



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, June 10, 2021
10:02 AM – 3:45 PM MT

Location:

322 E. Front St., Suite 560
Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Wright (Chair) Cathy Roemer (Vice-Chair)
Wendy Pratt

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Teri Murrison	Crystal Rosen
Rachel Misnick	Delwyne Trefz
Brenda Charles	Amanda Fuhrman
Terry Hoebelheinrich	Chuck Pentzer
Loretta Strickland (Zoom)	Joe Peterson (Zoom)
George Hitz (Zoom)	

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Shantel Chapple Knowlton, OAG	Fred Coriell, U. Idaho Law Student
Ralph Myer, Idaho Power	Cheille Jensen, Idaho Power (Zoom)
Elaine Sonnen, Idaho SWCD (Zoom)	Bob Flagor, Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD (Zoom)
Karma Bragg, Custer SWCD (Zoom)	Wendy Green, Adams SWCD (Zoom)
Rob Sepich, LSO (Zoom)	Mike Sommerville, IASCD (Zoom)
Linda Patterson, Jefferson SWCD (Zoom)	Kylie Daman, Benewah SWCD (Zoom)
Nate Fisher, Gov. Office (Zoom)	Karla Freeman, Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD (Zoom)
Benjamin Kelly, IASCD (Zoom)	Curtis Elke, NRCS

ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright, Commissioners Cathy Roemer, and Wendy Pratt were present. Commissioners Olson and Trebesch were absent.

ITEM #2: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

Meeting recessed at 10:30 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:45 AM.

ITEM #3: AGENDA REVIEW

Action: None taken.

ITEM #4: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Action: None taken.

ITEM #5: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION UPDATE

Action: None taken.

ITEM #6: RESOURCE CONSERVATION & RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM UPDATE

Action: None taken.

Meeting recessed at 1:10 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 1:18 PM.

ITEM #7: REPORTS

Action: None taken.

ITEM #8: ADMINISTRATOR'S FINAL REPORT

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion *to approve the Job Announcement for the Administrator with no modifications and direct DHR to post it for a 30-day period.*

Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion *delegating authority to Commissioners Roemer and Wright to be the point of contact with DHR and the Governor's Office for the duration of the Administrator hiring process.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #9: APPOINTMENT OF ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER EFFECTIVE JUNE 12, 2021 THROUGH SUCH TIME AS A NEW ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED, AND DELEGATION OF POWERS AND AUTHORITIES TO ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Action: Commissioner Roemer made a motion *to appoint Delwyne Trefz Acting Administrator effective June 12, 2021, until such time as a new Administrator begins work and temporarily increase his wage to that of the Administrator position which is \$43.90 per hour.* Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action: Commissioner Roemer made a motion *to delegate powers and authorities to Acting Administrative Officer including appointing an Acting Deputy Administrator.* Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #10: OMNIBUS RULEMAKING: FY 2022 RECISSION OF TEMPORARY RULE IDAPA #60.05.04 AND ADOPTION OF NEW TEMPORARY RULE IDAPA #60.05.01, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion *Pursuant to Section 67-5226, Idaho Code, the Governor has found that temporary adoption of IDAPA 60.05.01 – Rules of the Idaho State Soil & Water Conservation Commission is appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Idaho and confer a benefit on its citizens.*

These rules implement the duly enacted laws of the state of Idaho, provide citizens with the detailed rules and standards for complying with those laws, and assist in the orderly execution and enforcement of those laws. The expiration of these rules without due consideration and processes would undermine the public health, safety, and welfare, of the citizens of Idaho and deprive them of the benefit intended by these rules.

Therefore, I move we rescind our existing temporary rule with an effective date of July 1, 2021 and adopt this temporary rule to be effective upon July 1, 2021. Further, I move that we direct staff to initiate the rulemaking process for next legislative session and provide a Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking to the DFM Administrative Rules Office by June 12, 2021. Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #11: DISTRICT FY 2022 BUDGET HEARING

Action: Commissioner Roemer made a motion *to accept staff update on Unmet District Needs and direct staff to distribute \$8,500 per District base and \$6,000 per District operations allocations to all Districts in July and distribute District match allocations in November per statute and rule.* Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #12: MINUTES

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion *to approve the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #13: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Action: Commissioner Roemer made a motion *to approve the Financial Reports for the month ended May 31, 2021.* Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM. The next Commission Meeting will be held on August 19, 2021 in Boise.

Respectfully submitted,



[Erik J Olson \(Sep 14, 2021 09:48 PDT\)](#)

Erik Olson, Secretary