



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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## IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE MEETING

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011  
From 7 am to 9 am MDT

**Location:**

Soil & Water Conservation Commission  
650 West State St, Rm 145, Boise Idaho

### APPROVED MINUTES

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dick Bronson, Chairman  
Dave Radford, Vice Chair  
Roger Stutzman, Secretary

Norman Wright, Commissioner  
Jerry Trebesch, Commissioner

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

Randy Purser, President, IASCD

**COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:**

Teri Murrison  
Kristin Magruder

Erin Seaman  
Loretta Strickland

**PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Harriet Hensley, Deputy Attorney General  
Pegi Long, Power SCD

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**ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Bronson, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWC), at 7:03 a.m. Roll call: Dick Bronson, Dave Radford, Roger Stutzman, Norman Wright, and Jerry Trebesch present. A quorum was present.

**ITEM #2: REVIEW AGENDA**

Chairman Bronson reviewed the agenda. There are no other items to add at this time.

**ITEM #3: ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Teri Murrison, Administrator, provided the report on agency activities over the last month. She thanked everyone for their kind words and support after the passing of her mother. Kristin Magruder, Policy & Operations Specialist, attended in her place at the Division V and VI meetings; Ms. Murrison met with Lt. Governor Brad Little, Senator Bert Brackett, Division of Financial Management Budget Analyst Shelby, and Legislative Services Office Budget Analyst Ray Houston. Ms. Murrison met with Commissioner Trebesch and Ms. Magruder met with Commissioner Wright for orientation. She also attended the dedication of the Ag Pavilion at Julia Davis Park with staff and commended the agricultural community for supporting this great project.

Ms. Murrison announced that Erin Seaman was hired as the Loan Assistant for the Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program and Delwyne Trefz was hired as the District Support and Services Specialist (DSSS). The interview panel also recommended Ms. Murrison consider removing the staff supervision duties from this position so Mr Trefz could concentrate on district support and that Chuck Pentzer, SWC Ag Program Specialist, be tasked with the supervision of staff. Ms. Murrison concurred and Chuck Pentzer agreed to take on those tasks within his current job description.

Vice Chair Radford requested Ms. Murrison to expound on her meetings with Ms. Kerns and Mr. Houston. Ms. Murrison advised that they have been following the Commission's strategic planning process and have expressed they are pleased with the direction of the partnership. Her meeting with Lt. Governor Little went well and he is also pleased with reports on the progression of the Commission and districts.

Ms. Murrison discussed the draft Conservation Partnership Agreement. She has been advised that this agreement is still in draft form and proposed two options. First, that the board authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement in concept at the conference or that they defer this to a later date if there are concerns or modifications to consider. Randy Purser, President, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD), advised that this document is still being

45 reviewed and IASCD may not be ready to move forward with the signing at conference. Vice  
46 Chair Radford commented that he doesn't have concerns with the concepts as presented in this  
47 draft and it appears to capture the intent of our mission and values. Discussion followed.  
48 Chairman Bronson suggested deferring this matter to a later date when the agreement is  
49 finalized. There was consensus among all Commissioners and they requested that IASCD keep  
50 the Commission informed on the status. Mr. Purser asked if the Commission could review it at  
51 their business meeting during the conference and Ms. Murrison advised that it would be  
52 included on the agenda in the event the agreement is ready.

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54 Ms. Murrison advised that the match allocations were distributed to the districts on October  
55 26<sup>th</sup> and commended the Chair, the working group, and staff for the time and dedication to this  
56 process. She further advised the Commission that as a result of a recommendation Ms.  
57 Magruder made last year, there was a savings of \$5,500 in SWCAP expenses for the agency and  
58 additional savings are expected for next year.

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60 Discussion followed about the IASCD conference schedule.

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#### 62 **ITEM #4: OTHER BUSINESS**

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64 There were no other business items for discussion.

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### 66 **RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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#### 68 **ITEM #5: PENDING LOAN BUSINESS**

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70 **Commissioner Wright moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-**  
71 **2345(1)(d) for the purpose of considering pending RCRDP loan business as records that are**  
72 **exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code. Vice Chair Radford**  
73 **seconded. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting in the affirmative. Motion**  
74 **carried.**

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76 The Commission moved into executive session at 7:24 am. Teri Murrison, Terry Hoebelheinrich,  
77 Kristin Magruder, Harriet Hensley, and Erin Seaman were invited to stay.

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79 **Executive session ended at 7:54 am.**

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81 Commissioners discussed the disposition of pending RCRDP loan business.

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#### 83 Loan No. 644

84 **Vice Chair Radford moved to approve Loan A-644 pursuant to the loan officer**  
85 **recommendation to allow borrower to apply for an additional \$5,000 with the stipulation**  
86 **that any funds reimbursed to the borrower by NRCS as a result of the borrower prevailing on**  
87 **the outcome of their appeal be assigned to the Commission as repayment of his loan, up to**

88 **the amount of the additional funds. Commissioner Wright seconded. Further discussion**  
89 **followed. Motion carried.**

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91 Chairman Bronson thanked Commissioners and staff for their time.

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93 **At 8:02 am, Chairman Bronson adjourned the meeting.**

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95 Respectfully submitted,

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97 Roger Stutzman

98 Commissioner and Secretary,

99 Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission