



Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Conference Call

CALL TO ORDER

President Kit Tillotson called the conference call meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors to order at 8:05 PM on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Steve Becker, Billie Brown, Art Beal, Lynn Bagley, Glen Gier and Benjamin Kelly.

PRESENT

DISTRICT
SUMMARIES

Kit Tillotson reviewed discussion during the Business meeting at conference that included the increased funding to Districts from the legislature over the past few years. That conversation led to the request that districts provide a short synopsis (1 to 2 paragraphs) of how the increased funding has improved individual district conservation efforts. The information will be crucial to convey to legislators in the upcoming session and will help provide confirmation that Idaho's conservation districts have continued to steward the resources of the state. It will also provide answers to those elected officials that have already asked the question of what districts have done with the increased funding. The board reviewed the compiled district reports (see attached).

Also discussed was the need for a one page collection reflecting statewide projects and division specific summaries that will be reviewed at the January meeting in Boise. The division specific summaries will be displayed at the Capitol. The suggestion was made in preparation for the 2016 Legislative Session to develop a document reporting the acres enhanced by conservation districts in Idaho and a comparison of funding in correlation to the benefit of projects.

NRCS STATE
CONSERVATIONIST

Kit Tillotson updated the board on the November 18 with Regional Conservationist for the West, Astor Boozer. Tillotson, Steve Becker, Art Beal, Glen Gier and Benjamin Kelly were in attendance and encouraged Boozer to consider Clint Shock as a possibility for the position. IASCD board members also advised that any incoming state conservationist possesses knowledge and experience related to western issues. Boozer mentioned that it is the common practice not to appoint a state conservationist from the current state office in which they are from. This can be due to familiarity and possible dissatisfaction of employees being a subsidiary to a former peer but he would take it under consideration. The board requested that an invitation to the 2016 conference be extended to Boozer.

Tillotson reported that while in Boise and prior to the meeting with Boozer, board members met with Administrator Teri Murrison to discuss TMDL's and further facilitate districts unfunded needs.

SPRING DIVISION
MTG'S

Kit Tillotson asked each board member to set a tentative meeting date for their respective divisions for the upcoming spring meeting. The dates were set as follows:

Division I	Bonner SWCD - Sandpoint	March 27
Division II	Lewis SCD - Craigmont	March 26
Division III	Owyhee CD - Homedale	February 24
Division IV	Gooding SCD - Hagerman	March 12
Division V	Oneida SWCD - Pocatello	March 18
Division VI	Clark SCD - Dubois	March 17

POLICY MANUAL

Kit Tillotson requested the board review the ISCD Policy Manual prior to the January meeting for possible changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Kit Tillotson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director