

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

- Date:** December 11, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 N. Main, Payette, Idaho
Attending: Dennis Lammey, Dean Charters, George McClelland, Dennis Heaps, Jim Standley, Marcia Herr, Ricky York, Gene Parks, Jim Robertson, Robert Henggeler, Norman Collinsworth and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff.
Guests: Miss Liz Robbins, Idaho Department of Water Resources.
Chairman George McClelland called the meeting to order.
Minutes: The minutes of the regular November meeting had been mailed to the board members for their review. **Dennis Lammey moved, Jim Standley seconded to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2006 meeting and the motion carried.**
Financial: Chairman McClelland asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$505.65 and a savings account balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$1,151,672.30 for a total in checking / savings of \$1,152,177.95. Total accounts receivable equals \$2,379.69, fixed assets remains the same at \$55,001.29 for a total assets of \$1,209,808.93. Also included in the packet was a profit and loss report from January through November of 2006 showing a net ordinary income of \$87,310.84. Ron also stated that we will definitely spend the entire cost share budgeted for 2006. **Dennis Lammey moved, Gene Parks seconded to approve the Financial Statement as reported and the motion carried.**

IDWR **Report:**

Liz Robbins with the Idaho Department of Water Resources gave her report on the Water Accounting Reconciliation. She stated that the Payette River stored water supply "accounted for" storage continued to stay level at 841,711, "unaccounted for" is at 41,946 and a late season fill of 12,804 for a total storage available of 896,461. Canals and pumps usage is at 168,601.9, stored water passing Letha for the Deadwood Flow is 1,498, Endangered species is at 156,607, Idaho Power at 922, Black Canyon release is at 3,000, Power Flow (USBR), 6,435, Operational loss of 13,211 and Other, 5,000 for a total stored water supply passing Letha of 186,673. Total Storage used is 383,085. The storage based on accounting is 513,376 and storage based on actual reservoir contents remained at 511,100 with an averaging error of 2,276. Liz also pointed out that 4,607 extra acre feet was released for the endangered species because of after the fact shift changes at Letha.

USBR

Announcement: Ron Shurtleff included in the packets a message from Brian Sauer with the Bureau of Reclamation. It said the Bureau of Reclamation; Water Conservation grant applications will look the same as in the recent past and include the same information that has been requested. Three application deadlines will be in effect: January 2, 2007, April 2, 2007 and June 29, 2007. Anyone interested in making application for a conservation grant is encouraged to get their application in early as there is expected to be considerable competition for available funding.

Watermaster's Report:

Ron also reported on the final stages of the Lower Payette Dam Project. He stated that the crew removed the crane from the river only hours before the high water flow came through. He was pleased to report all initial tests proved to be positive and they are looking forward to using it this 2007 water season.

Ron then reported on the Irrigators Storage Use. Total storage used was 162,544 acre feet. The preliminary carry over to 2007 was Black Canyon Irr. Dist., 82,845; Emmett Irr. Dist., 30,778; Farmers Co-op, 18,076; Noble Ditch, 2,730; Lower Payette Ditch, 3,938 and Letha Irrigation & Water Company with 3,993 AF, for a total of 142,360 AF. This is well above the 70,000 AF that is considered necessary to guard against subsequent dry seasons.

Included in the packets were the major storage reservoirs report in the Boise and Payette River Basins. The teacup graph showed Cascade at 64% full and Deadwood at 61%. The two reservoirs combined have a total space available of 297,609 acre feet, total storage capacity of 808,360 and the current Natural Flow for the Payette at 1,267 cfs.

Ron also reminded the members present of the Campbell Scientific Training session that will be held on January 18, 2007 here at the office. This training session is to learn more about the Campbell Scientific PC 208 software get a better understanding of our SCADA System and will be patterned to the abilities of the people that are in attendance. The instructor, Josh Hanks from Intermountain Environmental would like to see a class of at least 15 people.

Cost Share

Program:

Enclosed in the packets was a progress report for the finalized 2005 projects and the pending 2006 projects still uncompleted. Ron pointed out the Last Chance Ditch, Rehab Headwork's Structure and the Woods Ditch, Headwork's and Weir Construction has been canceled and therefore the combined amount of \$17,700 will be returned to the budget. **Moved by Dean Charters, seconded by Gene Parks to release funds from the 2005 Last Chance Ditch cost share project and apply these funds to the 2006 Patton Point overrun request. Passed.**

Ron said he would check with Tim Folke to get his ok before making the transaction. The Farmers Co-op Patton Point Rehab project received \$14,977.50 from the 2005 program, the original estimated cost was \$29,955.40 but actual completed project cost was \$47,194.81. Farmers Co-op applied for an additional \$8,619.70 in 2006 which would provide 50% cost share assistance for the entire project.

Annual Meeting:

Ron also reminded the members present of the upcoming Annual Meeting which will be held on January 10, 2007 1:00pm, at the USDA Service Center in Emmett.

Water Dist. Pickup:

Provided in the packets was a copy of six bids for a 2007 pickup for the Watermaster, replacing the 2003 Chevy he has now. After much discussion the board agreed to allow Ron to make the choice and pick the one he wants. No final decisions were made at tonight's meeting. Also provided was a copy of the Kelley Blue Book value for the 2003 Chevy. As discussed in November's meeting sealed bids will be taken for no less than \$14,000. **Bob Henggeler moved, Gene Parks seconded to accept sealed bids from interested individuals starting at \$14,000. Passed.**

Adjournment: Chairman George McClelland asked for any additional business to be brought before the board, hearing none he declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jamie White, Recording Secretary