



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
8:00 am – 11:49 am MST

Location:

Len B Jordan Building
650 W State St, Rm. 145
Boise, Idaho

APPROVED MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Wright (Chair)	Gerald Trebesch (Vice-Chair)
Leon Slichter (Secretary)	David Radford
Glen Gier	

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

1 Teri Murrison	Terry Hoebelheinrich
2 Carolyn Watts	Cheryl Wilson
3 Rhonda Yadon	
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PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

6 Mark Cecchini-Beaver, Office of the Attorney General
7 Kent Foster, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (via teleconference)
8 James Eller, NRCS (via teleconference)
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ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

13 Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

14 Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright, Commissioners Leon Slichter (via teleconference), Gerald
15 Trebesch, and Glen Gier were present.

ITEM #2: AGENDA REVIEW

18 Action: Chairman Wright moved that because it arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda
19 but is of sufficient urgency to warrant discussion, agenda item 5c be added to discuss
20 reallocating some of Eileen Rowan's Technical Assistance hours to the Clearwater Complex Fire
21 project. Seconded by Commissioner Glen Gier. The motion passed unanimously.
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23 **ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS**

24 Action: None taken

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26 **ITEM #4a: MINUTES**

27 Action: Commissioner Slichter moved to approve the January 25, 2016 Joint IASCD/SWCC
28 meeting and the January 26, 2016 Regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gier
29 seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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31 Commissioner Radford joined the meeting via teleconference at 8:19 a.m.

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33 **ITEM #4b: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

34 Action: Commissioner Slichter moved to approve ongoing participation in NASCA and payment
35 of 2016 dues. Commissioner Trebesch seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous
36 vote.

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38 **ITEM #4c: FINANCIAL REPORTS**

39 Action: Commissioner Trebesch moved to approve the January 2016 financial report as
40 submitted. Commissioner Gier seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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42 **ITEM #4d: SAGE GROUSE RESOLUTION MEMO**

43 Action: Commissioners directed staff to draft a letter recognizing the Governor's efforts to
44 challenge the federal government's failure to stick to a transparent, collaborative process in
45 setting new land-use restrictions on greater sage-grouse habitat, and commending the
46 collaborative efforts of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation and Idaho conservation
47 districts to voluntarily address and promote sage-grouse and wildfire rehabilitation.

48 **ITEM #5a: RESOURCE CONSERVATION & RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

49 Action: None taken

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51 **ITEM #5b: IASCD BEGINNING FARMER RESOLUTION AND ALTERNATIVE**

52 Action: Commissioner Radford moved to approve a new RCRDP loan term of 10 years with an
53 interest rate of 2.75% to be secured with new equipment or real estate and offered to all
54 eligible applicants. Commissioner Slichter seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous
55 vote.

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57 Commissioner Radford left the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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59 **ITEM #5c: REALLOCATION OF EILEEN ROWAN'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HOURS**

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62 Commissioner Radford re-joined the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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64 **ITEM #6a: REPORTS**

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ITEM #7: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: Commissioner Gier moved to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) for the purpose of considering the evaluation of a public employee. Commissioner Trebesch seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright, Commissioners Leon Slichter (via teleconference), Gerald Trebesch, David Radford (via teleconference) and Glen Gier were present.

Executive Session commenced at 11:04 a.m.
Teri Murrison was present during Executive Session.

Action: none taken

Executive Session ended at 11:48 a.m. Commissioners reconvened in Open Session at 11:48 a.m. and took no action.

ITEM #8: ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. The next Commission Meeting will be held via teleconference on April 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Leon Slichter, Secretary