

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:00 AM – 1:15 PM MT Location: 322 E. Front St., Suite 560 Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Wright (Chair) Erik Olson (Secretary) (Zoom) Cathy Roemer (Vice-Chair) (Zoom)

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Delwyne Trefz Loretta Strickland Brenda Charles Crystal Rosen Joe Peterson Dustin Diaz (Zoom)

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Joan Cloonan, Ada SWCD/ IASCD Div. III Steve Becker, IASCD Stefanie Kazyaka, Elmore SWCD/ IDEA Stephanie Barnes, Butte SWCD (Zoom) Kylie Daman, Benewah SWCD (Zoom)

Kit Tillotson, Portneuf SWCD/ IASCD Shane Bell, OAG Ken Stinson, Latah SWCD (Zoom) Karma Bragg, Custer SWCD (Zoom) Curtis Elke, NRCS (Zoom)

ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright, Commissioners Cathy Roemer, and Erik Olson were present. Commissioner Pratt was absent.

ITEM #2: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: AGENDA REVIEW

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion *to acknowledge the date of May 19, 2022 printed on the agenda is incorrect and change it to June 15,2022.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #4: MINUTES

Action: Commissioner Roemer made a motion to *approve the May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted*. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #5: ELECT COMMISSION OFFICERS TO SERVE BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022

Chairman Wright yielded the gavel to Crystal Rosen

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *nominate Commissioner Wright to serve as Chairman.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rosen yielded the gavel to Chairman Wright.

Action: Commissioner Wright made a motion to *nominate Commissioner Olson to serve as Vice-Chairman.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *nominate Commissioner Pratt to serve as Secretary.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #6: DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *accept staff updates regarding unmet District needs and District testimony regarding their financial needs.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

ITEM #7: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Action: None taken.

ITEM #8: REPORTS (Commissioners & Staff) Action: None taken.

ITEM #9: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Action: None taken.

ITEM #10: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE POLICY REVISION

Action: None taken.

ITEM #11: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE – RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

Chairman Wright acknowledged the following open meeting violation: Pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-208(7), the Soil and Water Conservation Commission acknowledges that at its meeting on April 21, 2022, we as a Commission violated the Open Meetings Law by considering 5 WQPA applications in executive session when the applications did not contain records exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code. Acknowledging this violation, the Commission now states its intent to cure this violation. Pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-208(1), the actions taken regarding WQPA Applications WP-22001, WP-22002, WP-22006, WP-22007, and WP-22008 are hereby declared void.

Now that the violation has been cured, the Commission will reconsider the applications in open meeting.

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve the WQPA project applications numbered WP-22001, WP-22002, WP-22006, WP22007, and WP-22008.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM #12: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE – CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve the WQPA project applications numbered WP-22012 and WP-22019 through WP-22090 as recommended by staff.* Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM. The next Commission Meeting will be held on July 21, 2022 in Boise.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Ulson (Jan 23, 2023 13:25 PST)

Erik Olson, Secretary