

PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER committee

Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 2:00 PM
 UI, FACILITIES SERVICES CENTER, JACK'S CREEK Room 151
<https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/89485239499> Passcode PBAC

1) Introductions

X: In-person attendance

V: Video attendance

v	Pullman: Cara Haley City Engineer	x	Moscow: Tyler Palmer (Chair) Deputy Director, Public Works & Services
x	Pullman: Frank Mulcahy Public Works Director		Moscow: Kyle Steele Environmental Services Manager
v	Pullman: Nathan Weller City Council Member	v	Moscow: Bryce Blankenship City Council Member
x	Whitman County: Mark Storey Public Works Director		Latah County: Paul Kimmell County Representative
x	Whitman County: Chad Whetzel County Commissioner	v	Latah County: Tom Lamar County Commissioner
x	WSU: Jeff Lannigan (Vice-Chair) Facilities Services	x	UI: Lana Cohen Research Scientist
	WSU: Jason Sampson Asst Director, Environmental Services		UI: Lee Espey Associate Vice President, Operations
	WA, Dept of Ecology: Patrick Cabbage Unit Supervisor/Hydrogeologist		ID, Water Resources: Michelle Richman Regional Manager/Staff Engineer
	WA, Dept of Ecology: Chris Beard Hydrogeologist		ID, Water Resources: Daniel Sturgis Hydrogeologist

Others in attendance:

Mike Faupel, Erin Gesani, Tom Scallorn, John Konen (HDR), Jeff Hansen (HDR), Steve Robischon, Lancelote Chang, Ken Clark, Roopal Jani, David Hall

2) Approval of Minutes

- a. March 19, 2026 meeting minutes Motioned Lannigan/Second Whetzel Approved
2:04 pm

3) Announcements

- a. The PBAC 2025 annual report is available, it's on our website and we have hard copies.
- b. IDWR will provide a well transducer for the City of Genessee, this was discussed at the March PBAC meeting.

4) Public Comment on Items not on Agenda - none

- 5) Unfinished Business -none
- 6) New Business - none
- 7) Presentations & Discussion
 - a. Snow drought update – Lana Cohen provided an update on the historically low snow conditions in ID.
 - b. Water Conservation outreach program update – Erin Geslani provided an update.
 - c. HDR updates were provided by Jeff Hansen. These are related to their investigation of a diversion from the Clearwater River as a supplemental water supply. This is a contracted project with the City of Moscow on PBAC’s behalf.
- 8) Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Communications – will meet next week
 - b. Technical – met earlier in the day, covered topics related to
 - i. the potential supply target amount of a Clearwater River diversion
 - ii. Potential for increasing municipal pumping from the upper aquifer
 - c. Finance – Mike Faupel provided a financial update.
- 9) Other Reports and Announcements
- 10) Next PBAC Meeting:
 - a. Thursday, May 21 at 2:00 pm
- 11) The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm