

State Water District No 65

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Mr. John Westra,

The Advisory Board of State Water District No. 65 will meet on **Monday, December 10th 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 November, 2007 Minutes*
- *Review to Approve Financial Statement*
- *Water Accounting Report*
- *River, Reservoirs & Snotel Status Reports*
- *Annual Meeting Preparation*
 - *Nomination Committee Report*
 - *Budget Committee 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, please find the meeting notice included in this mailing.

NOTE

7:00 PM, Winter Meeting Time!

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on December 10, 2007, in the Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Shurtleff

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Regular Board Meeting

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- Date:** September 10, 2007
- Time:** 8:00 p.m.
- Location:** Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 N. Main, Payette, Idaho
- Attending:** Joy Sisler, Dennis Lammey, Ron Mio, Doyle Fackler, Dennis Heaps, George McClelland, Marcia Herr, C. Eugene Parks, Jim Standley, and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff
- Guests:** Liz Cresto, IDWR, Water Accounting and Reconciliation and Jerrold Gregg, USBR, Area Manager
- Chairman George McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the August 13, 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. **Joy Sisler moved to approve the minutes as presented for the August 13, 2007, the motion was seconded. The motion carried.**
- Financial:** Chairman McClelland asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$616.32 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$232,871.77 resulting in a total of \$233,488.09. Total accounts receivable are \$741,807.65 for a total current assets balance of \$975,295.74. Total fixed assets remain unchanged at \$55,380.67. Other current liabilities equaled \$611,795.04 which includes in basin and out of basin payables to the lessors as well as the IDWRB fees. Total liabilities and equity are \$1,030,676.41. Ron then reviewed the Profit & Loss Statement which shows a positive net income of \$92,609.25. **Dennis Lammey moved, Jim Standley seconded, to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**
- IDWR:** Chairman McClelland 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 September 9, 2007, the total storage available remained at 880,613.0 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, 38,902 AF. Actual use for canals and pumps is 221,580.1, endangered species flow augmentation 141,000, USBR Power Flow of 5,192.0 AF, and Operational Loss of 2,313.0 AF accounted to the Irrigators and 2,313 AF charged to the Bureau, resulting in a total stored flow passing Letha of 150,818.00. Evaporation Loss is at 20,952.3 AF for a total storage used of 393,350.4 AF. Storage based on accounting, 487,262.7 AF; storage based on actual reservoir contents, 483,994.0 AF with an averaging error of 3,268.7 AF. Liz also stated that based on these figures, water flow will definitely be tight for the rest of the year.

BOR Report: Chairman McClelland then asked Mr. Jerrold Gregg for his report. Mr. Gregg stated that the Bureau submitted its revised Biological Opinion on August 21. The mitigation plan continues to include the 427 KAF of stored water from the federal facilities and 60 KAF of natural flow water obtained from the high lift Snake River pumpers. Mr. Gregg said that the BiOp as submitted upholds the terms of the Nez Perce agreement. He reported that NOAA Fisheries is requesting that stream flow augmentation be sent down earlier in the season. Jerry said that options for earlier releases from the Payette basin are proposed in the assessment however water quality in Cascade Reservoir is a concern that must be recognized.

Watermaster's Report:

Chairman McClelland asked Ron to give his monthly report. Ron provided a natural flow chart at Horseshoe Bend comparing the years 2001, 2005 and 2007. He noted the large and abrupt drop in natural flow in the early part of September. Ron stated that because the abrupt nature of the drop, he needs to go back over the entries in the accounting to see if the change is due to an entry error, stormy weather, a gage shift or possibly actual.

Ron also provided the April through October diversion rates and storage consumption for the 2007 water year for Black Canyon, Emmett Irrigation and Farmers Co-op Irrigation. As of September 9, 2007, Black Canyon has used 156,853 AF and has a remaining available storage of 63,872 AF. Emmett Irrigation has approximately 24,047 AF remaining and Farmers Coop with 8,640 AF.

Ron then reported on the reservoir conditions. Using the teacup charts the Payette River system is at 52% of capacity. Cascade is 56% full and Deadwood at 35%. Total space available is 388,281 AF and natural flow is as 198cfs. Ron stated that in comparing the two reservoirs to the years 2001, 2005, 2006 and this year, we are approximately 74,958 AF less than when we started into 2007.

Ron then explained that the rental pool request from USBR for "out of basin" flow augmentation is currently at 46,000 AF and total "in basin" is at 8,500 AF for a total of 54,500 AF of contracted storage leased to the rental pool by irrigators. The out-of-basin commitments have been submitted to the Bureau and the water has been delivered as the reconciliation report indicates. The USBR uncontracted storage assigned to the rental pool is 95,000 AF for a total leased and assigned amount of 149,500 AF.

Cost Share Report:

Ron reported that he has come upon a dilemma regarding the Cost Share application for the Woods and Rosebury Ditch Flumes. The projects had been withdrawn since a subdivision plat had indicated that the Woods Ditch would change from a gravity delivery to a pumped diversion and be moved downstream. Now, the developers that are subdividing the Woods property want to keep the diversion in the same place and wish to rehabilitate the headworks and wish to participate in the cost share project. Ron suggested that the unused funds from the 2006 water quality be dedicated to this project instead of pro-rating the monies to the entire list of projects. Another suggestion is that this project

be postponed till the 2008 budget. Ron said he did not need any decision until he learned more about the Woods Ranch subdivision plans.

NWRA

Conference:

Ron provided a copy of the National Water Resources Association 76th Annual Conference Registration. This will be held November 7-9, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Package registration before October 5, 2007 is \$500 per person plus air fare. Ron stated that he attended last year and asked if anyone else would like to go. There were a couple of interested parties. **Moved by Dennis Lammey, seconded by Maynard Potter to approve funding for Ron Shurtleff and one other member to attend the NWRA Conference on November 7-9, 2007. Passed.**

Computer

Assistance

Ron reported that he has continued to work with Sharla Curtis on the data base for the water district's diverters list. When it is complete Ron will be able to mail rental pool contracts and diversion cards to all of the water users in the accounting system that would include all of the necessary information like legal descriptions, acreage, diversion rate already filled in for each user. Ron is hopeful of being more capable of getting actual diversion data back from the small diverters with this system. If Sharla and Ron complete the data base in time Ron hopes to mail out diversion cards ASAP, in an attempt to get information back before the 2007 accounting needs to be closed.

Other

Business:

Chairman McClelland asked Marcia Herr to report on her trip to Rexburg to attend the Idaho Water Users Association Board of Directors meeting. Marcia reported that the Family Farm Alliance was one of the topics at the meeting. The Idaho Water Users Association has been made aware of the fact that the FFA is working hard to increase their membership in order to generate sufficient funds to carry out their goals. Idaho Water Users is encouraging interested individuals and organizations to join and support the FFA since the alliance is well in tune with the positions of the Idaho Water Users. Marcia also mentioned that the chemical used to control moss in the canals, Acrolein, trade name, Aqualin Magnacide is due to go through re-registration this year. She stressed how important it is that applicators follow the product label, and use proper safety equipment so that continued use of this chemical will be allowed.

There was much discussion over these topics but no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted

Jamie White, Recording Secretary

George McClelland, Chairman