



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, August 22, 2024
10:04 am – 12:28 PM MT

Location:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Erik Olson (Chair) (Zoom)	Joan Cloonan
Wendy Pratt (Vice Chair) (Zoom)	Richard Savage (Zoom)
Karen Sharpnack (Secretary) (Zoom)	Mitch Silvers (Zoom)
Blake Hollingsworth (Treasure) (Zoom)	

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

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

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Lori Kassib, NRC	Travis Jones, IASCD
David Perkins, DAG	Sarah Garcia, Bonner 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, Mitch Silvers, Karen Sharpnack, and Blake Hollingsworth (Late in @ 10:20AM) were present.

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

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

- Lori Kassib from NRC introduced herself and is the current acting state conservationist, she will be active until replacement is complete.
- Sarah Garcia from Bonner said division 5 & 6 have completed workshops and herself and a team are working on entering all IDEA information into a streamline system.
- Travis Jones updated organization on IASCD activities, including the National Organization STAR – who evaluate producers on their conservation journey; they will be speaking at the November conference. He also updated on registration for IASCD conference with dates and location, as well as the Division 1 – 6 meeting dates.

Division 1 – Tuesday, October 22
Division 2 – Thursday, October 24
Division 3 – Tuesday, October 8

Division 4 – Wednesday, October 30
Division 5 – Thursday, October 17
Division 6 – Wednesday, October 16

Action: None taken

ITEM #4: REPORTS COMMISSIONERS & STAFF ONLY

Action: None taken

ITEM #5: MINUTES

Action: July 18, 2024, minutes were approved as presented 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Pratt, all approved motion passes.

ITEM #6: ENGINEERING REPORT

Bill Lillibridge updated group on how he is tracking new and ongoing projects, as well as completed projects this past fiscal year.

Action: None taken

ITEM #7: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

George Hitz spoke about the FY24 District Survey response and outcome percentages of each question. The survey format has been the same for the last four years to track progress and performance. Many of the districts gave comments and feedback which was appreciated.

Action: Commissioner Cloonan stepped up to serve in the District Allocations Workgroup for this year.

ITEM #8: FISCAL REPORT

Action: Approval for convening in a Special Commission meeting to discuss the Fiscal Budget for FY2026 on Thursday, August 29 at 2PM was presented 1st by Commissioner Hollingworth and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, all approved motion passes.

ITEM #9: PERFORMANCE MEASURES REPORT

Delwyne Trefz presented on the performance measures FY 2024 report, he also told the board the approval will need to be postponed until more financial data is available. The board will need to review and act on the PRM along with the FY 2026 budget request, so this will be moved to the Special Meeting on Thursday, August 29.

Action: None taken

ITEM #10: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Delwyne Trefz updated group on staff changes, Brent Ure who had the position of Natural Resource Conservationist, has left his position at the Commission and joined NARC. The position is currently open, and candidates are being interviewed. Delwyne spoke to Mr. Perkins regarding the CREP funds that were distributed by mistake and Rob Sharpnack will visit with the recipient to discuss obtaining the funds. RCRDP report will be given during the September Commission meeting, this will include recommendations and adjustments to the federal funds rate. Delwyne displayed the upcoming commission meeting schedule through FY25.

Action: None taken

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn meeting by 1st Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, motion approved at 12:28 PM. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19 at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sharpnack