

EIWRC BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Idaho Falls City Council Chambers, 680 Park Ave, Idaho Falls
Meeting Minutes

Present: Keith Esplin, Roger Warner, Skyler Johns, Brad Buttars, Mayor Carroll, Catherine McClure, Mayor Adams, Dean Mortimer, Mayor Rebecca Casper, & Princeton Lee

1. Welcome – Roger Warner

2. Administrative Business

- a. Minutes of July 10 board meeting
 - i. Modification to attendees;
 - ii. Brad Buttars moved to approve the minutes; Mayor Carrol seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- b. Bills to pay:
 - i. Reviewed Keith and Amy invoices;
 - ii. Reviewed Seminar expenses;
 - iii. Reviewed sponsors – discussed resolution thanking them, including the Henry's Fork folks.
 - iv. Dean Mortimer moved to approve payment of Keith, Amy, and Christina invoices; seconded by Mayor Carroll; the motion carried.
- c. Discussed membership opportunities with sponsors.
 - i. Brad was frequently asked what sponsorship levels were for the event; so we may want to discuss creating a sponsorship system for EIWRC.
 - ii. Discussed how we can show value in membership to prospective and current members.
 - 1. Value has been recognized in the public outreach and education activities.
 - 2. EIWRC can be more engaged in other organizations meetings; special guest talks; etc.

3. Updates/Developments

- a. Current Water Situation – Keith
 - i. The reservoir system is quite low. There are predicted storms, which could slow the drop.
 - ii. There is a chance that there will be little to no recharge next season because of how low the storage system has gotten this year.
 - iii. Discussion on reach gains and how they are impacted by recharge at various locations.
- b. Review Water Storage Workshop
 - i. Lt. Gov. Bedke attended and was grateful for the invite.
 - 1. His comments about the impacts of flow augmentation water being sent down the river were important.
 - 2. Discussion on how to further this discussion. Need to think outside the box on what the Tribes in issue may want/need other than more water from East Idaho.
 - 3. Also, discussion needs to be had about how they predict how much water must be sent down the river for flow augmentation; after

April, the prediction proved to be far off. They did not reduce the volume of flow augmentation water. Conversely, when the prediction is off and there is more water available, they will deliver more.

4. Discussed involving the tribes in a forum; maybe include a topic on tribal sensitivities toward water and another topic on the Nez Pierce Agreement and how it affects East Idaho.
5. Discussed focusing on recharge and developing relations with the Tribes by inviting them to a meeting in Blackfoot. Then we can address the Nez Pierce issues later.

c. Discussed follow-up on recent Seminar

i. Discussed resolution supporting Snake River Basin Study

1. Dan Davidson from MID asked us to support.
2. Moved to support by Mayor Casper; Seconded by Dean Mortimer; the Motion carried.

ii. Discussed promoting the signing of petition supporting SJM101

1. Senator Cook's petition is trying to get 25,000 signatures to gain federal support for studies on water storage.
2. It is not specific to any particular project.
3. Mayor Casper moved to support the resolution; Seconded by Dean Mortimer; the Motion carried.

iii. Discussed strategic planning meeting

1. Discussed the negative optics and the damage that the recent recharge pond projects in Bonneville County have done.

d. Discussed proposed Bonneville County ordinance

- i. May need to have a representative from EIWRC there to speak about issues that this may have on water users in Idaho.
- ii. Concerns arise over the broad applicability of the requirements. May need to propose limiting language.
- iii. Discussed forming a committee to discuss recharge issues.

4. Meeting Adjourns -