

# NOTICE OF MEETING

## Big Lost River Ground Water District

### --- Regular Board Meeting ---

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Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017  
Time: 1:00 P.M.  
Location: Business Incubation Center --- Arco, Idaho

#### Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

V. Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

Those present were Mike Telford, Mitchell Sorensen, Jack Jensen, Jake Johnson, Terry Monson, and Office Manager Debbie Broadie. Todd Perkes was absent. Moj Broadie arrived at 1:15 pm and chaired the balance of the meeting.

Others present were Lucas Yockey (WD 34 Watermaster), Chris Fackrell (BLR Irrigation District), and Jaxon Higgs (Water Well Consultant).

2. Approval of Agenda

Jack moved to approve the amended agenda (added item 5.c.iii. Managed Recharge), seconded by Jake, voting was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

November 7, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

November 21, 2017 Special Board Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and Jake moved to accept them as presented, seconded by Terry, voting was unanimous.

4. Office Manager's Reports (Debbie)

a. Financial Reports

Debbie reviewed the financial statements with the board (see attached handouts). She also informed the board that some other GWDs were using a "grant program" to help pay for ground water measurement devices. The board felt this program would not be of much value to our members because most, if not all, diversions already have approved measurement plans administered through WD 34.

b. Debbie also reported that a few petitions for exclusion are still being requested. The board directed Debbie to refer all such inquiring persons to the relevant sections of Idaho Code. She also reported some members who have purchased previously excluded property have now inquired how those properties might be brought back into the GWD. The board expressed an amical view of such inquires.

Mitchell moved the board authorize the drafting of a simplified "Petition for Annexation" form that includes the required information of number of acres, ground water rights, past and current assessments, penalties and interest, and filing fees, etc., seconded by Jack, voting was unanimous.

Debbie also reported the list of delinquent assessments that was sent to IDWR has been returned because the Department believes it is premature due to there not being a current approved mitigation or management plan. The GWD will continue to file such reports with IDWR as required by Idaho Code.

5. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Association's Mitigation Plan and IDWR Matter (Docket No. CM-MP-2017-001) Update

The board reviewed the document summary from IDWR's website and noted the scheduled March 15, 2018 Pre-Conference Hearing. The ramifications of this contested case and the anticipated IDWR GWMA Designation Order expected in the early part of next year was discussed.

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b. Jaxon Higgs end of report and correspondence with IDWR  
Jaxon gave an overview of his data collection and analysis using graphs and charts. This overview led to a discussion regarding how the GWD might proceed in the development of a management plan and the District's participation in upcoming and pending relevant matters.

Mike moved Jaxon be tasked with preparing a model showing how the recent past five year's actual pumpage from within the basin would have been reduced if a "priority tiered" plan using entitlement and allocation "caps" would have been implemented, seconded by Jake, voting was unanimous.

This "data analysis illustration" model will be presented at the next board meeting on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It was also noted that such information may be confidential in as much as it is preliminary, and should not be thought of as being definitive or the official position of the GWD. Mitchell was tasked with contacting TJ Budge and asking him if such preliminary information can be handled as privileged documents.

c. Arco and Moore Team reports (Mike, Jack, Mitchell)

i.) Small WRs

Team participates reported the Moore Project is currently waiting for the City of Moore to determine if certain adjacent lands next to the gravel pit can be acquired. The City believes the commencement of making improvements to the pit property before the adjacent property is secured might result in the purchase price increasing. The Arco Team is currently determining what property they would be interested in and how best to align the project components. Mitchell reported IDWR will most likely have a revised "non-demanded" WR list available in January. The District continues to support and encourage the development of these and other projects as part of its management plan.

ii.) Agreement between GWD and WR Owners

The board tasked Mitchell with a follow-up inquiry to TJ regarding the status of these water use agreement forms.

iii.) Jack express his viewing that more managed recharge should be happening now and in the future in the basin. Everyone concurred with his view. The current limitations are not insufficient supplies of water as much as it is land owners want the general benefit of recharge but are unwilling to consent to the recharge infrastructure being built and operated on their property. Jake agreed to contact Vernon Roche of the WD 34 Recharge Committee representing the Chilly Barton area and offer the GWD's general support and his personnel time to assist in those local area efforts. Jack agreed to contact Jay Jensen and do the same thing in the Spring Creek area in the lower part of the basin.

d. Follow up to ICRMP Training

There was no business on this item.

6. Policy Review (900 series)

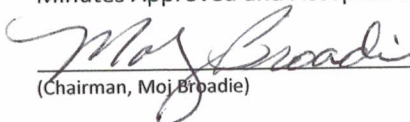
This item was postponed again.

7. Adjournment

a. The next meeting will be on January 16, 2018.

b. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Minutes Approved and Accepted this 16<sup>th</sup> day, of January, 2018.

  
(Chairman, Moj Broadie)

  
(Secretary Mitchell Sorensen)

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