

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No 65

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2007

8:00 P.M.

Mr. John Westra,

The Water District No. 65 Advisory Board will meet on **Monday, May 14th** 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 April, 2007 Minutes***
- ***Review to Approve Financial Statement***
- ***May 1, Water Supply Outlook***
- ***Water Accounting and Reconciliation Report.***
- ***Water Bank Lease Report***
- ***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.

8:00 PM, Summer Meeting Time

I hope to see you at the meeting on May 14, 2007, Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Shurtleff

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: May 14, 2007

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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

Attending: Joy Sisler, Jim Standley, Dan Surmeier, Ricky York, George McClelland, Dick Hamilton, Doyle Fackler, Marcia Herr, Dennis Lammey, Michael McEvoy, Dennis Heaps and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff.

Guests: Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation, Water Operations Manager; Liz Cresto, IDWR, Water Accounting and Reconciliation and Dave Blew, IDWR, Flow Augmentation.

Chairman George McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and introduced Mr. Doyle Fackler a new member from the Last Chance Ditch Company.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting had been mailed to the board members with their meeting notice. Chairman McClelland asked the members to review the minutes for their approval. **Jim Standley moved and Joy Sisler seconded to approve the minutes as presented for the April 9, 2007 meeting. The motion carried.**

Financial: Chairman McClelland asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$522.63 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$279,499.70 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$280,022.33. Ron reported that due to assessments the accounts receivable balance stands at \$25,761.60 and the rental pool \$456.65 for a total of \$26,218.25. The fixed assets account including office equipment, field equipment and vehicles stand at \$361,632.25. Total liabilities and equity are \$361,631.25. Chairman McClelland asked if there were any question. **Dan Surmeier moved, Jim Standley seconded, to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**

Assessment Report:

Ron provided an April 1st thru May 14th, 2007, Sales by Customer Summary report. Total water user assessments came to \$60,145.44. He stated that a few mistakes were discovered and several came back with incorrect or bad addresses. Ron will continue to work on correcting and finding appropriate addresses.

IDWR:

Chairman McClelland asked Liz Cresto with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for her accounting report, she stated that she had just started compiling the information but to date things were looking pretty good. As of May 13, 2007 the Payette River stored water supply accounted for was 799,994af; Deadwood, 161,000; Upper Lakes, 6500; Payette Lake, 27750; Cascade, 604744; unaccounted for storage, 52455; late season fill, 0 for a total storage available of 852,449. Actual use for canals and pumps is 428.7; total

stored passing Letha, 53468; evaporation (other) 10617.4 for a total storage used of 64514. Storage based on accounting, 787935; storage based on actual reservoir contents, 798979 with an averaging error of (11044) af.

Chairman McClelland introduced Dave Blew with the Idaho Department of Water Resources to discuss flow augmentation. Mr. Blew asked the board if they were interested in committing more flow augmentation to the salmon rental, this water must be counted as "out of basin". The Idaho Water Resource Board is in the early stages of developing a long range statewide plan that will investigate many options for meeting current and future demand for water in the state. The study will continue through 2008 and Mr. Blew is meeting with this Advisory Board to gauge whether the Payette Basin would be receptive to larger contributions to the flow augmentation program than have been requested in the past.

The members responded with concern over the last to fill rule that applies to all water rented for out of basin usage. Members replied that the storage space is obtained by the irrigators as a form of insurance against drought years. And that the last to fill rule for out of basin usage reduces the ability to contribute to flow augmentation because of the uncertainty of future weather. It was also stated that if statewide plans may include water from the Payette Basin, that the Water District No. 65 should have a representative from the district taking part in the planning meetings.

Mr. Blew said that he would take the comments and concerns back with him and prepare a report to relay the messages to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

USBR

Report:

Mr. Brian Sauer, Water Operations Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation presented his power point presentation of the water supply outlook. Mr. Sauer reported the status of storage capacity for Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs both at 93%. The Payette River system has a total system fill of 96% and additional space available of 56,031 acre feet, total storage capacity of 808,360 acre feet and a natural flow of 9806 cfs. The Boise River system is currently at 91% capacity. Also included in his report were several Snotel sites snow water equivalent charts with a comparison to years 1988, 1991, and 2005, years that are somewhat similar to this 2007 water season. Brian showed runoff predictions comparisons for the Horseshoe Bend reach, projected at 59% of average May 1, through July 31. Also included in Brian's report were predictions for runoff at Cascade 54%, and Deadwood Reservoir 57% of average.

Watermaster's

Report:

Ron reported that his and Mr. Sauer's presentation covered much of the same information. Ron included a copy of the Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report as of May 1, 2007. It stated that the good carryover storage from last year and above average reservoir levels is good news with a low snow winter like 2006-2007. Most streams in Idaho started increasing with the warm temperatures in late April, but cool, wet weather predicted for early May will put a damper on streams peaking too early. This is good news for Idaho's numerous water users. Weather patterns in early May are shifting back to more normal temperatures and will hopefully bring moisture into the state. Snowpack in the Boise and Payette basins are 47% of average and streamflow forecasts for the Boise, Payette and Weiser basins are at 50-60% of average. The three month outlook of

precipitation probability was also included in the packets which show an equal chance of the same precipitation as last year.

Rental Pool

Lease Report: Ron reviewed the local rental pool lease commitments and reported that Farmer's Co-op will contribute 25,000 af and Noble Ditch and Lower Payette have committed 9,947af each for a total of 44,894af. Ron stated that the USBR would accept as much as 65,000 af for flow augmentation rental and Ron demonstrated that in order to meet that level of participation Emmett Irrigation Dist. Would need to supply 18,000 af and Lake Irrigation Dist. 2,106 af. Ron also said that he estimates a need for about 8,500 af of in basin water during 2007. Ron showed where Farmer's Co-op Irrigation Co. might provide 2,500af and the Emmett Irrigation 6,000af to meet the in basin needs.

Canal Safety

Program: The Idaho Water Users Association sent a letter requesting our participation and donation to the Idaho Canal Safety Awareness Program. This program is designed to develop an enhanced, area-wide public awareness of the dangers posed by irrigation canals and ditches, focusing primarily on young people. Ron stated that we contributed \$500 last year. **Dennis Lammey moved and Mike McEvoy seconded to contribute \$500.00 to the Idaho Canal Safety Awareness Program. Passed.**

NWRA

Assessment

Request:

Ron supplied a copy of the Spring 2007 Caucus Report. The priorities for the NWRA include federal funding of water projects and programs, clean water act issues impaction water supplies, aging infra structure, security costs, water resources development act, climate change, new storage, drought and the farm bill. The agenda for 2007 is quite large and they are asking for support. Ron reported that the district has contributed to the caucus at a level of \$250.00 for several years. **Dennis Lammey moved and Michael McEvoy, seconded by to pay the annual \$250 for the NWRA Irrigation and Conservation Caucus. Passed.**

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Conference:

Ron reminded the board that he will be attending the U.S. Society for Irrigation and Drainage Professionals Conference that will be held from June 6-9, 2007, in Denver, Colorado. He stated that the conference is devoted to SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition). Ron asked if it might be possible to skip the June Meeting since he will be away during the time that he would need to prepare for the meeting. **Jim Standley moved to not hold an advisory board meeting in June, the motion was seconded by Dennis Lammey, and the motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Chairman McClelland 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