



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Monday, June 16, 2025
10:08 AM – 2:36 PM MST

Location:

322 E. Front St., 6th Floor Rm. 602B-D
Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Erik Olson (Chair)

Wendy Pratt (Vice Chair)

Mitch Silvers

Joan Cloonan

Blake Hollingsworth (Secretary/Treasurer)(Z)

Karen Sharpnack

Richard Savage

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Mat Weaver (Administrator)(Z)

Melonie Ziegler (Fiscal Manager)

Sarah Quidgeon (Natural Res.) (Z)

Terry Hoebelheinrich (Loan Officer)

Corri Parsley (Admin Assistant)

George Hitz (Operations Manager)

Meghan Brooksher (Natural Res.) (Z)

Loretta Strickland (Ag Program Manager)

Bill Lillibridge (Lead Engineer) (Z)

Brenda Charles (Loan Assistant) (Z)

Jenna Ditzel (Natural Res.) (Z)

Rob Sharpnack (CREP Man.) (Z)

Jennie Olenslager (Natural Res.) (Z)

Carolyn Firth (Natural Res.) (Z)

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

David Perkins (OAG)

Allie Rauch (CSWCD) (Z)

Sascha Marston (IDWR) (Z)

Ryan Lawrence (Latah SWD)

Karma Bragg (Custer SWD) (Z)

Sarah Garcia (Bonner SWD, IDEA) (Z)

Megan Jenkins (IDWR)

Cynthia Bridge Clark (IDWR)

ITEM #1: WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL

Presented by: Chairman Olson

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM

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

ITEM #2: AGENDA REVIEW

Presented by: Chairman Olson

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None Taken

ITEM #4: REPORTS COMMISSIONERS & STAFF ONLY

Action: None Taken

ITEM #5 MINUTES

Action: Motion to approve the May minutes as presented was made 1st by Commissioner Hollingsworth and 2nd by Commissioner Sharpnack, all approve.

ITEM #6 WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA) UPDATE

Action: Loretta Strickland read the 2026 project proposal list with quick data on the types of projects from each one. Commissioners decided to enter an executive session for further discussion.

ITEM #7: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: Commissioner Sharpnack motioned to move to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) and 74-107(2) to discuss materials exempt from disclosure submitted with WQPA proposals for possible action outside of the executive session, 2nd by Commissioner Hollingsworth.

Executive Session Commenced at 10:57am. Additional Staff invited in by Chairman Olson – Directive Mat Weaver, Deputy Administrator George Hitz, WQPA Coordinator Loretta Strickland, and Administrative Assistant Corri Parsley.

Motion made to end executive session 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, all approved. Executive Session ended at 11:05am.

ITEM #8: WQPA FY 2026 PROJECT PROPOSALS

Action: Motion to (1) approve funding the top 22 FY 2026 WQPA projects according to the prioritized project list presented by staff and (2) direct staff to evaluate and reprioritize the next four projects (#23, #24, #25, #26) for partial or full funding, depending on future available funds 1st made by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, all approved.

ITEM #9: GOVERNOR'S IDAHO CODE CLEANUP INITIATIVE

Action: Motion to approve the submission of EALS submittal(s) was made 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, all approved.

ITEM #10: BUDGET HEARING REQUEST

Action: None Taken

ITEM #11: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES PRESENTATION

Action: None Taken

ITEM #12: STRATEGIC EVALUATION OF SWCC-IDWR GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCIES IN FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNOR'S DIRECTIVE

Action: None Taken

ITEM #13: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Action: None Taken

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn meeting by 1st Commissioner Savage and 2nd by Commissioner Cloonan, motion approved at 2:36 PM. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on July 24, 2025, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted