



**Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2010 – 11:30 to 1:00  
Ball Ventures Board Room**

**Committee Members Present:** *Stan Clark, Rebecca Casper, Roger Warner, Dave Richards, Christian Taylor, Craig Evans, Scott Bruce, Don Dixon and Michele Hall. Courtney Liddiard, Nathan Olsen, Senator 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/Reports:**
  - A. **Meeting Minutes:** The September Executive Committee Meeting minutes were approved with a first by Rebecca Casper and seconded by Roger Warner.
  - B. **Announcements:**
    - The Eastern Idaho Legislative Forum will be held on Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 700 Lindsay Boulevard in Idaho Falls from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The Forum will be sponsored by the Eastern Idaho Mayors, the Idaho Chamber Alliance and Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition. Lunch will be provided.
    - Henry's Fork Watershed Council will be meeting on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Springhill Marriott located at 1177 South Yellowstone in Rexburg.
- III. **Luncheon:**
- IV. **Topics for discussion at the Legislative Forum:**
  - A. Water Legislation Ideas:
    - Mr. Warner suggested that we prepare for future generations water needs and also the need for water by industry wanting to build in Idaho. He has spoken to a group call "Grow Idaho" on these issues and feels we could work together on economic development.
    - We need to recharge water for municipal growth and development and not just to recharge the aquifer.
    - Administrative processes and Water Model uncertainty's may need to be bridged by legislation.
    - Recharge site need to be acquired and prepared, in order to begin recharge of any waters that become available.
  - B. ESPA Water Model Changes:
    - The ESPA Water Model should guide and inform – not dictate. It is best used

as a planning tool and not a precise instrument; to prevent gridlock in development of industry and municipal development.

- The assumptions of the water model are too broad and need to be fine tuned, according to the situation being addressed.
- Conversion of surface water needs to be available to address growth and development.
- Irrigation usage needs to have the ability to reassign to municipal usage and have a broader definition..
- Water rights owners need the ability to convert surface water rights to ground water rights. Water Usage needs to be expanded.
- Ms. Casper suggested that the pilot project in Shelley may give us a model to follow in combining irrigation, surface and municipal usage with recharge.
- Multiple generations of businesses have used the property in different ways; from agricultural, commercial, and industrial to municipal use. We need to be able to convert water to the needs of the property in a successive way.
- If we can conjunctively manage surface water and ground water, we should be able to conjunctively use it.

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

VII. **Calendar Items of Interest:**

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|  November 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | CAMP Teleconference                                           |
|  November 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | Henry's Fork Watershed Council Meeting                        |
|  November 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> | IWUA Meetings in Boise                                        |
|  November 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | Legislative Forum, Idaho Falls, Hilton, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |