



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Date and Time:

Thursday, September 15, 2011

From 7 am to 10 am MDT

Location:

Soil & Water Conservation Commission

650 West State St, Rm 145, Boise Idaho

APPROVED MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dick Bronson
Roger Stutzman

Dave Radford
Bill Flory

ADVISORS PRESENT:

Randy Purser, President, IASCD

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Teri Murrison
Kristin Magruder

Terry Hoebelheinrich
Erin Seaman

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General
Art Beal, IASCD

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2 **ITEM #1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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4 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Bronson, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation
5 Commission (SWC) member at 7:03 a.m.
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7 **ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

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9 Roll call: Dick Bronson, Roger Stutzman, Bill Flory and Dave Radford present. A quorum being reached,
10 the meeting began.
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12 **ITEM #3: REVIEW AGENDA**

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14 Chairman Bronson dispensed with the review of the agenda.
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16 **ITEM #4: ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

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18 Teri Murrison, Administrator, provided a report on activities over the past few weeks. She is currently in
19 Eastern Idaho attending meetings and tours and plans on attending all of the upcoming division
20 meetings. The annual ICRMP insurance payment has been made on behalf of the districts and noted
21 that the Commission will be unable to pay this in future years due to increased costs in other areas that
22 they have to cover. Mason LeFevre is the newest member of the Commission and starts in Arco on
23 September 19th. He will be in Boise next Tuesday for orientation. There was an excellent response to
24 the positing of the Emmett position. There were 47 applications received and they are currently being
25 reviewed and staff is working to get an interview panel set up. Discussion followed.
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27 **ITEM #5: FY 2011 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REPORT**

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29 Kristin Magruder, Commission Program Specialist, reviewed the FY 2011 Performance Measurement
30 Report as submitted to the Division of Financial Management on September 1, 2011. Vice Chair Radford
31 had questions regarding the district survey results, the Excel training, and how it helped or related to the
32 district reporting requirements. Ms. Magruder advised that there were several districts that had
33 difficulty with the FY 2011 Excel reports, so the webinar training was scheduled to help the districts
34 needing this skill set. The districts will now be able to utilize those skills to complete the forms required
35 for FY 2012 reports.
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37 **ITEM #6: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROPOSED POULTRY RULE**

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39 Ms. Murrison provided an overview regarding the proposed poultry rule. Other states that are heavily
40 regulated are losing producers to ag-friendly states like Idaho. ISDA is proposing this rule in order to
41 deal with licensing issues related to new and expanding poultry farms. Staff is providing this information
42 to Commissioners for consideration and guidance on drafting a comment letter. The last updates
43 included addressing some waste management issues. Discussion followed.
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45 Commissioner Flory asked what the importance of this rule is to ISDA and other partners. Ms. Murrison
46 advised that this isn't a high profile public issue, but ISDA and other partners are being proactive. Ms.
47 Murrison advised that staff is reviewing the pending rule now and will prepare a draft comment letter
48 for Commission review at the October meeting. Randy Purser advised that this is Senator Corder's bill

49 and he has been invited to speak at conference. He believes this is more of a local issue for Southern
50 Idaho districts. Currently, the rule does not address confinement. Producers believe that those types of
51 regulations would come next, following the lead of other states. Ms. Murrison proposed working with
52 IASCD to identify potential issues to comment on and will have a draft comment letter for
53 Commissioners' consideration at the next meeting. Mr. Purser agreed to work with Commission staff to
54 identify potential concerns with the pending rule. Discussion followed regarding history of rule.

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56 **ITEM #7: OTHER BUSINESS**

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58 There were no other business items for discussion.

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60 **RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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62 **ITEM #8: PENDING LOAN BUSINESS**

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64 **Vice Chair Radford moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(d) for the**
65 **purpose of considering pending RCRDP loan applications only. Commissioner Stutzman seconded. No**
66 **discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.**

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68 The Commission moved into executive session at 7:47 am. Teri Murrison, Terry Hoebelheinrich, Kristin
69 Magruder, Harriet Hensley, and Erin Seaman were invited to stay.

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71 **Executive session ended at 7:58 am.**

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73 Commissioners discussed the disposition of pending RCRDP loan business.

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75 Loan No. 655

76 Amount: \$79,240

77 Term: 7 years

78 Rate: 2%

79 Conservation Benefit: Water savings, reduced nutrient and sediment flowing into creek

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81 **Vice Chair Radford moved to deny Loan A-655 as the application meets criteria for conservation**
82 **benefit but does not meet the loan criteria as established in IDAPA 60.05.01 and RCRDP loan policy.**
83 **Commissioner Flory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

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85 **At 8:00 am, Chairman Bronson adjourned the meeting.**

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87 Respectfully submitted,

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90 Roger Stutzman

91 Commissioner and Secretary,

92 Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission