

Minutes of Special Meeting
Idaho Department of Water Resources
January 5, 2016
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Deputy Clerks Alicia Lynch and Cecilia Sweet. Also present were City of Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson, Coeur d'Alene City Administrator Jim Hammond, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Gary Spackman, Northern Region Office Manager Keith Franklin, Idaho Water Resource Board Chairman Roger Chase, District One representative Dale Van Stone, and citizens Carla and Vernon Woempner.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.
- B. **Introductions:** The participants stated their names for the record.
- C. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. **New Business:**

Discussion with Gary Spackman (Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources) and Roger Chase (Chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board) about water issues in Kootenai County

Idaho Water Resource Board Chairman Roger Chase stated that water adjudication was the most visible of their North Idaho goals because they affected the water rights in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. He encouraged the Commissioners to research new grants through the Idaho Water Resource Board.

Chairman Green stated he would advise the Aquifer Protection District of the \$20,000 grant with a two-thirds in-kind match.

Mr. Chase discussed metering water within city limits to make citizens aware of how much water they are using. Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson stated metering could be a good education tool and could encourage conservation, especially among commercial users.

Northern Region Office Manager Keith Franklin gave a brief update on the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication. Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Gary Spackman stated that the County had been a leader in water adjudication and commended the good relationships between purveyors.

- E. **Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk
