

Big Lost River Ground Water District

--- Regular Board Meeting ---

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Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Business Incubation Center --- Arco, Idaho

Agenda Items and Minutes:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mike Telford at 6:05 pm. Those present were Mike Telford, Mitchell Sorensen, Terry Monson, Jack Jensen, Jake Johnson, and Chairman Moj Broadie and Office Manager Debbie Broadie arrived at 7:16 pm.. Division 5 Director's position continues to be open. Also attending was Jaxon Higgs (consultants).

2. Approval of Agenda

Jake moved to accept the agenda as proposed, seconded by Jack, voting was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Jake moved to accept the May 3, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as read, seconded by Jack, voting was unanimous.

4. Office Manager's Reports (Debbie)

a. Financial Reports

Jack distributed the prepared financial reports, in Debbie's absence, and gave a brief explanation of the District's financial status. He highlighted the assessment refunds that were given back to the small WR users. (Those handouts are attached)

Mitchell moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Jake, voting was unanimous.

b. Other Office Business

When Debbie arrived at the meeting, she was asked to prepare an "Election Time-line" for the Board to review and use as this year's election cycle begins.

c. Old Business

i. Update on Division 5 members to serve on the GWD Board

Two Division 5 members were contacted by various Directors to inquire if they were willing to accept an appointment to the Board. Both expressed some reluctance, which everyone understood and shared some of the same feelings. The Board decided to invite Dean Andersen and Keith Waddoups to the next (July) Board meeting so they could determine if they might be interested in serving.

ii. Voting procedures for small water users

Debbie had previously reviewed sections of the Idaho Code and Board Policies relevant to small users and subsequently determined those assessments to all small users (less than .05 cfs) should be refunded, so there was no need to further review their voting credentials. The guiding criteria suggested that if a member is too small to be assessed, they are also too small to vote their cfs.

iii. Spring Creek Recharge Site funding

The Board had previously approved a funding contribution for construction towards an Upper Spring Creek recharge site of up to \$5,000.00. The Board asked Mitchell to check with Jay Jensen on whether that particular development site was proceeding as planned or being suspended, so those funds might be used elsewhere.

5. 2018 Management and Stabilization Plan(s)

a. Review Jaxon's analysis

Jaxon provided a Ground Water Usage Summary report. This report is approximately 260 pages and contains information showing an individual's GW rights, WMIS numbers, baseline pumpage, ac.ft./acre of usage for their particular farm, and etc.. Sample pages were reviewed and discussed conceptual. The need for an informative cover letter that could be sent to each of the District members with their individual information was discussed. Jaxon and Mitchell were given the assignment of preparing this draft cover letter.

b. Review Initial Baseline Parameters

The Board also discussed the merits of establishing a "Ground-Water Level Index" that might be used to adjust tier allocations, but no definitive position or action was taken. The Board also discussed and then decided the following parameters and allowances of the plan's tier allocations would apply:

1. Surface water usage would not be included in tiered allocation calculations.
2. POU would be used in lieu of POD quantities when accounting for tiered allocation usages. Conveyance losses (shrink) would not be counted against tiered allocations.
3. Individual GW users would be allowed to combine and/or re-distribute tiered allocations across their irrigated crop lands at their discretion, allowing higher or lower rates of usage for any particular crop(s) within their common farms within the GWD, but tiered caps would still apply to their total tier allocations.
4. Individual GW users would be allowed to average their annual usages over a (5) five year rolling average period. This would help create a buffer into and out of "dry" and "wet" years respectfully.
5. What was also discussed but not determined has, can these tiered allocations be bought and sold among GW users within the GW District?

6. Officer and Committee Reports

a. AWCR Agreement and MWCR Agreement (Mike, Jack, Mitchell)

After a brief report on the status of both of the JPA Committees, Jake moved to affirm the previous action authorizing the signing of the AWCR Agreement and now authorize the signing of the MWCR Agreement, seconded by Jack, motion passed unanimously.

b. Acquisition of WRs

A few WRs that may be assigned to the GWD were reviewed. It was the position of the Board that the GWD would be willing to accept WRs assigned to them and/or consider buying WRs that might be offered to them on a willing buyer/seller basis.

c. Other Reports

Mike gave a report on the IGWA meeting he and Mitchell attended. The report included the SRB ground water model, state wide discussions relating to "outliers" across the SRB and including the tributary basins, examples of what other districts are using for tier allocations, TJ Budge's option of water Grants and Water Supply Banks, and IGWA's review of IDWR's proposed SEP proposal for the SRB and the Big Lost River Basin.

7. Adjournment

a. Next meeting date was set for Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 6:00 pm.

b. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Minutes Approved and Accepted this 12th day, of July, 2018.



(Chairman, Moj Broadie)



(Secretary Mitchell Sorensen)