



Ada County Environmental Advisory Board Meeting

February 16, 2016

Meeting Minutes

- MEMBERS:** Tamsen Binggeli, Boise River Enhancement Network
Andy Brunelle, Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited - absent
Dave Case, Ada County Commissioner
Larry James, Enel Green Power North America (dba Fulcrum) - absent
Jan Johns, Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands - absent
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways, Co-Chair
Joe Kozfkay, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Christy Meyer, The Freshwater Trust
Selena O'Neal, Ada County Operations, Chairperson
Liz Paul, Environmental Activist - absent
Benny Poole, Ada County Commissioners Office, Co-Chair
Kerry Strunk, Enel Green Power North America (dba Fulcrum)
Kate Thorpe, Conservation Voters for Idaho – absent
- OTHERS:** Ax Yewer, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Selena O'Neal at 1:30. There was not a quorum with only 3 of the 7 voting members present. (Absent members and guests are noted above. Ada County and Enel staff are nonvoting members.)

In-Stream Project Updates

Joe Kozfkay discussed the permits that are in the works with the Army Corp of Engineers, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and DEQ. All seem to be in order but the 404 permit (Army Corp of Engineers) is complicated because the project is in a "high risk" area.

The Floodplain and River System Ordinance Permit is on the February 18th agenda of the Boise City Parks and Recreation Commission. The recommendation from Boise City staff is to approve the application as submitted. Joe will attend the meeting to represent the project and provide information to the commission as requested.

The Boise City Planning and Zoning Commission will also review the project application at a public meeting on April 4th. Compliance with Boise City's Floodplain Ordinance is required. A "No-Rise" Floodway Certification is also required using Boise City's newly revised model. Joe Kozfkay and the project designer, Jeanne McFall, also with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will attend the meeting to answer questions concerning the application. Boise Parks and Rec kindly paid the \$1,000 application fee.

The project will likely include 3 or 4 structures with 3 or 4 logs in each. Tamsen expressed concern about chaining the trees and Joe explained that they would not be chained.

The remainder of the funds will be used for boulders. Liz Paul was not at the meeting but informed Selena that she had met with Doug Fowler and he is totally open to allowing project access through the Harris Ranch property on the north side of the river. The details will be worked out as the project comes together.

Tamsen suggested that since there will be considerable time before the project construction begins, it would be nice to do some before and after monitoring. Christy offered to put together a monitoring plan, mostly to track water temperature that would at least provide some information about the Boise River in that location.

Other Business

Selena will post the project applications online.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15th, 2016.
(The March meeting was cancelled and did not occur.)

Minutes recorded by Selena O'Neal.