. The intent of these improvements is to create a whitewater play park that will bring visiting boaters to play on the Payette River in Cascade. No action needed to be taken at this time but it very well may be a subject to discuss in the future.

Cost Share Program:

Ron reported that Black Canyon Irrigation District has submitted a project to pipe and reroute their C-West Lateral. The Bureau of Reclamation 2025 challenge grant program has sent word to the district that the project will likely be funded in the next budget. Ron invited Dennis Heaps to give an explanation of the project to the group.

Mr. Heaps handed out aerial photos of the project site and explained the new route that would eliminate eight miles of open ditch that is a high maintenance stretch in their system. Mr. Heaps explained evaporation and seepage savings may conserve as much as 2000 acre-feet per year.

Ron stated that Water District 65 will support this project with its cost share program and that the 2008 season has more projects than can be funded at their entire request level. Maynard Potter reported that the 2008 Cost Share Application from Reed Ditch Co. for the Trash Rack at Little Rock Road Crossing will be postponed for the time being. This will free up some money to be disbursed to the other projects. Ron also stated that if there were any other projects that could be postponed, or carried for funding in the following budget year he would appreciate having the individual irrigation companies let him know.

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

Respectfully submitted'

Jamie White, Recording Secretary

George McClelland, Chairman

Secretary Surmeier asked if there were any question. **Maynard Potter moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**

IDWR:

Secretary Surmeier asked Mrs. Liz Cresto with the Idaho Department of Water Resources if she had a report at this time, she stated that she hasn't yet started the accounting and is continually adding more diversions. Liz stated she would have a report when more information becomes available.

USBR
Report:

Mr. Jerrold Gregg, Area Manager for the United States Bureau of Reclamation noticed in the rental pool report that as of this date there is 39,894 acre feet of water assigned to the rental pool for "Out of Basin" Flow Augmentation. He mentioned that the Bureau may be looking for the entire 67,000 acre feet. Rick York, Manager of the Farmers Co-op Irrigation Company stated that his canal could provide another 5,000 af if necessary. Mr. Gregg would like commitments for flow augmentation by the May meeting if possible. To date Emmett Irrigation Dist. and Lake Irrigation Dist. have not confirmed their contribution. Ron also added that he will need "In Basin" water commitments before or after July 1, 2007.

Mr. Gregg also reported that the 9th Dist. Court of Appeals sided with Judge Redden in the jeopardy opinion, a ruling that is disappointing to the Bureau and the new BiOp will need to address the jeopardy issues.

Mr. Brian Sauer, Water Operations Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation presented a power point presentation of the water supply outlook. Mr. Sauer reported the status of storage capacity for Cascade at 80% full and Deadwood at 71%. The Payette River system is at 78% of capacity and the Boise River system at 85%. Brian stated that he is hoping that they will not have to spill out of Lucky Peak this spring. He also presented graphs of the snow conditions for several Snotel sites including: Banner Summit, Big Creek, Deadwood, Cozy Cove, Brundage Reservoir, Bear Basin, Squaw Flat and Secesh Summit. He also provided charts for reservoir storage for Lake Cascade and Deadwood Reservoir.

Watermaster's
Report:

Ron reported that Mr. Sauer's presentation had covered much of the same information that he had prepared. Ron did include a copy of the Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report as of April 1, 2007. It stated that due to the warm, dry conditions in March it resulted in sharp declines in snowpack percentages compared to a month ago. Additionally, the unusually warm temperatures actually caused snowmelt to begin and streams to rise, something that normally starts in April. Snowpacks are also down 10 to 30 percent from last month with most basins ranging from just 40% to 70%, the Upper Snake is around 60-65%. Surface irrigators on the Payette will have adequate supplies due to good carryover reservoir storage.

Ron also reiterated the local rental pool contributions and encouraged the irrigation companies to supply him with their individual amounts during the May meeting