



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

STREAMFLOW ENHANCEMENT/MINIMUM STREAMFLOW COMMITTEE MEETING

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September 3, 2026

Chairman McMahon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1: Introductions & Attendance

Attendees included Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB/Board) Streamflow Committee Chair Patrick McMahon (online), Committee members Brian Olmstead (online), Dean Stevenson (online), and Dale Van Stone (online). Board members Albert Barker (online), and Jeff Raybould (online) were also in attendance. Staff members present were Brian Patton, Ann Yirbar (online), Wesley Hipke (online), John Loffredo (online), Matt Anders, and Milin Ream.

Agenda Item No. 2: Upper Salmon Water Transactions

A. Iron Creek Source – Switch Renewal

John Loffredo, IDWR Transactions Program Manager, provided the Committee with a summary of staff's request to consider recommending that the Board approve the renewal of a long-term agreement not to divert water from Iron Creek, along with an associated funding resolution. The recommendation and funding resolution will be presented to the full Board for consideration.

Mr. Stevenson moved to recommend the full Board consider approval of a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of the Iron Creek Water Transaction. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

B. Valley Creek SNRA Busterback Water Supply Bank Rental

IDWR Transactions Program Manager John Loffredo presented a summary of staff's requested action to consider entering into a six-year contract with Water District 71 for administration of Water Supply Bank Rental No. 654 on Valley Creek, along with an associated funding resolution for consideration by the full Board.

Following review, Chair MacMahon entertained a motion.

Mr. Olmstead moved to recommend the full Board consider approval of a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of permanent rental of Sawtooth Valley Water Rights. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

C. Pahsimeroi River Water Supply Bank Lease/Rental

IDWR Transactions Program Manager John Loffredo reviewed the agenda item and requested that the Committee consider recommending to the full Board approval of a short-term lease/rental agreement at the P-12 Diversion on the Pahsimeroi River. Following the Committee's recommendation, an associated funding resolution will be presented to the full Board for review and consideration.

Mr. Olmstead moved to recommend the full Board consider approval of a resolution to make a funding commitment in the matter of 2027-2031 Little Mud Creek and Pahsimeroi River Water Transaction. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 3: Lower Lemhi MSF Transaction Valuation and Landowner Participation

Agenda Item No. 4 Update on Lemhi River L-6/L-7 Rehabilitation Project

As an informational item, John Loffredo, IDWR Transactions Program Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation on matters related to the Lemhi River as well as a voluntary participation and aging infrastructure update.

Agenda Item No. 3: Other Items

No other items were discussed.

Agenda Item No. 5: Adjourn

Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Committee Members: Chair Patrick McMahon, Dean Stevenson, Brian Olmstead, and Dale Van Stone.

Respectfully submitted by Milin J. Ream, Administrative Assistant to the Board.