

Big Lost River Ground Water District

--Regular Board Meeting-- Minutes December 14, 2022

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Date: December 14, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Butte County Business Center, Arco, Idaho

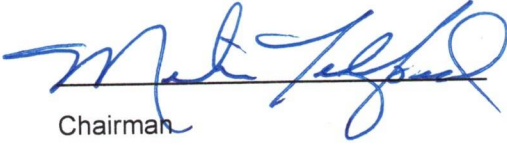
Roll Call: Mike Telford, Jake Johnson, Travis Andersen, Jim Gregory, Adam Sorensen, Seth Beal, Loy Pehrson, Craig Stewart, Debbie Broadie, Earl Beason, Tammy Beason, and grandchildren *Wayne Ollett*

1. Motion of accepting the Minutes for ^{Nov} ~~this~~ meeting as it was e-mailed 12/12/2022 to each Board Member made by Jake Johnson with a 2nd by Travis Andersen.
2. With the exception of Mr. Beason's issue being added to the new business section, the motion for the Agenda for December 14, 2022 as e-mailed 12/12/2022 to each Board Member made by Jack Johnson with a 2nd from Jim Gregory.
3. The financial report was given by Debbie Broadie. Each account is balanced with the computer. All bills have been sent to members for the 2023 year. Motion made by Travis Andersen with a 2nd from Adam Sorensen to accept the financial report as presented. All were in favor.
4. New business:
 - a. Earl Beason noted that he wanted his billing split between usage and cfs. He is willing to pay for the cfs, but would like Brett Williams to pay for the usage. The Board agreed to bill Mr. Williams if Mr. Williams would sign an agreement to have the usage billed and paid by him.
 - b. New idea for pumping mitigation vs. high line canals lined and piped.
 - a. Line the river and not reduce pumpage
 - b. Line the 3 in 1 or/and put a new ditch down the bank of the UC recharge site.
 - c. Soft conversion
 - c. Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Plan submitted 9/23/22 discussed. Debbie to bring a copy to next meeting.
5. Old business
 - a. Update on lining projects had been discussed during the annual meeting.
 - b. The Water outlook seems to be great as we are getting snow as we meet.
 - c. Mike reported that Jeff Raybow is the Chaiman of the Idaho State Water Board. The Idaho State Water Board wants to know where to find recharge sites that would affect the reach gains. Mr. Patton is the head of the Recharge for the State of Idaho. Mike asked for help doing the work on this subject.
 - d. Speaking to another attorney to replace TJ has not been done yet.
 - e. New idea presented by Mike Telford is:
 - a. build around the fish habitat in the river idea. Go into the center part of the main channel. Go down 3-4 feet and put liner in it. Idea to line the river to be ready for the low river flows to keep it flowing longer.
 - b. Jim Gregory presented the ideas of
 - i. making the river into a Spring Creek from the Blaine down to the Moore so it doesn't take the flushing flow. Bypass it into a pond to catch the gravel and then down the channel to maintain it.
 - ii. Or, In the 1930's the diversion on the Old Channel (no one knew of the official old name) which cut above 3700 W, over the pass creek channel then down the Pass Creek channel. This was done to reduce shrink. Instead of having the main channel become Spring Creek and bypass the high flows, if we pass the Spring Creek idea over to Pass Creek and have the main channel be the high flow channel.


This winter's goal is to come up with a solution to keep the river alive.

- f. Next Date of Meeting: No meeting in January, and Board Winter Dinner will be in February, 2023.
Debbie to arrange venue, etc. and advise the Board.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2023



Chairman



Secretary

*= action item which might be voted on

BLRGWD may hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 No formal action will be taken during this session.*