



Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2011 – 11:30 to 1:00
Ball Ventures Board Room

Committee Members Present: Stan Clark, Dave Richards, Craig Evans, Scott Bruce, Michele Hall and guests Dave Tuthill and Ernie Carlson. Rebecca Casper, Roger Warner, Courtney Liddiard, Dean Mortimer, Jeff Raybould and Mike Webster were excused.

- I. **Call to Order:** Stan Clark, EIWRC President, called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 11:30 am.
- II. **Business:** The Executive Committee voted to reimburse Mr. Warner's for expenses to represent EIWRC at the CAMP Hydrologic Committee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously with a first by Scott Bruce and seconded by Craig Evans.
- III. **Announcements:**
 - The November Legislative Forum presentation was successful.
 - Letters to the Governor regarding political appointments went out in December.
 - Henry's Fork Basin Study meetings are ongoing January through April 2011. Mr. Warner has attended and may make some comments at and upcoming meeting.
 - The IWUA Annual Meeting will be in Boise, January 18th – 21st.
 - Included as one of the topics for the February 3rd EIWRC Board Meeting will be 2011 legislation. Input by e-mail is welcome.
 - Mr. Richards announced that there will be a study by the Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Ririe Reservoir. The study will analyze flood control storage and winter water release scenarios for the reservoir. Currently, an environmental assessment is being conducted prior to the study. Public comments regarding issues and concerns are currently being solicited until February 11, 2011. This is an excellent time to encourage a review of outdated flood control curves as well as the potential to allow water to be used for potential recharge projects.
 - Dual-Pipe Systems were discussed and explanations were given by Mr. Evans and Mr. Richards.
- IV. **Luncheon:**
- V. **Group Discussion with Guest Dave Tuthill:**
 - Approval by the state is needed to use water for anything but irrigation. Getting water approved and in the water bank is extremely slow.
 - There is a great need to break the "log-jams" for water issues in Eastern Idaho.
 - Upper Snake River Mitigation Solutions L.L.C. was formed by Rocky Mountain Environmental Engineering, Idaho Water Engineering, Mr. Stan Clark, and Mr. Dean Mortimer, to create private sector help on "un-jamming" water issues.
 - The first proposal from USRMS will be made to Sugar City to help them obtain needed

water rights in a timely manner. The proposals will follow along the lines of the Shelley solution and will be presented to the City Council and the technical people for the Surface Water Coalition. The approved application will then be filed with the State.

- The solutions that Upper Snake River Mitigation Solutions propose will be designed to get water issues taken care of without the lengthy process being used now.

VI. Calendar Items of Interest:

- January 18th – 21st IWUA Meetings in Boise
- February 3rd EIWRC Board Meeting, location TBA
- February 15th Henry's Fork Basin Study Meeting (Held during HFWC meetings)

VII. Review of Assignments/Adjournment: Mr. Stan Clark, EIWRC President, adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.