

# State Water District No 65

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## NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2007

8:00 P.M.

Mr. John Westra,

The Advisory Board of State Water District No. 65 will meet on **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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 September, 2007 Minutes*
- *Review to Approve Financial Statement*
- *Water Accounting and Reconciliation Report*
- *Salmon Flow Augmentation, Report*
- *River and Storage Status Report*
- *Committee Appointments*
- *Cost Share Projects Update*
- *Confirm Auditors Review*
- *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, please find the meeting notice included in this mailing.

**8:00 PM, Summer Meeting Time,**

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on October 8, 2007, in the Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

*Ron Shurtleff*

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### Regular Board Meeting

**Date:** October 8, 2007

**Time:** 8:00 p.m.

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

**Attending:** Joy Sisler, Dennis Lammey, Ron Mio, Dennis Heaps, Dan Surmeier, Marcia Herr, C. Eugene Parks, Jim Standley, Chuck Pollock, Dick Hamilton, Bob Henggeler, Mike McEvoy, Maynard Potter and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff

**Guests:** Liz Cresto, IDWR, Water Accounting and Reconciliation

Vice-Chairman Dan Surmeier called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

**Agenda:** Vice-Chairman Surmeier asked if there were any additions that needed to be made to the agenda. Ron Shurtleff added the monthly meeting time change to Other Business. **Jim Standley moved and Ron Mio seconded to accept the agenda as changed. The motion carried.**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 10, 2007, meeting had been mailed to the board members with their meeting notice. Vice-Chairman Surmeier asked the members to review the minutes for their approval. Maynard Potter pointed out that he had forgotten to fill out the sign up sheet last month and needed to be added to the attending members. **Joy Sisler moved, Jim Standley seconded to approve the September 10, 2007 minutes as corrected. The motion carried.**

**Financial Report:**

Vice-Chairman Surmeier asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$1,846.54 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$915,068.14 resulting in a total balance of \$916,914.68. Total accounts receivable are \$1,901.05 for a total current assets balance of \$918,815.73. Other current liabilities equaled \$611,795.04 for a total liabilities and equity of \$974,196.40 **Maynard Potter moved, Dennis Lammey seconded, to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**

**IDWR:** Vice-Chairman Surmeier asked Liz Cresto with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for her accounting report; she reviewed the Payette River stored water reconciliation report. As of October 7, 2007, the total storage accounted for was 841,711.0 acre feet which includes Cascade at 646,461.0 AF; Deadwood, 161,000 AF; Payette, 27,750.0 AF; and the Upper Lakes at 6500 AF. Unaccounted Storage is 38,988.1 AF, late season fill of 4,810.4 for a total storage available of 885,509.5. Storage based on accounting is 449,958.6 AF, storage based on actual reservoir contents of 446,781.7 AF and an averaging error of 3,176.9 which she stated is

about normal for this time of year. Liz supplied a preliminary report of power flows on the Payette. She stated storage passing Letha is charged to the B.O.R. for the period after salmon flow has ended through the end of Labor Day weekend. This volume is considered power flow. She also supplied an operational loss report. The loss is the sum of all storage water that passes the Letha gage after Labor Day, to the date when storage release is no longer necessary and the reservoirs are reduced to their wintertime minimum flows. This year's preliminary amount is 8616 with 4308 charged to the irrigators and 4308 and charged to USBR space as per agreement.

Watermaster's

Report:

Vice-Chairman Surmeier asked Ron to give his monthly report. Ron provided a natural flow chart at Horseshoe Bend comparing 2005 to 2007. He noted that we been below 2005 for most of this water season. We are now running just about equal with 2005. He also provided a comparison to 2001, showing that we currently slightly above the 2001 rate but have actually experienced many days with a natural flow rate well below the 2001 flows.

Ron provided a listing of the potential carryover by each company. Black Canyon will approx. be 39,797af; Emmett Irrigation, 16,556af; Farmers Co-op, 8,097af; Letha Irrigation, 1,439 for a total of 65,889af. Since operational loss is split with the Bureau the irrigators have a potential to carryover approximately 61,439af to 2008.

Ron then reported on the reservoir conditions. Using the teacup charts the Payette River system is at 49% of capacity. Cascade is 52% full and Deadwood remains at 35%. Total space available is 412,759af with natural flow currently at 633cfs. Ron provided a storage chart and reported that Deadwood is approx. 35,969af lower than at this same time last year and Cascade is 43,609af lower than this time last year. These levels are however higher than had been predicted back in August by the Bureau.

Cost Share

Report:

Ron reported that during last months meeting a motion was made to move the unused portion of the 2006 Water Quality Improvement Projects, to the Facility Improvement Projects. Since that time Ron has realized that because the funds were allocated in the prior year's budget and not carried into 2007 as a payable, he is not able to make the requested change. Once the 2006 audit is complete, no changes can be made would alter that year.

He reported that all but one 2006 project have been funded in full, it is the Black Canyon Irrigation Dist. A & D line Automation. And there are three 2007 cost share projects funded one other that is partially completed and three which are still pending. Dennis Heaps stated that BCID will be installing the liner on the A Line Canal project next week and that he will call Ron with the exact date if any of the members might be interested in seeing the process.

Committee

Selection:

Vice-Chairman Surmeier opened the floor for volunteers to serve on the 2007 Budget Committee. After discussing the duties of the committee, **Dennis Lammey moved to appoint Michael McEvoy as the Committee Chairman along with Dennis Lammey,**

**Jim Standley, Maynard Potter, Dan Surmeier and Chuck Pollock to act as the Budget Committee. A proposed budget for the 2008 season will be presented at the regular November Advisory board meeting. The motion was seconded by Gene Parks and the motion carried.**

Vice-Chairman Surmeier then opened the floor for volunteers to serve on the 2007 Nominations Committee. **Jim Standley moved to appoint George McClelland as the Committee Chairman with Joy Sisler, Gene Parks, Ron Mio, Bob Henggeler and Dan Surmeier to serve on the Nominations Committee, the motion was seconded by Dennis Lammey and the motion carried.**

The floor was then opened to discuss the 2007 Annual Meeting date. After hearing the date options available, **Jim Standley moved, Gene Parks seconded to hold the 2007 Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008, at the USDA Center in Emmett, Idaho. The motion carried.**

**NWRA**

**Conference:**

Ron reminded the members that George McClelland and himself would be attending the National Water Resources Association 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on November 7-9, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Vice-Chairman Surmeier stated that Dennis Heaps, Dennis Lammey and himself from Black Canyon Irrigation District will also attend.

**Other**

**Business:**

Vice-Chairman Surmeier addressed the board members with the option of changing the monthly meeting time from 8 pm to 7 pm because of the daylight saving time change. **Jim Standley moved and Michael McEvoy seconded to hold the regular advisory board meetings at 7pm beginning with the November meeting. The motion passed.**

Dennis Heaps showed the members present a sign that Black Canyon Irrigation District is planning to post along their canals. He is currently working with BSU for fabrication. The sign that he presented read "Danger of Drowning, Stay Alive by Staying Out." He will bring quantity and pricing quotes for any interested parties to the November meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Vice Chairman Surmeier asked if there was any other business that should be brought before this meeting. Seeing none he declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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Jamie White, Recording Secretary

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George McClelland, Chairman