

PBAC Citizen Advisory Group
January 12, 2006
Meeting Summary

Members Present: Joe Spoonemore, Chairman Michael Echanove
Earl Bennett William Brock
Jim Mital Kirk O'Reilly
Dan Boone Jay Eliason
Gustaf Sarkkinen (alternate for Jerry Fairley)

Members Absent: Robert Lemke
Bill Elliot

Guests & Ex-officio: Helen Harrington, IDWR Tom Scallorn, PBAC
Keith Stoffel, WDOE Larry Kirkland, PBAC

1. Meeting notes from November and December were reviewed and approved.
2. Helen Harrington, IDWR, provided a review of the IDWR Director's Order issued in December 2004. The order was issued in response to a petition for a number of administrative actions and the creation of an advisory committee.
3. Jim Mital provided a review of the PBAC mission and goals. Several items were discussed that the CAG felt were missing or needed revision:
 - a. Public input, in the form of research and scoping process. PBAC should have some role in scoping and reaching out to the public.
 - b. Improved awareness of CAG. It was mentioned that Idaho Department of Transportation is doing a good job with workshops and public information regarding the current roadwork activities.
4. Jim Mital requested action on the issue of members missing meetings without excuse or notification. The issue had been taken to PBAC, but no decision had been made. The following motion was passed by the CAG:
 - a. Motion Passed: If a CAG member or designated alternative misses more than 2 consecutive meetings that are unexcused, the position will be replaced by PBAC.
 - b. Chm Spoonemore asked Tom Scallorn to encourage PBAC appoint new members to replace Bill French and Robert Lemke.
5. Helen Harrington proposed the CAG consider the use of a facilitator to provide guidance in developing processes and a framework. The CAG generally felt facilitation is not needed and deferred to the Chairman. A motion to involve a facilitator failed with one "yea" and one abstention. It will be left to Chairman Spoonemore to determine if a facilitator is needed for any specific meeting.

6. Chairman Spoonemore discussed a draft white paper that has been prepared by members Earl Bennett and Jay Eliason and reviewed by Chairman Spoonemore regarding research and a critique of current PBAC activities. The Chairman will distribute the draft document to the CAG for discussion at the February CAG meeting.

7. Michael Echanove reiterated his previous comments about the condition of the PBAC web page and that it needs to be improved and brought current. Larry Kirkland mentioned that this was one of the tasks that will be assigned to the newly hired PBAC Executive Manager.

8. Chairman Spoonemore addressed the following agenda items:

- a. #7: PBAC needs to provide more public information
- b. #8: CAG is ready to move forward with recommendations. Chairman Spoonemore stated that the draft white paper that he will distribute has recommendations.

9. Agenda for next meeting will include:

- a. Accounting of PBAC Studies and Grants (delayed from January)
- b. Review of Draft White Paper
- c. Introduction of new PBAC Exec Dir, Steve Robischon

10. Next meeting: February 9, 2006, 7 pm, UI Facilities Building.

Handouts:

- 1. Agenda
- 2. PBAC Mission and Goals

Recorded By: Helen Harrington

Approved by CAG: February 9, 2006

**PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER COMMITTEE
CITIZENS' ADVISORY GROUP**

Meeting Agenda

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University of Idaho Facilities Mgmt Office

1. Roll Call
2. Review and approval of November 10 and December 8 meeting minutes
3. Review of the "PBAC Charter" and the "Director's Order" ----- Helen Harrington
4. "Facilitator" recommendation ----- Helen Harrington
5. PBAC goals ----- Jim Mital
6. Accounting of PBA studies and grants ---- Larry K
7. Improving awareness of CAG and inviting more public participation. ----- LJS
8. Are we ready to make some recommendations?
Conservation? Fee structure alterations? Formal web-master? ----- LJS
9. Next Meeting? Potential Agenda? Discussion of the "Hydrogeologic characterization of the Latah Formation of the Moscow Sub-basin project"?
10. Adjournment

In outline form PBAC's current mission and goals are stated below. These have been expanded and changed somewhat over PBAC's history.

❖ **Mission: "to ensure a long-term quality water supply for the Palouse Basin region."**

❖ **Goals:**

- To stabilize the declining deep aquifer water levels by 2020.
 - To determine a plan for accomplishing this by 2010.
 - To conduct the necessary research to understand the basin geohydrology and determine the most economical options for enhancing deep aquifer recharge.
 - To conduct pilot projects to test promising options for increasing recharge to the basin aquifer systems.
- To procure matching funds to facilitate the necessary research and pilot projects to clarify the best options available to regional entities for achieving the PBAC goals.
- To accomplish the PBAC mission and goals in the most economic fashion using best management practices.
- To educate entities and the public on the state of the basin water supply and options for carrying out PBAC's mission and goals.
- To encourage and facilitate entities in meeting their specific pumping, conservation, efficient use, water recycling and other goals.

❖ **Implied Goals**

- Work with state agencies to avoid delays and hassles associated with meeting the details of applicable regulations.
- Continue to work harmoniously and effectively across the state-line to fairly meet the needs of all entities.