

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

Water District No. 65

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Regular Board Meeting

- Date:** May 12, 2008
- Time:** 8:00 p.m.
- Location:** Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 N. Main, Payette, Idaho
- Attending:** Chad Henggeler, Marcia Herr, Joy Sisler, Jim Standley, C. Eugene Parks, Dan Surmeier, Jim Standley, Chuck Pollock, Dennis Heaps, Norm Collinsworth, Doyle Fackler, Ron Mio, Michael McEvoy, Dennis Lammey, Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff and Recording Secretary, Jamie White
- Guests:** Jerrold Gregg, Snake River, Area Manager; Brian Sauer, Conservation Engineer, USBR and Liz Cresto, IDWR.
- Agenda:** Chairman Dan Surmeier called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or changes that should be made to the agenda. **Dennis Lammey moved Jim Standley seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.**
- Minutes:** The minutes of the April 14, 2008, meeting had been mailed to the board members with their meeting notice. Chairman Surmeier asked the members if there were any additions or corrections to make to the minutes. **Dennis Lammey moved and Jim Standley seconded to approve the minutes of April 14, 2008, meeting. The motion carried.**
- Financial:** Chairman Surmeier asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$4,502.58 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$196410.07 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$200,912.65. Ron reported accounts receivable of \$10,078.68. Total fixed assets remained at \$57,394.05, including office equipment, field equipment and the district vehicle. The total assets for the district as of May 12, 2008, equal \$268,509.55. Ron also read the profit and loss report for the first part of 2008 which indicates a negative income of \$49,165.45. He stated that we are progressing as expected. Chairman Surmeier asked if there were any question. **Dennis Lammey moved and Ron Mio seconded to approve the Financial Statement as reported. The motion carried.**
- Darlene Maxwell was introduced as a new member representing the Lower Payette Ditch Company.
- Liz Cresto**
IDWR: Liz Cresto reported that the accounting system for the Payette Basin is in operation for this year. Liz then presented the Payette River Stored Water Supply Report. She stated that as of May 9, 2008, the accounted for storage was at 639,675af; the unaccounted for storage is 52,080af for a total storage available of 691,754af. The total storage used

including canals, pumps, flood control and evaporation is 166,980af with and averaging error of negative 11,522af.

USBR

Jerrold Gregg: Mr. Jerrold Gregg reiterated that the Bureau of Reclamation will be able to achieve the 427,000 AF of stored water for flow augmentation and that it looks like the 60,000 AF of natural flow purchased from the high lift pumpers can be in addition to bring the total flow augmentation to the 487 level. Mr. Gregg said that it would be a good idea to make decisions for leasing out-of-basin water by June 15th of this year since, after that date the opportunity to rent leased water may diminish. Jerry said that the Bureau could use between 162,800 and 165,000 AF of flow augmentation water from the Payette system this year.

Mr. Gregg also reported on the upcoming meeting that Bureau Commissioner Robert Johnson is conducting in Denver in regard to canals that pass through urban areas and cities. The Nevada canal breach which flooded many residences earlier this year brought to light the increased risk and liability that is being placed on canals where development has moved in, and placed them in high population areas. He stated that this meeting could very well result in a revamp of how we define flood plains.

USBR

Brian Sauer: Mr. Brian Sauer reported that the Payette storage reservoirs were currently at 63% of capacity and the Boise Basin's reservoirs were at 70%. Brian reviewed several Snotel Charts of the watershed areas and reported that the Big Creek Summit was all but melted out this time last year so the snowpack holding on with the cooler spring weather. The Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report was included in the packets and stated that most reservoirs are in good shape at 70-95% of average and are just waiting for the runoff.

Watermaster's

Report: Chairman Surmeier asked Watermaster Ron Shurtleff to give his monthly report. Ron gave a power point report on the snowpacks of several sites and demonstrated how the snowpack, snow water equivalent, as of May 7, 2008 compared to the same date each year since 1982. The report did show that the snow water equivalent was above normal but surprisingly there were several times during the past 25 years that surpassed the current conditions.

Ron showed a report that was originally given by Paul Jansen, from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, at the Watershed Council meeting that was held on May 8, 2008. Ron had asked the Department of Fish and Game to give an update on progress that had been made in the Department's effort to restore the population of Yellow Perch in Cascade Reservoir. The report indicated that Idaho Fish and Game has been able to restore The Yellow Perch without draining the reservoir and the department is pleased with the result, and have high hopes of being able to maintain a health population.

Ron then reported on the local rental pool for 2008. He stated that the USBR has requested 165,000 AF for Out of Basin flow augmentation rental. Total contracted storage for out of basin rental from the combined companies will need to be 70,000 AF, since USBR plans to assign 95,000 AF of their uncontracted storage to the rental pool.

Ron estimates that he should round 7,000 AF of water for in-basin usage but admits that at this point it looks like irrigators consumption will be well below average during the 2008 season. This results in a total lease volume of 172,000 AF.

**Cost Share
Program:**

Ron continued into the Cost Share Incentive Program Report, he stated that the Black Canyon Irrigation District, the Lower Payette Ditch and the WD#65/Last Chance projects have been funded. There are four projects still pending, the Lower Payette Check Structure #3 is complete with no request for payment yet. The Noble Ditch Co. Check Gate is in this same status. The first stage of the Brill Lateral Project is nearly complete and the payments requests have just arrived. Lastly the Reed Trash Rack project is held off till water turn out this fall. The 2007 projects payable will be finalized as paper work and documentation is received.

**Acrolein Risk
Assessment:**

Ron reminded everyone that Acrolein is currently under the risk assessment review and that the comment period will close on June 5, 2008. Marcia Herr reported that Larry Pennington, in conjunction with the Idaho Water Users Association brought some law makers on site and demonstrated the effort and disruption that will be involved if we loose the use of Acrolein to control aquatic weed growth. Ron encouraged all interested users of the product to submit their comments.

**Agroterrorism
And Food
Disasters:**

Ron provided information for the Principles of Preparedness for Agroterrorism and Food Systems' Disasters workshop that will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at the Old School Community Center in Fruitland from 8:30am to 4:00pm. This training will help build prevention strategies for local communities and will prepare response teams to evaluate overall risk of an intentional attack on our food supply, the economy, and the agricultural environment.

IDWR

Facility Tour:

Ron also announced to the members that he has been asked to provide a tour of the Payette Basin facilities for members of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Water Allocation Bureau Staff. The tour will be held on May 28, 2008 and will visit some of the automation sites, the Black Canyon Irrigation District C-Line Pump Station and will also include a tour of Black Canyon Dam. Ron will be contacting some of the canal managers and asking for assistance with demonstrations on tour day.

Adjournment:

Chairman Surmeier 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

Dan Surmeier, Chairman

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Accrual Basis

Water District No. 65
Balance Sheet
As of May 30, 2008

	<u>May 30, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Water District	12,017.06
State Treasurer	196,410.07
Total Checking/Savings	<u>208,427.13</u>
Accounts Receivable	
A/R - Assessments	2,392.40
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	120.97
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>2,513.37</u>
Total Current Assets	210,940.50
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	18,267.72
Field Equipment	13,210.33
Vehicles	25,916.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>57,394.05</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>268,334.55</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Cost - Share Funds Payable	6,699.79
Payroll Liabilities	
SUI	18.43
Total Payroll Liabilities	<u>18.43</u>
Printing Expense Payable	1,238.72
Payable to Lessor - In Basin	2.00
Payable to IDWRB - Fees	0.20
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,959.14</u>
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Equity	
Equity - Equipment	57,394.05
Retained Earnings	252,321.81
Net Income	-49,340.45
Total Equity	<u>260,375.41</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>268,334.55</u>

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 Accrual Basis

Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
 January 1 through May 30, 2008

	Jan 1 - May 30, 08
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	12,428.80
Assessment Revenue	59,751.68
Administrative Fee Revenue	
Admin. Fees - In Basin	1.00
Total Administrative Fee Revenue	1.00
Total Income	72,181.48
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	17,372.68
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	1,077.11
Company Medicare Expense	251.90
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	56.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	75.37
Total Payroll Taxes	1,460.38
Benefits - Medical Insurance	1,735.05
Benefits - Retirement	1,737.28
Total Payroll Expenses	22,305.39
Office Rent	2,875.00
Office Assistance	2,000.00
Postage and Delivery	505.46
Postage Reimbursasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	1,098.81
Telephone	496.22
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,480.00
Professional Fees - Other	457.50
Total Professional Fees	2,937.50
Automobile and Mileage	2,106.74
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00
Water Education	
Contributions	750.00
Total Water Education	750.00
Internet Services	99.80
Travel and Training	
IWUA Convention Expense	385.00
Meals and Lodging	247.78
Training Expense	690.00
Total Travel and Training	1,322.78
Repairs and Maintenance	
Equipment Repairs	62.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance	62.00
Workman's Comp Insurance	207.00
Interest Expense	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	10,372.28
Total Interest Expense	10,372.28
Insurance	500.00
Miscellaneous	92.87
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	1,214.94
Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	
Water Management	72,046.82
Total Cost - Share Incentive Prog.	72,046.82

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Water District No. 65
Profit & Loss
January 1 through May 30, 2008

	<u>Jan 1 - May 30, 08</u>
Meeting Expenses	28.32
Total Expense	<u>121,521.93</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-49,340.45</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-49,340.45</u></u>