



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, April 04, 2024
10:11am – 2:42pm MST

Location:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Delwyne Trefz	Brenda Charles
Melonie Ziegler	Jake Connelley (Zoom)
Sarah Quidgeon	Meghan Brooksher (Zoom)
Terry Hoebelheinrich	Loretta Strickland
Corri Parsley	Rob Sharpnack

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

David Perkins, DAG	Bruce Sandoval, NRCs
Rob Whitney, IDWR	Bob Flager, Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD

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

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 10:11AM.

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

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

Action: None taken

ITEM #3: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #4: REPORTS

Action: None taken

ITEM #5: AQUIFER QUANTITY PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRIORITIES

Delwyne Trefz presented ISWCC responsibilities relative to water conservation under the Clean Water Act of 1972 and Idaho's Water Quality Statues §39-3601, et seq.

Action: None taken

ITEM #6: FISCAL REPORT

Melonie Ziegler updated the board on LUMA budget to actual expenditures, outstanding encumbrances, and adjustments to FY2024.

Action: None taken

ITEM #7: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Delwyne Trefz presented a legislative update on Bill 1270 and Bill 1373. He also updated the board on Spring Division meetings and SWCC meeting schedules.

Action: None taken

ITEM #8: CREP REPORT

Rob Sharpnack gave presentation on all CREP updates to previous and current contracts with partners in each county, along with action items that continue to enhance the program.

Action: None taken

ITEM #9: PAYMENT FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES IMPLEMENTED BY CREP PARTICIPANTS

Delwyne Trefz presented on this section but was asked to move it into Executive Session by Dave Perkins.

Action: None taken

ITEM #10: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) for the purpose of discussing with legal counsel for the public agency the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Motion was made to move into executive session 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Pratt Started at 12:39pm.

ITEM #11: RECONVENE

Action: Reconvene from executive session at 2:00pm.

1. Motion to work through 2024 payments made by 1st Commissioner Cloonan, 2nd motion by Commissioner Silvers; motion passes by all.

2. Motion to prepare letter to Crep participants with approval by Commissioners made by 1st Commissioner Pratt, 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, motion passes by all.

Additional note: Commissioner Sharpnack recused herself from voting on this issue as her husband is involved with CREP.

ITEM #7: MINUTES

Action:

January 16, 2024, meeting minutes approved with a minor change in section 15b into 15a, 1st by Commissioner Cloonan and 2nd by Commissioner Savage, motion passes by all.

February 20, 2024, minutes approved 1st by Commissioner Cloonan, 2nd by Commissioner Savage, motion passes by all.

ITEM #8: WQPA UPDATE AND RECOMMENDED POLICY REVISIONS

Loretta Strickland presented FY2024 WQPA updates and potential policy revision to FY2025 WQPA which include project limits and requests for funding.

Action:

Motion to accept and approve all staff recommendations with language change that the board can approve a higher amount on a case-by-case scenario, max limit was not presented; 1st motion by Commissioner Silvers, 2nd by Commissioner Savage, motion passes by all.

ADJOURN:

Motion was moved to adjourn meeting 1st Commissioner Cloonan 2nd by Commissioner Silvers, meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on May 23, 2024, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sharpnack, Secretary