Bonneville Jefferson Ground Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
February 1, 2024

Present:	Carl Taylor – Director Division One – Vice-Chair
	Kirt Schwieder – Director at Large – Treasurer
	B.J. Lott – Director Division Two – Secretary
	Seth Cannon – Director at Large
	Skyler Johns – Olsen Taggart
	Brad Buttars – Manager
Via Zoom:	Stephanie Mickelsen – Director Division Three - Chair
	Jaxon Higgs – Water Well Consultants
	Amy McKoon – AB Bookkeeping

Bonneville Jefferson Ground Water District board meeting began at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Gold Emblem Produce Conference Room and via Zoom.

With a quorum present, Chair Stephanie Mickelsen called the meeting to order and welcomed board members.

This is a special board meeting with the purpose of discussing the 2024 budget and assessments.

Amy McKoon presented a review of the Idaho State Statutes (42-5232) addressing the statute parameters for groundwater districts to establish budgets and issue assessments and how she has seen other groundwater districts operate under the parameters. The parameters were discussed in detail to confirm that the board is operating within the parameters. Jaxon Higgs supported the conversation with his experience and observance from other districts.

The board discussion focused not only on being withing statute but also administering decisions in a fair and equitable approach for patrons of the district. Topics of discussion included dates to establish budgets, identifying base and mitigation expenses, maintaining accounting and banking requirements. Historically the mitigation assessment has been based on a priority tier. The deeper curtailments of a transient model effects the ranges of a tiered approach.

After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to 1) set a budget for 2024, and 2) determine 2025 budget and associated assessments between August 1 and November 1. In the meantime, the district will operate on a cash basis.

Carl Taylor moved the 2024 budget of $1.3M be approved subject to 1) the mitigation budget to include the cost of leasing water and all other expenses be moved to the operating budget, and 2) the ten-tier system for mitigation to be maintained with no more than a $3.00 variance between the bottom and the top tiers. Kirt Schwieder seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

2-13-24

BJ Lott, Secretary Date

Bonneville Jefferson Groundwater District
2024 Projected Budget
($8.75 Base, $5.00 Avg. Mitigation)

Income:			
Assessments:			
Base Assessment	$	860,780	
Mitigation Assessment	$	421,630	
Total Assessments			$ 1,282,410
Interest Income	$	50,000	
Lease Income	$	3,000	
Total Other Income			$ 53,000
Total Income			**$ 1,335,410**
Expense:			
Base			
Attorney Fees	$	250,000	
Audit	$	9,000	
IDWR - WD120 Assessment	$	8,000	
IDWR - Loan Payment	$	7,412	
IGWA Regular Budget	$	60,953	
Insurance	$	2,250	
Dues and Subs. (IWUA, EIWRC)	$	20,000	
Measurement Fees	$	45,000	
Meeting - Office Expense	$	4,000	
Recharge well power	$	500	
State Insurance fund	$	250	
Subcontractors (Admin/bookkeeping)	$	85,000	
Hydrologist Consulting	$	50,000	
Travel, lodging, Reimb Exp.	$	6,000	
IDWR WD01 Recharge Admin Fees	$	8,000	
Engineering (Projects)	$	50,000	
IDWR WD01 Surcharge	$	6,000	
IWRB Surcharge	$	60,000	
Upper Valley Water Lease	$	190,000	
Total Base			$ 862,365
Mitigation			
Recharge Water Purchased other	$	421,630	
Total Mitigation			$ 421,630
Total Expenses			**$ 1,283,995**
Net Income:			**$ 51,415**
Cash Position			
Cash on hand 12-31-2023			$ 2,517,162
Plus: 2024 Income			$ 51,415
Year end Cash 12-31-24	$	-	$ 2,568,577

Note: $148,500 of cash position is from Anheuser-Busch and is earmarked to purchase a recharge well in 2024.