



Ada County Environmental Advisory Board Meeting
August 23, 2016

Meeting Minutes

- MEMBERS:** Tamsen Binggeli, Boise River Enhancement Network
Andy Brunelle, Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited - absent
Dave Case, Ada County Commissioner – substituted by Larry Maneely
Larry James, Enel Green Power North America (dba Fulcrum)
Jan Johns, Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands - absent
Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks and Waterways, Co-Chair - absent
Joe Kozfkay, Idaho Department of Fish and Game – attended by phone
Christy Meyer, The Freshwater Trust
Selena O’Neal, Ada County Operations, Chairperson
Liz Paul, Environmental Activist
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:** Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office - substituted for Ax Yewer
Kate McGwire, Ada County Public Information Officer

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Selena O’Neal at 1:30. There was a quorum with 4 of the 7 voting members present. (Absent members and guests are noted above. Ada County and Enel staff are nonvoting members.)

In-Stream Project Update

Joe Kozfkay provided an update on the project by reviewing the items listed in the project update email sent on 8/2/16 as follows:

To review, **WE** have:

- Developed an advisory board
- Developed MOUs between Ada County, Enel, and IDFG
- Identified, secured, and transferred funds
- Secured materials (trees, boulders)
- Developed a conceptual design (attached)
- Altered conceptual design to avoid bridge, no-rise, and point of diversion concerns
- Secured permits/approvals

There are still several steps that need to be completed before construction begins, including:

- Renew contracts that will expire before construction is completed
- Solicit and secure additional funds (funds are tight right now)
- Determine status of IFWF grant request for \$10K (within 2 weeks)
 - UPDATE – Did not receive grant
- Solicit bids
- Select a contractor
- Hold a pre-bid meeting
 - UPDATE – Planned for September 15th
- Implement

Jim Wyllie from Boise City Public Works has expressed an interest in the project. Jeanne McFall (Fisheries/Hydraulic Engineer and project engineer) will keep Jim Wyllie involved.

Joe has addressed the concerns expressed by Greg Curtis of the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District.

The project will not have to go through a formal bidding process, but instead the project engineer, Jeanne, will contact a few qualified contractors and provide them the project information so they can bid on the project. There will be an on-site prebid meeting on September 15th for potential contractors to see the site and ask questions before they prepare their bid.

The bids will determine if all of the elements in the plan can be constructed. If they come in higher than the \$45,000 budget, the plan will need to be scaled back to meet the budget.

The end of the irrigation season is October 15th. The project will likely be done in November.

Public Meeting

Tamsen Bingelli and Liz Paul gave an update on the public meeting that was held in Barber Park near the project site on August 17th. 11 people attended, many were members of BREN. Scott Koberg provided the attendees an overview of what led up to the project, how it all came about. Tamsen provided copies of the plan design for discussion. Joe gave a thorough explanation of the project and showed attendees the portion of the river where the project will be placed. The meeting started @ 5:30 p.m. and lasted until about 6:30 p.m.

Post-Construction Repair Work

The group discussed the post-construction repair work that will most likely be needed on the riverbanks where the heavy equipment will enter the river, probably on the Barber Park side. The project budget does not include any funds for this effort. Liz suggested that willow cuts can easily be planted by volunteers. Selena will contact Andy Brunelle to see if he can help put a post-construction project plan together and help coordinate it. The Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands has a lot of land in the Barber Pool area and Jan Johns may be a resource to provide willows for the project.

Selena and Christy will follow-up with Kate Harris at Boise City about the monitoring plan she proposed and to make sure she is in touch with Jim Wyllie.

Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Selena O'Neal.