

Ada County Environmental Advisory Board Meeting September 20, 2016

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS: Tamsen Binggeli, Boise River Enhancement Network - absent

Andy Brunelle, Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited – attended by phone

Dave Case, Ada County Commissioner – substituted by Larry Maneely

Larry James, Enel Green Power North America (dba Fulcrum) – attended by phone

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 – attended by phone

Christy Meyer, The Freshwater Trust – attended by phone 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) – attended by phone

OTHERS: Ax Yewer, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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 6 voting members present. (Absent members and guests are noted above. Ada County and Enel staff are nonvoting members.)

Approval of the Minutes

Liz Paul made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Christy Meyer. All voting members voted in favor, there were not opposed. The motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Liz Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23rd meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Kozfkay. All voting members voted in favor, there were not opposed. The motion carried.

In-Stream Project Update

Joe Kozfkay reported there may be a temporary construction easement needed for the north side of the river on the Harris property. Will determine if an easement is needed for the contractor to access the rock pile near Barber Dam. Will ask Lorna Jorgensen to let us know if the rock pile is on Ada County property. Bids will be opened in about 2 weeks. Construction will begin by the end of October.

A prebid meeting will be held at the project site on September 21st. In attendance will be Jeanne McFall, Art Butts, Joe Kofzkay, of Fish and Game along with Jim Wyllie, Boise City Public Works.

Post-Construction Repair Work

The group discussed the post-construction repair work that will be needed on the riverbanks after the river project is complete. Disturbed sites will need to be replanted. Andy Brunelle has some cottonwoods that we could use. Fish and Game has a stinger (water jet) that could be used to create the holes for the plants. Would need to get a city permit to take willows from other areas. The planting should be done fairly soon after construction, possibly around the end of November. Joe Kozfkay said that Fish and Game has a volunteer coordinator, Michael Young, who would take on the coordination and oversight of post-construction project. Selena asked about interpretive signage for the project. Andy mentioned that students from the Meridian Academy created the signage for the side channel Julia Davis Park. Will need to continue to look into options.

Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Selena O'Neal.