

State Water District No 65

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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November 12, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Mr. John Westra,

The Advisory Board of State Water District No. 65 will meet on **Monday, November 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 October, 2007 Minutes*
- *Review to Approve Financial Statement*
- *Water Accounting Report*
- *River, Storage & Snotel Status Reports*
- *Committee Reports*
- *BCID Savings and Exchange Project*
- *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.

7:00 PM, Winter Meeting Time!

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on November 12, 2007, in the Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Shurtleff

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Regular Board Meeting

Date: November 12, 2007

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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

Attending: George McClelland, Joy Sisler, Dennis Lammey, Dan Surmeier, Jim Standley, Chuck Pollock, Bob Henggeler, Maynard Potter, Kevin Martin, Ken Mineard, Jim Robertson, Rick York, Norman Collinsworth and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff

Chairman McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 8, 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, Dennis Lammey seconded to approve the October 8, 2007 minutes as presented. The motion carried.**

Financial

Report:

Chairman McClelland asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$356.06 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$900,981.27 resulting in a total balance of \$901,337.33. Total accounts receivable remained at \$1,901.05 for a total current assets balance of \$903,238.38. Other current liabilities equaled \$599,336.36 for a total liabilities and equity of \$958,619.05. Ron then presented a Profit & Loss Statement for January through October, 2007, which showed a positive net income of \$33,000.57. **Dan Surmeier moved, Dennis Lammey seconded, to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**

Watermaster's

Report:

Chairman McClelland asked Ron Shurtleff for the accounting report; he reviewed the Payette River stored water reconciliation report. As of October 31, 2007, the total storage accounted for remained at 841,711.0 acre feet which include Cascade at 646,461.0 AF; Deadwood, 161,000 AF; Payette, 27,750.0 AF; and the Upper Lakes at 6,500 AF. Unaccounted Storage is 40,480.6 AF, late season fill of 27,485.1 for a total storage available of 909,676.7. Storage based on accounting is 460,948.4 AF, storage based on actual reservoir contents of 457,457.8 AF and an averaging error of 3,490.6. These figures are still tentative, Ron is working with Liz Cresto and they are still adding smaller diversions. Approximately 150 requests were sent and as of today, only 30 have been returned.

Ron then gave his monthly Watermaster's report with a slide show presentation. He stated that the reservoir storage charts provided in the packets were not accurate, due to a glitch or problem in the measuring system; he is working with Liz to solve this problem. Ron presented the teacup charts for the Payette River system. Cascade is currently 56% full and Deadwood is at 37%. Ron pointed out that due to sediment the Deadwood Reservoir the total available space has been decreased to 153,992 AF. The total space available is 392,120 AF; total storage capacity is 808,360 AF; and currently natural flow in the river at 1,072cfs.

Ron then presented a reservoir statistics comparison and refill probability. It showed that in 2008 we will need approximately 60,170 more acre feet to fill Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs. This will be a challenge but in actuality a 75 to 80 percent of a normal precipitation year should comfortably fill the Payette Reservoir System. He also showed a preliminary carryover by each company; Black Canyon, 39,987 AF; Emmett Irrigation, 16,932 AF; and Farmers Co-op, 8,316 AF. Most all the other companies will end up at a zero carryover. Snotel Condition charts were also provided in the packets for several sites.

Cost Share

Report:

Ron reported that as of this date all 2006 Cost Share projects have been completed and funded. The 2007 projects are progressing with approximately \$88,404.53 of \$100,000 funded and completed. There are two projects still pending. All water quality improvement projects are finished and funded for 2007.

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WD 65:

Ron reported on the Black Canyon Irrigation District's conservation project to enclose a portion of their C-West Lateral. The project, now nearly completed, will eliminate eight miles of open canal with the installation of 5,800 feet of 36" PVC pipe. It is calculated that the elimination of eight miles of canal will conserve 2,800 acre-feet of water that was previously lost to transmission. BCID Manager Dennis Heaps applied for and was successful in acquiring a US Bureau of Reclamation 20/25 Challenge Grant. To cover a portion of the projects cost. The State of Idaho through the Water Resource Board has proposed an agreement with the Black Canyon Irrigation District to apply the conserved volume of water to help mitigate the Eastern Snake Planes Aquifer depletion situation. In the agreement BCID would agree to release the conserved water, 2,800 acre-feet, annually for flow augmentation purposes and in turn relieve eastern Idaho of the equivalent obligation. In exchange the State of Idaho agreed to grant to BCID \$100,000 as incentive to undertake and complete the conservation project. There was some interest in seeking exemption from the last to fill rule within the Water District No. 65 rental pool rules for the 2,800 acre-feet of conserved water to be obligated to ESPA mitigation, but it was later decided amending the rental pool rules would not be necessary.

Ron reminded that members that the Water District No. 65 has had this project included in the Cost Share Incentive Program for the budget years of 2005 and 2006, however the project had been postponed until other funding was secured. Water District No. 65 will participate in this project in the 2008 year and also be a partner in this conservation project.

Ron had visited the project and projected photos and explained the construction progress.

**Budget
Committee:**

Chairman McClelland asked for the budget report and Ron discussed each line item and the changes from 2007 suggested by the budget committee. The board also reviewed the proposed 2008 budget and after much discussion, **Jim Standley moved to accept the 2008 budget as presented by the Budget Committee and present it at the Water Districts Annual Meeting for approval, the motion was seconded by Dennis Lamme and the motion carried. It was agreed that this motion may be amended if needed at the next meeting.**

CPA

Audit: Ron reported that he had received a letter from Tim Folke, CPA, for the Water District; it stated that there would be no fee increases for the 2007 audit. **Jim Standley moved to retain Mr. Timothy Folke, CPA, P.C. for his services for our Annual Independent Audit, the motion was seconded by Kevin Martin and the motion carried.**

**Annual
Meeting:**

Ron reported to the members present that the Annual Meeting date has been confirmed for 1:00 pm, January 10, 2008 at the USDA Center in Emmett, Idaho. The Payette River Water Users Association Annual Meeting will immediately follow.

Respectfully submitted

Jamie White, Recording Secretary

George McClelland, Chairman