



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, June 20, 2024
10:07 am – 12:03 pm MST

Location:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Erik Olson (Chair) | Joan Cloonan |
| Wendy Pratt (Vice Chair) (Zoom) | Richard Savage (Zoom) |
| Blake Hollingsworth (Treasurer) (Zoom) | |

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

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| Delwyne Trefz | Brenda Charles |
| Melonie Ziegler (Zoom) | Meghan Brooksher (Zoom) |
| Corri Parsley | Bill Lillibridge (Zoom) |
| Brent Ure (Zoom) | Jenna Ditzel (Zoom) |
| George Hitz (Zoom) | Rob Sharpnack (Zoom) |
| Jake Connelley (Zoom) | Loretta Strickland |

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

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| Janelle McDonald, IDHR (Zoom) | David Perkins, OAG |
| Ken Stinson, Latah SWCD | Karla Freeman, Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD |

ITEM #1: WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL**PRESENTED BY: CHAIRMAN OLSON**

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

Roll call: Chairman Erik Olson, Commissioners Joan Cloonan, Richard Savage, Wendy Pratt, and Blake Hollingsworth were present. Commissioner's Mitch Silvers and Karen Sharpnack were absent.

ITEM #2: AGENDA REVIEW**PRESENTED BY: CHAIRMAN OLSON**

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #4: REPORTS COMMISSIONERS & STAFF ONLY

Action: None taken

ITEM #5: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Janelle McDonald from IDWR updated Commissioners on how IDWR assists ISWCC, she also said if Commissioners have any questions or concerns to reach out to her directly.

Action: None taken

ITEM #6: FISCAL REPORT

Melonie Ziegler updated ISWCC and Commissioners on the closing of Fiscal year 2024.

Action: None taken

ITEM #7: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Delwyne Trefz updated the group on the deadline on nominations for the governor's ward for excellence in agriculture which is August 1st and will be presented by Larry Branen of Idaho Ag Summit. Delwyne updated the group on CREP activities resolving appropriations to cover FY 2025 CREP funds. The Conservation District allocations to be disbursed early in July as staff are preparing for closing of FY2024.

Action: None taken

ITEM #8: MINUTES

Action: Motion to approve May 23, 2024, meeting minutes was moved 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, motion passes.

ITEM #9: WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA) UPDATE

Loretta Strickland updated the group on the closing of FY2024 WQPA projects which 33 of 51 are completed and 11 projects will carry over. For FY2025 51 proposals have been submitted and screened by staff, the Commissioners will be presented with a list of projects in corresponding rating order to review and approve in Item 11.

Action: None taken

ITEM #10: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: Commission agreed there was no need to move into executive session unless a specific need to view more information about a WQPA proposal was required.

ITEM #11: WQPA FY 25 PROJECT PROPOSALS

Action: Motion to approve funding for WQPA FY2025 project proposals as presented by Loretta Strickland with an adjustment to move second Gem project to top of next group if funding becomes available this year. Motion to approve 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Hollingsworth, motion passes.

FY 2025 WQPA fully funded projects

| Project No. | Sponsor | Project Name | WQPA Amount |
|-------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| WP-24019 | Adams SWCD | Little Salmon River-Meadows Valley Riparian Fencing | \$32,075 |
| WP-24016 | Madison SWCD | Sundell Irrigation District Diversion | \$55,000 |
| WP-24038 | Balanced Rock | Clover Pumping Station and Pipeline | \$82,500 |
| WP-24041 | Twin Falls SWCD | Salmon River Canal 1723 Pipeline | \$82,500 |
| WP-24025 | Jefferson SWCD | Randall Canal Phase 2 | \$82,500 |
| WP-24047 | West Cassia SWCD | Snake River Irrigation Efficiency | \$43,612 |
| WP-24012 | Payette SWCD | Underground Drain Replacement - Phase 2 | \$40,148 |
| WP-24004 | Canyon SCD | Weber Gravity to Sprinkler Conversion | \$82,500 |
| WP-24034 | Yellowstone SCD | Conant Creek Canal Company Water Control Structures | \$82,500 |
| WP-24002 | Gem SWCD | Payette River-Mesa Drain Irrigation Improvement | \$82,500 |
| WP-24006 | Elmore SWCD | Riggs Pipeline Conversion | \$82,500 |
| WP-24028 | Custer SWCD | O'Neal Irrigation Conversion | \$66,760 |
| WP-24011 | Latah SWCD | Potlach River Meadow Riparian Restoration | \$82,500 |
| WP-24043 | Weiser River SCD | Institute Canal and Flume | \$82,500 |

FY 2025 WQPA next projects to fund if funding allows:

| Project No. | Sponsor | Project Name | WQPA Amount |
|-------------|-----------------|--|-------------|
| WP-24015 | Butte SWCD | Big Lost River Sediment Reduction and Increased flow | \$82,500 |
| WP-24010 | Gem SWCD | Silver Leaf Drain Irrigation Improvements | \$82,500 |
| WP-24020 | Weiser (Not CD) | Gaertner Lateral open ditch to pipe | \$70,344 |

ADJOURN:

The meeting was moved to adjourn by 1st Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Hollingsworth, motion approved at 12:03 PM. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on Thursday July 18th, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cloonan