



Ada County Environmental Advisory Board Meeting  
September 1, 2015

**Special Meeting Minutes**

- MEMBERS:** Tamsen Binggeli, Boise River Enhancement Network  
Andy Brunelle, Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Dave Case, Ada County Commissioner  
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  
Joe Kozfkay, Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
Christy Meyer, The Freshwater Trust (Alex Johnson attended for Christy)  
Selena O’Neal, Ada County Operations, Chairperson  
Liz Paul, Idaho Rivers United  
Benny Poole, Ada County Commissioners Office, Co-Chair  
Kerry Strunk, Enel Green Power North America (dba Fulcrum)  
Kate Thorpe, Conservation Voters for Idaho - absent  
Brandy Wilson, Barber Valley Neighborhood Association – absent
- OTHERS:** Joan Heredia, Enel Green Power North America  
Ax Yewer, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

**MINUTES**

The meeting began at 1:32 with a roll call. Absent members are noted above.

Open Meeting Laws

Ada County attorney, Ax Yewer, explained the rules of the Open Meeting Laws per Idaho Code 74-201. Notice of date, time, and location of meetings must be posted 5 days in advance. A meeting agenda must be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be held with 24 hours’ notice. Meeting minutes must be taken and include who was present, a record of any motions made, votes taken, and how each person voted.

There was discussion about the use of email to communicate between meetings and report on information being gathered. It was determined this was allowed as long as members use the “Reply All” function so everyone receives the same information. The board chairperson, Selena O’Neal, must always be copied on the emails in order to keep a complete historical record on behalf of the board. No deliberating or decision making can happen via email. Deliberating and decision making can only take place during a scheduled meeting with a quorum of voting members. The board may call a special meeting with 24 hours’ notice if a decision needs to be made prior to the next scheduled board meeting.

Commissioner Case joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

## In-Stream Project Updates

Tamsen Binggeli gave an update on a possible donation of boulders from the Harris Ranch property. Doug Fowler told her they have a lot of large boulders so she will meet with him to see what they have and report back at the next board meeting.

Joe Kozfkay reported that he can pay for a pair of aquatic restoration engineers from the regional fisheries budget to do a site survey and the design work. They are available to start immediately and can have a design completed by January 1, 2016.

## Handling of Project Funds

Joe Kozfkay suggested that IDFG can act as a funds holding entity and bring money into their budget to hold for both Ada County and Enel without any overhead or personnel costs. Commissioner Case will have Ada County's legal team draw up a contract with IDFG to do that. Joe has some samples of similar contracts that he'll send to Selena.

Liz Paul moved to approve the Environmental Advisory Board proceeding with the design of an in-stream project in the vicinity of Eckert Bridge. Joe Kozfkay seconded. All voting members voted in favor, there were no opposed. The motion carried.

Andy Brunelle moved to approve the preparation documents to affect the transfer of funds from Ada County and Enel to IDFG. Liz Paul seconded. All voting members voted in favor, there were no opposed. The motion carried.

## Action Items

Andy Brunelle provided updates on his action items from the last meeting:

1. He received information from Trout Unlimited on work done at Grimes Creek. This information will be used to help understand the permitting process for the new in-stream project being designed. He provided the chairperson with copies of permit approval letters and a report on the rehabilitation of Grimes Creek.
2. He has talked to permitting agencies about the permitting process. In particular, the Corp of Engineers advised there may be up-front meetings during the permitting process with the permitting agency to help guide the design.

Commissioner Case suggested that Scott Koberg be the point person for the permit application. Scott agreed that given his work location at Barber Park he could host the site visits throughout the permitting process and suggested having Joe Kozfkay assist him in that. Joe stated that he would be willing to co-lead with Scott on that regard.

Andy Brunelle moved to approve Scott Koberg and Joe Kozfkay as co-project managers. Tamsen Binggeli seconded. Andy Brunelle will provide contact information of the permitting folks to Scott and Joe. All voting members voted in favor, there were no opposed. The motion carried.

The group wrapped up the meeting with the following action items:

- Joe Kozfkay will consider what kind of involvement he could use from the board members or others; i.e., fishing groups, going forward.
- Andy Brunelle will draft a simple project description as a starting point, since one has not yet been developed.

The meeting adjourned @ 2:50. Next meeting will be September 15, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
Notes taken by Selena O'Neal.