

Ada County Environmental Advisory Board Meeting December 15, 2015

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS: Tamsen Binggeli, Boise River Enhancement Network - absent

Andy Brunelle, Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited - absent

Dave Case, Ada County Commissioner - absent

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, Idaho Rivers United - absent

Benny Poole, Ada County Commissioners Office, Co-Chair Kerry Strunk, Enel Green Power North America (dba Fulcrum) Kate Thorpe, Conservation Voters for Idaho – phoned in

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

Roll Call

The meeting began with roll call 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.)

Approval of the Agenda

Christy Meyer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Kate Thorpe. All voting members voted in favor, there were no opposed. The motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Christy Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Kate Thorpe. All voting members voted in favor, there were no opposed. The motion carried.

In-Stream Project Updates

Selena O'Neal reported that she had contacted Knife River and their contractor, Qualitree, about salvaging some of the trees that are being removed as part of the Broadway Bridge project. Jeanne McFall, Fish & Game, is going to work with Qualitree to determine which trees would be good for the project and she will also get the truck and trailer to provide transport of the trees to Barber Park.

Scott Koberg requested that one of the project designers from Fish & Game comment on the dozen trees that were removed from the new Esther Simplot Park and hauled to Barber Park before he collects more. Jeanne McFall is planning to go look at what Scott has stockpiled at the park.

Joe Kozfkay reported that the project area was surveyed during the week of December 7th. He thinks that the project design would be at 60% by January 1, enough to get the 404 permit started with the Army Corp of Engineers and the subcontractor on board who will place the material in the river.

Note: If the 404 permit can be approved by the end of March 2016, the river should still be low enough to work in until mid-April 2016.

There was some discussion about which side of the river would be best to access the project site. There is general consensus that the south bank in Barber Park would provide the easiest access, but will need to be determined as part of the project design.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2015, 1:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of the month). The board meeting adjourned @ 2:00.

Minutes recorded by Selena O'Neal.