



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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## **IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Commission Teleconference Meeting**

**April 20, 2011**

650 W. State St., Room 145, Boise Idaho

8:00 a.m. MDT

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

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#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Flory

Dwight Horsch

Dick Bronson

Roger Stutzman

Dave Radford

#### **COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:**

Sara Schmidt

Kristin Magruder

Terry Hoebelheinrich

Bill Lillibridge

Erin Seaman

#### **PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General

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1 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Flory, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation  
2 Commission (SWC) member, at 8:07 a.m.

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4 Welcome and self-introductions followed. Dwight Horsch, SWC Vice Chair, and Dave Radford,  
5 SWC Member, are being detained but will join the call as soon as they are available. A quorum  
6 being met, business began.

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8 **RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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10 **Dick Bronson, SWC Secretary, moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending RCRDP**  
11 **loan business pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(d). Roger Stutzman seconded. Motion passed**  
12 **unanimously via roll call vote.**

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14 **Executive session began on a confidential conference call line at 8:09 a.m. to review pending**  
15 **RCRDP loan applications.**

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17 **Executive session ended at 9:08 a.m.**

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19 Dwight Horsch and Dave Radford joined the call during executive session. Mr. Horsch joined  
20 the call at 8:16 a.m. and Mr. Radford joined the call at 8:11 a.m. Commissioners discussed the  
21 disposition of pending RCRDP loan applications.

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23 Loan No. A-644

24 Amount: \$7,970

25 Term: 7 years

26 Rate: 2%

27 Project description: Install sprinkler irrigation system (wheel lines and pods).

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29 **Mr. Radford moved to approve Loan No. A-644 contingent upon the terms as stated and the**  
30 **loan officer recommendations as listed on page A-8 of the loan packet. Mr. Horsch seconded.**  
31 **Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.**

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33 Loan No. A-643

34 Amount: \$69,138

35 Term: 12 years

36 Rate: 3%

37 Project description: Install center pivot irrigation system.

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39 **Mr. Radford moved to approve Loan No. A-643 contingent upon the terms as stated and the**  
40 **loan officer recommendations as listed on page B-14 of the loan packet. Mr. Stutzman**  
41 **seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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43 Loan No. A-640

44 Amount: \$31,021

45 Term: 7 years  
46 Rate: 2%  
47 Project description: Install two center pivot irrigation systems.  
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49 **Mr. Bronson moved to deny Loan No. A-640 based upon the loan officer evaluation and**  
50 **recommendations as listed on page C-8 of the loan packet. Mr. Horsch seconded.**  
51 **Commissioners recommended borrowers apply again. Motion passed.**

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53 Loan No. A-647

54 Amount: \$56,508  
55 Term: 7 years  
56 Rate: 2%  
57 Project description: Install center pivot irrigation system.  
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59 Commissioners discussed the need to investigate whether or not the corporation should sign as  
60 well as the individual applicants.

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62 **Mr. Horsch moved to approve Loan No. A-647 contingent upon the loan officer**  
63 **recommendations as listed on page D-8 of the loan packet and upon the recommendations of**  
64 **the Attorney General's office as to whether the corporation should sign in addition to the**  
65 **borrowers individually. Mr. Bronson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed**  
66 **unanimously.**

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68 RCRDP Policy Discussion

69 Kristin Magruder discussed a proposed change to the policy in order to allow some flexibility to  
70 the ineligibility policy. Based on limited staff time and the high number of loan applications  
71 received this spring, there are a few projects that might be completed prior to Commission  
72 review. In one example, an applicant followed Commission policy and submitted all paperwork  
73 in a timely fashion but staff did not have time to process for today's meeting.

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75 There was discussion about the liability of the Commission and various steps that could be  
76 taken in communications with the applicant. Other options include scheduling additional  
77 meetings to review loan applications between now and next meeting. Discussion followed.

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79 This policy issue will be tabled and discussed at a later meeting in order to give staff further  
80 time to research and make a recommendation. In the meantime, loan staff will evaluate the  
81 urgency of pending applications and schedule a teleconference in the next week or two, if  
82 necessary.

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84 Mr. Bronson advised that a small committee comprised of himself, Dick Rush and Morgan Evans  
85 will be reviewing the applications received for the Administrator position this Friday, April 22,  
86 2011. Following that, the committee will be submitting the list for the Commission to consider  
87 at a teleconference meeting scheduled for April 28, 2011.

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89 Sara Schmidt, SWC Administrator, gave an update to the status of pending MOU's for state IT,  
90 fiscal and HR services for the upcoming fiscal year. The MOU with OER has been signed to  
91 share the loan officer for an additional year. Operations are in good order pending her  
92 departure and Bill Lillibridge is set to take over as Acting Administrator.

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94 Ms. Schmidt queried the board members on preference for time for the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. All  
95 agreed that the next teleconference will be scheduled at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

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97 **Mr. Radford moved to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. Mr. Bronson seconded. Motion passed.**

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99 Respectfully submitted,

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101 Dick Bronson

102 Commissioner and Secretary,

103 Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission