

# State Water District No 65

Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

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## ***NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING***

***April 11, 2011***

***8:00 P.M.***

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Mr. John Westra  
2735 Airport Road  
Boise, ID 83705

Dear Mr. Westra,

The Advisory Board of State Water District No. 65 will meet on **Monday April 11<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 March 14, 2011 Minutes***
- ***Review to Approve Financial Statement***
- ***Presentation from; Dave Tuthill, Idaho Water Engineering***
- ***April 11<sup>th</sup> Water Supply Outlook***
- ***Rental Pool Report***
- ***Cost Share Projects Update***
- ***NPDES Permit Requirement, Latest Update***
- ***Radio Repeater Tower(s) Update***
- ***Any other business to be brought before the board***

***Note! Summer Meeting Time; 8:00PM***

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on **April 11, 2011**, in the Payette River Irrigation Office.

Sincerely,

*Ron Shurtleff*

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### Regular Board Meeting

**Date:** March 14, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 N. Main, Payette, Idaho

**Attending:** Doyle Fackler, Dan Surmeier, Ron Mio, Norm Collinsworth, Moody Gross, Darlene Maxwell, Marcia Herr, Ricky York, Roy Maxwell, Chuck Pollock, Joy Sisler, Wayne Martin, Dennis Lammey, Jim Standley, Fred Coburn, Chad Henggeler, Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff and Recording Secretary, Jamie White

**Guests:** Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation and Jerrold Gregg, US Bureau of Reclamation.

**Minutes:** Chairman Standley asked if everyone had taken the time to read the minutes of the February meeting in preparation for their approval. Mr. Standley additionally pointed out a typographical error, which needed correcting. The minutes of the March 14, 2010, meeting had been mailed to the board members with their meeting notice. **Dennis Lammey moved and Doyle Fackler seconded to approve the minutes of March 14, 2010, as presented. The motion carried.**

Chad Henggeler joined the meeting at this time.

**Financial:** Chairman Standley asked Ron Shurtleff to review the financial statement for the district. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$5,585.86 and a balance in the State Treasury Fund of \$259,066.17 resulting in a checking and savings total of \$264,652.03. Total accounts receivable are at \$5,306.67 and total fixed assets are \$68,317.17 for the total assets balance of \$338,275.87. He then reviewed the profit and loss statement and stated that as of March 14, 2011, the District is showing a negative net income of \$46,230.37. Chairman Standley asked if there were any other questions or concerns. **Ron Mio moved and Dennis Lammey seconded to approve the Financial Statement as presented. The motion carried.**

### **BOR, Water**

**Supply Report:** Chairman Standley turned the floor to Brian Sauer, US Bureau of Reclamation. Brian gave an update to the water supply outlook for the Payette Basin. He started by showing a statewide representation of the snow water equivalent currently computed for each drainage basin. The Payette was listed at 88% of normal on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March and by the 14<sup>th</sup> this figure had improved to 91% of the 30 year average. Brian pointed out the total precipitation for the season in Boise area is about 2 inches above average, however at

McCall precipitation is behind the normal rate by about 4 inches. Even though the valleys have received above normal precipitation the higher elevation sites are behind the game a little. Mr. Sauer reported each Snotel Site in comparison to other years with similar condition to this year's snowpack. He reported the predicted runoff past the Horseshoe Bend Gage at 88% or 1,590,000 acre-feet, the inflows to Cascade Reservoir at 92% of average or 525,000 acre-feet and the Deadwood projection at 87% or 122,000 acre-feet. These predictions are well above the remaining space to fill, indicating a very good chance the entire storage system in the Payette Basin will fill and spill this runoff season. Mr. Sauer also reported the predictions for the next 30 days weather to be below normal temperatures with above normal precipitation. Looking forward the next three months, the temperatures are expected to be cooler but there was no significant indication as to wetter or dryer conditions.

Chairman Standley thanked Brian for his informative water supply report.

**BOR, Area  
Managers  
Report:**

Jerrold Gregg, US Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Manager. Reported the Bureau of Reclamation is preparing to enter into consultation for the bull trout which is a process that could take as much as 18 months to complete. Mr. Gregg stated the process has two components with the recent critical habitat designation, one pertaining to the species and another for the critical habitat.

Mr. Gregg reported the good snow pack in southeastern Idaho, about 108% of normal, has presented the ability where the Bureau will surely be able to supply the 487,000 acre-feet of flow augmentation water in 2011. He stated the Bureau usually commits its 95,000 acre-feet of uncontracted space and will be looking for somewhere between 55 and 65 thousand acre-feet from the irrigators contracted space in the Payette system.

Mr. Gregg also reported the incentive package from the federal government had included a budget to perform canals and levies where there were impacts to urban areas. The agency was expected to use private contractors to perform the inspections and both the New York canal and the Black Canyon Irrigation District's canal are to be included in the study.

Mr. Gregg closed by reiterating that this good water year may mean that not all water assigned to the water bank will have the ability to be rented. Thus making the decisions for commitment early may be important this season. Mr. Gregg also stated that in the year 2013 the Rental Pool fees will move to \$17.00 for out-of-basin use and the Rental Pool Committee will then need to update their rental pool rules.

**Watermaster  
Report:**

Chairman Standley then asked Ron Shurtleff to give his Watermaster's Report. Ron stated that since Brian Sauer had given such a detailed water supply report he would not dwell on the information that he had prepared since it would be duplication. Ron did mention that he had included in the meeting packets the reporting charts and graphs which the members were accustomed to reviewing during this water accumulation period.

Ron did point out that as we proceed further towards spring it becomes more difficult bring a deficient water supply up to the normal levels simply because we run out of time to reach the goal. Ron pointed out that as of March 7<sup>th</sup> with a deficit of 12% the basin would need to have snowfall levels of 170% of normal just to put the Snow Water Equivalent on track with the thirty year average. Ron closed his water report stating that the outlook for the basin is very health, and there seems to be no concerns of a short supply for the 2011 irrigation year.

Ron then moved to the Cost Share Program Report. He reminded the members of the Reed Ditch project at the Little Rock Road Crossing. The board had allowed Ron in the December 2010 Meeting it forward the grant award of \$3,000 to the Ditch Company even thought the work could not be finished till after the start of the 2011 year. This was allowed so the company would not have to re-apply for a payment that had been carried through the 2010 year as a Cost Share Payable. Ron explained the Culvert under Little Rock Road was discovered to be deteriorated enough to cause a restriction of flow and the Reed Ditch Company could not complete their headwall and piping project before Gem County had replaced the culvert. That had been completed as evidenced with the photos which were presented. Ron showed a couple of photos of the in progress headwall structure and reported the project is probably complete by this time. Ron further explained that he was not sure if the cost share assistance covered 50% of the project since the final report has not yet been submitted.

Ron then displayed several photos of the Noble Ditch Company, Seven Mile Slough Diversion Dam job site and described it as a very impressive project. Ron explained how the old stop log structure had been rebuilt by replacing the piers, and two of the stop log bays had been replaced with an overtopping single leafy check gate. The gate design is equivalent to the type used in many of the canal check in the Farmers and Noble Canals, designed and build by Rick York and the F & N Maintenance crew. Ron showed photos from a few different angles and explained how the new structure will maintain a constant water stage for the Noble Ditch Canal's headgates as well as the smaller Rosebury Canal. Ron noted that this is a 2010 project that has been carried into this year and is part of the figure under the Cost Share Account Payable.

**Radio Project:** Ron then reminded the members of the repeater tower project at Old Beacon Hill. Ron showed a photo of the newly constructed tower base. He explained that he had asked to spend \$1,200 at the last meeting to have it built, and admitted that he had not requested enough money to complete the task. Ron explained that he had underestimated the job and needed about \$700 more to cover its cost. Ron further explained that the machine shop that built the tower base had fully assembled it, whereas Ron had intended to assemble it on site. This has presented a new challenge of getting it to its destination in an assembled condition. The crew will need to choose soil conditions carefully in order to obtain sufficient traction and allow the truck to climb the steep slope of the hill. **It was moved by Darlene Maxwell, seconded by Dennis Lammey to authorize an additional \$700 to cover the cost to fabricate a Radio Tower for the Beacon Hill location. The motion carried.**

### NPDES Permit

**Requirements:** Ron reported that he attended the Idaho Weed Control Association Weed Conference on March 2, 2011. At the conference Mr. Dirk Helder, from the Environmental Protection Agency gave a talk reporting on the new requirement for NPDES permits when applying pesticides, to, near, or over water of the US. Mr. Helder had reported in earlier talks that EPA would have a General Permit available sometime in mid March of 2011 and as of April 9<sup>th</sup> the requirement for permits would be in place. In his talk on March 2<sup>nd</sup> he reported that permits will not be available in March and he did not know when they would be. His assumption is their will need to be an extension to the deadline which could be a long as six months. In his report he stated there is no intention to place a fee on the permit, and it will cover a five year period. He also reported the Notice of Intend requirement will be postponed to the 2012 year and he understands this starting time frame remains the same. Mr. Helder also reported that a new NOI will be needed each time there is a material change to the method of operation, along with record keeping requirements similar to standards currently used, and these records should be held in house for at least 5 years.

Mr. Helder also reported that there is support for legislation which argues the lack of need for the NPDES permitting requirement. Norm Semanko and others which include him have testified in support of this legislation, and he remarked that they have conveyed a very convincing case.

### Canal

#### **Safety:**

Chairman Standley pointed out the Letter from John Anderson, Committee Chairman for Rural and Urban Affairs, Idaho Water Users Association, concerning the Idaho Canal Safety Awareness Program. The letter highlighted the ongoing need to promote canal and water safety to the young people of Treasure Valley. The program is designed to develop an enhanced area-wide public awareness of the dangers posed by irrigation canals and ditches. Mr. Anderson requested a voluntary contribution at a rate of \$0.015. Ron reported for the past several years Water District 65 has contributed \$500 to the program. **Marcia Herr and Dennis Lammey seconded to contribute \$500 to the Idaho Canal Safety Awareness Program. The Motion Carried.** Marcia Herr also asked if it would also be appropriate for delivery companies within District 65 to contribute to the safety program in addition to the District. Ron said the contribution from the district is only at about 25% of the request and that it would in fact be appropriate to have other entities within the basin contribute as well.

### Announcements of interest:

Ron reported that Dave Tuthill, Idaho Water Engineering has requested to visit with the advisory board at our next meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Dave is wishing to report the service he and his staff is offering to water delivery entities in the State and is requesting a spot on our agenda.

Ron also reported the District has received a map quality GPS unit due from the Payette County Weed Control District. The Weed Control District upgraded to newer equipment and the unit has become unused by their staff. Ron reported the need to replace the unit's

batteries likely because of non usage. Ron stated the unit should have the sub-meter accuracy needed to produce map quality data which would qualify as valuable to county, city and other agencies. Ron also reported the unit is considered to be less user friendly than the newer equipment which will likely steepen the learning curve for proficiency.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Jim Standley asked if there were any additional business items that should be brought before the board, hearing none he declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster

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Jamie White, Recording Secretary

**Water District No. 65**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of April 1, 2011

	Apr 1, 11
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Checking - Water District	4,785.86
State Treasurer	232,066.17
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	236,852.03
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
A/R - Assessments	1,111.78
Acct. Rec. - Rental Pool	4,194.89
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	5,306.67
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	242,158.70
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Office Equipment	21,215.77
Field Equipment	21,185.40
Vehicles	25,916.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	68,317.17
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	310,475.87
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Cost - Share Funds Payable	39,457.45
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	
FICA	
Employee FICA	0.09
<b>Total FICA</b>	0.09
FUTA	56.00
SUI	91.12
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	147.21
Printing Expense Payable	902.72
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	40,507.38
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<b>Equity</b>	
Equity - Equipment	68,317.17
Retained Earnings	249,765.69
Net Income	-48,114.37
<b>Total Equity</b>	269,968.49
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	310,475.87

**Water District No. 65**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 1 through April 1, 2011

	Jan 1 - Apr 1, 11
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Interest Income	486.84
<b>Total Income</b>	486.84
<b>Gross Profit</b>	486.84
Expense	
Payroll Expenses	
Salary - Watermaster	9,491.66
Payroll Taxes	
Company FICA Expense	588.48
Company Medicare Expense	137.63
Company Fed Unemployment Tax	56.00
Company State Unemployment Ta	91.12
<b>Total Payroll Taxes</b>	873.23
Benefits - Medical Insurance	2,109.93
Benefits - Retirement	949.16
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	13,423.98
Office Rent	1,725.00
Office Assistance	1,200.00
Postage and Delivery	109.28
Postage Reimbursasal Account	0.00
Office Supplies	601.78
Telephone	294.90
Professional Fees	
Accountant Fees	2,500.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	2,500.00
Automobile and Mileage	1,013.97
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00
IWUA Basin Members Dues	23,208.80
Water Education	
Contributions	1,000.00
<b>Total Water Education</b>	1,000.00
Internet Services	134.70
Meeting Expenses	146.70
Workman's Comp Insurance	138.00
Interest Expense	
Interest Exp.- Rental Pool	634.79
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	634.79
Insurance	500.00
Miscellaneous	85.31
Equip. Purchases, Office & Field	1,384.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	48,601.21
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-48,114.37
<b>Net Income</b>	-48,114.37