



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, August 25, 2022
10:03 AM – 1:53 PM MT

Location:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Wright (Chair)
Wendy Pratt (Secretary) (Zoom)
Joan Cloonan
Richard Savage (Zoom)

Erik Olson (Vice-Chair) (Zoom)
Steve Becker (Zoom)
Karen Sharpnack

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Delwyne Trefz
Melonie Ziegler
Joe Peterson
Terry Hoebelheinrich
Dustin Diaz (Zoom)

Crystal Rosen
Loretta Strickland
Brenda Charles (Zoom)

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Shane Bell, OAG
Royd Carlson, Teff Company
Sarah Garcia, Bonner SWCD (Zoom)
Kylie Daman, Benewah SWCD (Zoom)
Curtis Elke, NRCS

Samantha Jackson, Teff Company
Karma Bragg, Custer SWCD (Zoom)
Bob Flagor, Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD (Zoom)
Kerry Christiansen, North Bingham SCD (Zoom)

ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright, Commissioners Erik Olson, Wendy Pratt, Steve Becker, Joan Cloonan, Karen Sharpnack, and Richard Savage were present.

ITEM #2: AGENDA REVIEW

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #4: INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Action: None taken.

ITEM #5: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

Action: None taken.

ITEM #6: REPORTS

Action: None taken.

ITEM #7: ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *authorize administrator’s participation on NASCA Board and his out-of-state travel to participate in the annual NASCA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in October 2022.* Commissioner Cloonan seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting recessed at 11:13 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 11:23 AM.

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion to *authorize staff to work with Steve Stuebner to develop a proposal to cover the production of a WQPA-focused video.* Commissioner Cloonan seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #8: FY 2022 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Action: Commissioner Cloonan made a motion to *approve the draft FY 2022 Performance Report as submitted with minor changes if necessary.* Commissioner Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #9: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA) – CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve \$70,000.00 for the WQPA project number WP 22092 and authorize staff to commit additional funds, up to the amount requested by Custer SWCD, that may become available because of approved projects being unable to utilize all the funds currently allocated to them.* Commissioner Sharpnack seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Sharpnack left the meeting at 12:22 PM

ITEM #10: MINUTES

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve the June 10, 2022 minutes as presented.* Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 affirmative votes. Commissioner Becker abstained from the vote.

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve the June 15, 2022 minutes as presented*. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 affirmative votes. Commissioner Becker abstained from the vote.

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion to *approve the July 28, 2022 minutes as presented*. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 affirmative votes. Commissioner Becker abstained from the vote.

Meeting recessed at 12:28 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 12:36 PM.

ITEM #11: FISCAL OFFICE REPORT AND FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST

Action: Commissioner Cloonan made a motion to *approve the FY 2024 Budget Request, granting authority to Administrator to make minor adjustments to request amounts, if necessary*. Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Becker left the meeting at 1:15PM

Commissioner Savage left the meeting at 1:16 PM

ITEM #12: ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW & SETTING OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INTEREST RATES

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve increase interest rates by 1.75% to 3.5% as presented effective immediately excluding the 3 applications currently in process provided the applications are completed by September 30,2022*. Commissioner Pratt seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM. The next Commission Meeting will be held on September 22, 2022 in Boise.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Pratt

Wendy Pratt (Mar 27, 2023 10:59 MDT)

Wendy Pratt, Secretary