



IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation
Commission

June 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MT

Location: Idaho Water Center, 322 E Front St, Suite 560, Conference
Room, Boise Zoom Call In # 1-253-205-0468

[ZOOM Meeting Link](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 834 1326 3284 Zoom Passcode: 816361

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The Commission will occasionally convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1). Executive Session is closed to the public.

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| 1. | WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, AND ROLL CALL | Chairman Olson |
| 2. | AGENDA REVIEW (<u>potential action item</u>) The Agenda may be amended by formal Board action, if necessary, at the meeting. If so, a motion that states the reason for the amendment and the good faith reason the item was not included in the original agenda will be made and approved by the Board. | Chairman Olson |
| 3. | PARTNER REPORTS (information only) | |
| 4. | Reports COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF ONLY <u>ACTION</u> : Approve/disapprove meeting minutes. | Chairman Olson |
| 5. | DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of the services Department of Human Resources provides for ISWCC. <u>ACTION</u> : For information only. | Janelle Mcdonald |
| 6. | FISCAL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">Appropriation Snapshot <u>ACTION</u> : For information only. | Ziegler |

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| 7. | ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit, Nominations for Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Agriculture. CREP promotional activities. <u>ACTION:</u> For information only. | Trefz |
| 8. | MINUTES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 23, 2024 <u>ACTION:</u> For information only. | Chairman Olson |
| 9. | WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA) UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Update 2025 WQPA Project Priority List <u>ACTION:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enter Executive Session to consider records exempt from disclosure prior to acting to approve/disapprove funding of WQPA proposals. Or, Approve/disapprove funding WQPA FY2025 project proposals according to the priority list recommended by staff as recommended by staff or with Board specified revisions. | Strickland |
| 10. | EXECUTIVE SESSION <i>Executive Session is closed to the public. Under the relevant Idaho Code Section(s) noted below, any Board action will be taken publicly in open session directly following Executive Session.</i> <u>ACTION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) for the purpose of discussing materials exempt from disclosure submitted with Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) proposals, for possible action outside of executive session. <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | Chairman Olson |
| OPEN SESSION <i>The Commission will reconvene in open session.</i> | | |
| 11. | WQPA FY 2025 PROJECT PROPOSALS <u>ACTION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve/disapprove funding WQPA FY2025 project proposals according to the prioritized list presented by staff or with Board specified revisions. | Strickland |
| ADJOURN <i>The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on July 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.</i> | | |



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Delwyne Trefz
Administrator

**TO: CHAIRMAN OLSON AND COMMISSIONERS CLOONAN,
HOLLINGSWORTH, PRATT, SAVAGE, SHARPNACK, and SILVERS**
FROM: DELWYNE TREFZ, ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: JUNE 20, 2024
RE: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN
AGRICULTURE**

August 1 is the deadline for nominations for the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture to be presented at the Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit.

This is an opportunity to recognize individuals for their contributions to agriculture and Idaho and you are encouraged to consider nominating someone you know that should be recognized for his or her important contribution to agriculture.

Attached is information on the criteria for nominations, the different categories, current nominees, and past honorees. If your board is interested in nominating a person or persons for any of the of these awards, now is the time to start collecting information for your nominations(s).

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP) ACTIVITY

Staff are working with our CREP partners at FSA to resolve the issue of us having received inadequate appropriations to cover our estimated FY 2025 financial commitment to program participants. Staff hope to be able to report that FSA has responded to information we provided showing that, due to the loss of acreage enrolled in the program, our current best estimate is that we do have adequate funds for FY 2025.

Staff will also report on efforts to educate and inform the Governor's staff, legislators, and partner entities such as the Idaho Ground Water Appropriator's, Conservation Districts, and Ground Water Districts, on the status of CREP.

DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS TO BE DISBURSED EARLY IN JULY

With the new fiscal year beginning July 1st, staff are preparing to disburse the \$8,500 base and \$6,000 operations allocations to the Conservation Districts. These disbursements will expend \$725,000 of the \$1,583,800 appropriated for distribution to Districts, leaving \$858,000 to be distributed in November of this year as State match for local support received by each District in FY 2024.

COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that all meetings listed as Regular Meetings will be held in person and/or via video conference and teleconference. If necessary, additional Special Meetings can be added within the proper public meeting noticing requirements.


Also note that although the table shows a Board meeting scheduled for October 17th, 2024, your Board typically doesn't meet in October as Commissioners and staff are busy participating in IASCD Fall Division meetings that month.

2024 SWCC Meeting Schedule

| Date & Time | Location | Meeting Type |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Jul 18, 2024, 10-3 MT | 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise | Regular |
| Aug 22, 2024, 10-3 MT | 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise | Regular |
| Sep 19, 2024, 10-3 MT | 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise | Regular |
| Oct 17, 2024, 10-3 MT | 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise | Regular |
| Nov 21, 2024, 10-3 MT | 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise | Regular |
| Dec 19, 2024, 10-3 MT | 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise | Regular |

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For information only



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June 1, 2024

TO: Agriculture Associations/Commodity Commissions, County Extension Offices, AgWest Farm Credit Offices, USDA FSA Offices, Idaho AgCredit Offices, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Cooper Norman Offices

FR: Rick Waitley, Executive Director

Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture

August 1 is the deadline for nominations for the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture to be presented at the Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit. Now is the time to get started collecting information for your nomination(s). The dates of the 2025 Summit have been set for Monday evening, February 17 and Tuesday, February 18, at the Boise Centre in Boise. The host hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn located a few blocks away.

Enclosed is a copy of the *Governor's Awards Nominees*, listing names currently in the pool for consideration. Names are held for three years from the initial date of submission.

Over the years, several outstanding Idaho residents have been recognized for their investment in Idaho agriculture. The *Idaho Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture Recipients* list is enclosed for your review and indicates the quality of people recognized by the governor. I have enclosed the **yellow sheet** that lists the names in alphabetical order.

Also, enclosed is the *Idaho Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture* criteria information sheet with the *Nomination Form* on the back. The application and other award information are available on the Idaho Ag Summit website at www.idahoagsummit.org.

In submitting a nomination, please highlight activities and achievements of the nominee and support the nomination with letters of recommendation, background information, etc. Email recommendation letters to office@amgidaho.com.

If you have any questions about this process, the current pool of candidates, or the enclosed information, please feel free to contact me by calling 208-888-0988, or by email at rick@amgidaho.com. Please, spread the word regarding the Governor's Awards to anyone who might be interested. We are looking forward to your nomination!

Encl: *Governor's Awards Nominees in the pool*
Idaho Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture Past Recipients (yellow – alpha order)
Idaho Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture criteria info sheet/Nomination Form

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GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE

Criteria for Nominations

The **Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit** committee is seeking nominations for the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture. As part of the Ag Summit, the Governor recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to Idaho agriculture.

Recipients are chosen from nominations received from organizations or individuals. Nominations must be received at 55 SW 5th Ave, Suite 100, Meridian, ID 83642 or can be emailed to office@amgidaho.com **by August 1**.

The awards are not limited to agriculture producers. For example, a nominee for the Education and/or Advocacy category could be a local agriculture reporter or someone on a chamber of commerce agriculture committee. The purpose of each award is to recognize outstanding individuals who impact agriculture in a positive way.

This is a wonderful opportunity for honorees to be recognized by their peers and state leaders for their contributions to agriculture and Idaho. Please take the time to consider nominating someone you know that should be recognized for his or her important contribution to agriculture.

Category Descriptions

Education and/or Advocacy: A person in any profession who is committed to educating Idaho citizens about the importance of agriculture and the agricultural industry to their life, culture, and economy. An advocate is one who is devoted to promoting agriculture to the public, government, and other decision makers at the local, state and/or national level. Education and/or Advocacy may be presented as one or separate awards; however, only one award may be presented in this category each year.

Environmental Stewardship: An individual or agri-business that demonstrates a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of the air, water or soil as a result of innovative practices, technologies and/or partnerships.

Marketing Innovation: A grower, shipper, processor, or commodity group that demonstrates excellence and effectiveness of individual programs conducted to develop or increase sales of Idaho food or agriculture products, internationally or domestically. This may include development and use of new markets, new marketing methods or new uses for products and/or services.

Technical Innovation: An individual or agri-business that develops or implements new methods or mechanisms to advance agricultural production or processing.

Lifetime Achievement: An individual who has dedicated his or her life to the advancement of agriculture through production, innovation, improvement, leadership, service and/or advocacy and who embodies the high standards of Idaho agriculture and sets an example for others to follow.

Nominations Due AUGUST 1

**Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit
Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture
Nomination Form – Due August 1**

Name of Nominee _____
Title and Business (if applicable) _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Work phone _____ Home phone _____
E-mail _____

Award Category nominated for: _____ Education and/or Advocacy
(More than one category may be checked) _____ Environmental Stewardship
See award descriptions on other side _____ Marketing Innovation
_____ Technical Innovation
_____ Lifetime Achievement

NOTE: No nominee who has received an award will be eligible for a second award until after 5 years have passed. The individual must then be nominated by a different organization and in a different category.

Please respond to the following items on a separate sheet. Additional information pertinent to the Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture is welcome. Please include only information relevant to the award.

1. **Provide a brief description of nominee (ag-related work/business history, education, family, etc.)**
2. **Describe specific achievements in the category for which the nomination is submitted and provide examples of the nominee's activities and accomplishments. Show how the nomination has had significant impact to the category you are nominating them for to their local area or the state of Idaho.**
3. **List nominee's involvement in agricultural organization and leadership roles related to agriculture.**
4. **Submit minimum of 3 letters in support of this nomination.**

Additional information, including letters of recommendation, that further illustrate the nominee's accomplishments are welcome. Nominations will be held in the candidate pool for three (3) years from the initial date of nomination.

Nominating information:

Name of person submitting nomination _____
Organization (You are affiliated with) _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

If the individual nominated is selected, the party nominating will be expected to assist in securing information and pictures to be used in producing the video that will be shown during the Ag Summit Awards Luncheon.

Send completed application to: Idaho Ag Summit Governor's Award Committee
55 SW 5th Ave, Suite 100 • Meridian, ID 83642
Fax: 208-888-4586 email: office@amgidaho.com

Governor's Awards Nominees – 2024

Education/Advocacy: A person in any profession who is committed to educating Idaho citizens about the importance of agriculture and the agricultural industry to their life, culture and economy. An advocate is one who is devoted to promoting agriculture to the public, government, and other decision makers at the local, state and/or national level.

Dean Michael Parrella
Richard Norell

Environmental Stewardship: An individual or agri-business that demonstrates a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of the air, water or soil as a result of innovative practices, technologies and/or partnerships.

Martin Jaca
Allen Schmid

Marketing Innovation: A grower, shipper, processor, or commodity group that demonstrates excellence and effectiveness of individual programs conducted in an effort to develop or increase sales of Idaho food or agriculture products, internationally or domestically. This may include development and use of new markets, new marketing methods or new uses for agriculture products and/or services.

Doug & Steven Huettig

Technical Innovation: The Technical Innovation Award is for the individual or agri-business that develops or implements new methods or mechanisms to advance agricultural production or processing.

Lance Griff
Jack Brown

Lifetime Achievement: An individual who has dedicated his or her life to the advancement of agriculture through production, innovation, improvement, leadership, service and/or advocacy and who embodies the high standards of Idaho agriculture and sets an example for others to follow.

Dean Michael Parrella
Rick Waitley

Richard Norell
Rick Keller

AG Summit
Governor Award Winners - Alpha
(Current as of: 5/20/2024)

| Last Name | First Name | Award | Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| A to Z Retained Ownership, Inc. | | Marketing Innovation | 1999 |
| AgriSource, Inc. - Mendenhall | Bill* | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 2006 |
| Alder | Kathy | Education/Advocacy | 2002 |
| Anderson | Gayle | Education/Advocacy | 2013 |
| Anderson | Joe | Education/Advocacy | 2011 |
| Andrus | Ken | Lifetime Achievement | 2016 |
| Atchley | Clen & Emma | Lifetime Achievement | 2012 |
| Ball | Gary* | Lifetime Achievement | 1995 |
| Ball | Don | Environmental Stewardship | 1996 |
| Ballard | Steve & Stacie | Marketing Innovation | 2011 |
| Batt | Governor Phil | Lifetime Achievement | 2011 |
| Beyeler | Merrill | Environmental Stewardship | 2016 |
| Biar | John | Education/Advocacy | 2016 |
| Bitner | Ron | Technical Innovation | 2016 |
| Blair | Robert | Technical Innovation | 2013 |
| Blattner | Jeanie | Education/Advocacy | 2001 |
| Bolz | Darrell | Education/Advocacy | 1997 |
| Boyer Farms | | Technical Innovation | 2020 |
| Brackett | Jared | Technical Innovation | 2015 |
| Brockway | Dr. Chuck | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 2003 |
| Brown | Scott | Lifetime Achievement | 2022 |
| Burkhardt | Julie | Environmental Stewardship | 2011 |
| Cellan | Sid* | Environmental Stewardship | 2017 |
| Clark | Leah | Marketing Innovation | 2012 |
| Coiner | Charles | Environmental Stewardship | 2004 |
| Corbett | Craig | Marketing Innovation | 2014 |
| Crabtree | Carl | Education/Advocacy | 2009 |
| Cranney | Michael | Education/Advocacy | 2007 |
| Dean | Dr. Bill | Technical Innovation | 2009 |
| DeWit | Rudy | Technical Innovation | 2018 |
| Diehl | William (Ted)* | Lifetime Achievement | 2002 |
| Dillin | Tim | Marketing Innovation | 2019 |
| Dixon | Dan | Education/Advocacy | 2019 |
| Dixon | Don | Education/Advocacy | 2003 |
| Eggers | Drew | Lifetime Achievement | 2018 |
| Fallahi | Dr. Esmaeil | Technical Innovation | 2008 |
| Faulkner | John | Lifetime Achievement | 2014 |
| Fornshell | Gary | Technical Innovation | 2021 |
| Franklin | DeLance "Doc"* | Lifetime Achievement | 1997 |

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| Gallup | Gordon | Environmental Stewardship | 2006 |
| Garber | Richard | Lifetime Achievement | 2009 |
| Geary | Tom | Lifetime Achievement | 1998 |
| Gehring | Tom | Technical Innovation | 2019 |
| Grant | Duane | Education/Advocacy | 2015 |
| Gray | Lawerance & Mary Lou* | Lifetime Achievement | 2004 |
| Grim | Lowell & Joanne | Environmental Stewardship | 2007 |
| Gross | Doug | Lifetime Achievement | 2017 |
| Guenthner | Dr. Joseph | Technical Innovation | 2007 |
| Guthrie | Jim & Carol | Environmental Stewardship | 2008 |
| Hafez | Dr. Saad | Education/Advocacy | 1996 |
| Hillco Technologies | | Technical Innovation | 2011 |
| Hobbs | Carl J. | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 2004 |
| Hopkins | Ivan | Lifetime Achievement | 2000 |
| Hurst | Wayne | Education/Advocacy | 2020 |
| Idaho Irrigation Equipment Assoc. | | Education/Advocacy | 2012 |
| Idaho OnePlan | | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 2005 |
| Iverson | Tom | Marketing Innovation | 2021 |
| Jensen | Wayne & Jacie | Education/Advocacy | 1999 |
| Kauffman | Clark & Debbie | Marketing Innovation | 2013 |
| Larrocea | Susi | Education/Advocacy | 2022 |
| Ledbetter | Dr. Greg | Technical Innovation | 1999 |
| Ledbetter | Dr. Greg | Environmental Stewardship | 2010 |
| Lee | Arthur | Lifetime Achievement | 2010 |
| Little | David* & Geraldine* | Lifetime Achievement | 2001 |
| Little, Sr. | Dwight | Marketing Innovation | 2020 |
| Lowe | Jim and Hillary | Marketing Innovation | 2022 |
| Lufkin | Carl | Environmental Stewardship | 2018 |
| Mahler | Dr. Robert | Environmental Stewardship | 1998 |
| Mann | Kent | Environmental Stewardship | 2015 |
| May | Ralph | Technical Innovation | 1999 |
| McIntosh | Art and Doug | Marketing Innovation | 2017 |
| McKellip | Robert | Technical Innovation | 2014 |
| McKellip | Lewis* | Technical Innovation | 2002 |
| McNabb | John B. | Environmental Stewardship | 2005 |
| Meadows | William | Marketing Innovation | 2009 |
| Miller | Dr. John | Education/Advocacy | 2010 |
| Moon | Darin | Technical Innovation | 2022 |
| Mosman | David* | Environmental Stewardship | 2020 |

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| Moss | Kevin | Marketing Innovation | 2018 |
| Mulkey | Bruce | Environmental Stewardship | 1999 |
| Mundt | Dr. John | Education/Advocacy | 2004 |
| Naerebout | Bob | Lifetime Achievement | 2021 |
| Nelson | Dr. Greg* | Lifetime Achievement | 2006 |
| Nelson | Dave* | Environmental Stewardship | 2001 |
| Novinger | Bill | Environmental Stewardship | 2019 |
| Olson | Kelly | Marketing Innovation | 2015 |
| Pals | Dr. Douglas | Education/Advocacy | 2000 |
| Phillips | Clyde* & Jan | Environmental Stewardship | 2009 |
| Place | Justin | Environmental Stewardship | 2022 |
| Pline | Dale* & Ellen | Lifetime Achievement | 1998 |
| Pratt | Mark & Wendy | Education/Advocacy | 2021 |
| Priestley | Frank | Lifetime Achievement | 2020 |
| Purdy | Bud* & Ruth* | Lifetime Achievement | 1996 |
| Purdy | Nick | Environmental Stewardship | 2013 |
| Raybould | Dell* | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 1998 |
| Rebholtz | Robert* | Lifetime Achievement | 1997 |
| Rimbey | Neil | Environmental Stewardship | 2014 |
| Ritchie | Janis | Education/Advocacy | 2006 |
| Roberts | Orville* & Louise | Lifetime Achievement | 1999 |
| Rush | Dick | Lifetime Achievement | 2005 |
| Sample | Dan | Education/Advocacy | 2014 |
| Sasser | Garth | Technical Innovation | 2017 |
| Savage | Richard | Education/Advocacy | 2018 |
| Seyedbagheri | Mir-M | Environmental Stewardship | 2012 |
| Seyedbagheri | Mir-M | Education/Advocacy | 1995 |
| Silver | Lary | Education/Advocacy | 2005 |
| Simplot | J.R.* | Lifetime Achievement | 2003 |
| Sommer | Tim | Marketing Innovation | 2016 |
| Soulen | Philip* | Lifetime Achievement | 2019 |
| Stevenson | John "Bert" | Lifetime Achievement | 2015 |
| Stewart | Jim & Marcella | Environmental Stewardship | 2003 |
| Stroschein | Tom | Lifetime Achievement | 1996 |
| Strouder | Dr. Bill* | Lifetime Achievement | 2008 |
| Thiessen | Wayne | Lifetime Achievement | 2007 |
| Thornton | Dr. Michael | Technical Innovation | 2012 |
| Tsukamoto | Masa* | Technical Innovation | 2010 |

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| Wada | Albert | Marketing Innovation | 2008 |
| Waitley | Rick | Education/Advocacy | 1998 |
| Walker | Dr. John | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 1997 |
| Wilder | Steve | Education/Advocacy | 2017 |
| Willard | Miles | Marketing/Technical Innovation | 1995 |
| Wilson | Peter K.* | Lifetime Achievement | 2000 |
| Winterfeld | Delbert & June | Environmental Stewardship | 1997 |
| Wittman | Dick | Environmental Stewardship | 2002 |
| Wittman | Marvin* | Lifetime Achievement | 2013 |
| Wood | Mary Lee | Education/Advocacy | 2008 |
| Woodard | Maurice* | Lifetime Achievement | 1995 |
| Wooten | Kip | Environmental Stewardship | 2004 |
| Wyatt | Grant | Marketing Innovation | 2010 |
| Zenner | Russ | Environmental Stewardship | 2021 |



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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, May 23, 2024
10:02am – 12:01pm MST

Location:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Wendy Pratt (Vice Chair) | Joan Cloonan |
| Mitch Silvers | Richard Savage (Zoom) |
| Blake Hollingsworth (Treasurer) (Zoom) | |

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

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| Delwyne Trefz | Melonie Ziegler (Zoom) |
| Brenda Charles | Rob Sharpnack (Zoom) |
| Sarah Quidgeon | Bill Lillibridge (Zoom) |
| Corri Parsley | Jenna Ditzel (Zoom) |
| Meghan Brooksher (Zoom) | George Hitz (Zoom) |

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

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| David Perkins, DAG | Karla Freeman, Kootenai Shoshone SWD (Zoom) |
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ITEM #1: WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL**PRESENTED BY: CHAIRWOMAN PRATT**

Vice Chairwoman Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

Roll call: Chairwoman Wendy Pratt, Commissioners Mitch Silvers, Joan Cloonan, Richard Savage, and Blake Hollingsworth were all present.

Note: Commissioner Hollingsworth came in at 10:10am and Commissioner Cloonan left at 11:30am.

ITEM #2: AGENDA REVIEW**PRESENTED BY: CHAIRWOMAN PRATT**

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #4: MINUTES

Action: Meeting Minutes April 4th, add Rob Whitney to meeting minutes and what he presented on. Motion to approve after changes 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, motion passed by all Commissioners.

Meeting Minutes April 30th, change duplicated item #2 to #3 with heading. Motion to approve 1st by Commissioner Hollingsworth and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, motion passed by all Commissioners.

ITEM #5: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CONSERVATION AGENCIES 2024 DUES

Action: Approval to pay \$3,000 NASCA 2024 dues was put into motion by 1st Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, motion passed by all Commissioners.

ITEM #6: REPORTS

Commissioners spoke about the projects in each of their districts and how the meetings feel educational for themselves as well as the districts.

Action: None taken

ITEM #7: FISCAL REPORTS

Melonie Ziegler presented fiscal changes and comparison from budget to actual statements FY 2024.

Action: None taken

ITEM #8: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA) UPDATE

Delwyne Trefz presented WQPA projects that are complete, projects that will be completed by May 31, 2024, and how many projects will need to be carried over for fiscal year 2025.

Action: None taken

ITEM #9: ENVIROTHON REPORT

George Hitz presented a video on the 2024 Idaho Envirothon held on April 29-30 in Challis, Idaho.

Action: None taken

ITEM #10: CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP) REPORT

Delwyne Trefz and Rob Sharpnack presented on what the enrollment suspension will mean for CREP, the changes that will need to be revised in the CREP agreement, and the updates on payments to participants for conservation practices implemented.

Action: None taken

ITEM #11: CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

Delwyne Trefz and Rob Sharpnack spoke about why we were not appropriated adequate state funds during the 2024 legislative session. The perceived challenges that may affect CREP and how to improve CREPs effectiveness in the future.

Action: None taken

ITEM #12: ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Delwyne Trefz updated everyone on the agency’s reorganization and the vacant position. The role that ISWCC has with Idaho Agricultural Pollution Abatement plan and when to expect our portion of the document to be completed. IDEQ has initiated a review and update of the Idaho Nonpoint Source Management Plan and as a partner ISWCC has been asked to participate in a working group, more information to come. Update on what the Saving Tomorrow’s Agriculture Resource (STAR) Program and how it can promote regenerative agricultural practices. Commissioners request to be updated as more information comes out about STARS. Lastly the rest of the year’s dates for Commission Meetings.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was moved to adjourn 1st by Commissioner Silvers and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, meeting ended 12:01PM. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on June 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sharpnack, Secretary



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**TO: CHAIRMAN OLSON AND COMMISSIONERS CLOONAN,
HOLLINGSWORTH, PRATT, SAVAGE, SHARPNACK, and SILVERS**
FROM: LORETTA STRICKLAND, AG PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: June 20, 2024
RE: 2024 WQPA Update
2025 WQPA Project Priority List

2024 UPDATE

- 33 of 51 projects are complete and paid - \$3,272,538.25. Please note this number will not match fiscal as some have not fully processed at the time of this memo.
- 5 projects complete and the payment is in process, I am awaiting documentation
- 11 projects will carry forward - \$1,000,120.19
- 2 projects may cancel - \$174,652.00

2025 WQPA PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

- 51 proposals received requesting \$3,283,270 in WQPA funds
- Proposals were screened and rated by a team of three staff members.
- As a reminder, proposals were rated on three categories:
 - Project Sponsorship/Capacity
 - Project Effectiveness/Public Benefit
 - Budget (reasonable compared to benefits)
- Commissioners will be presented with the list of projects with the corresponding rating (the average of the WQPA team).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Enter Executive Session to consider records exempt from disclosure prior to acting to approve/disapprove funding of WQPA proposals.
2. Approve/disapprove funding WQPA FY2025 project proposals according to the priority list as recommended by staff or with Board specified revisions.