



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 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 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Steve Becker, Art Beal, Lynn Bagley and Benjamin Kelly.
- PRESENT**
- 2015 CONFERENCE** The board reviewed the 2015 Annual Conference and agenda items were analyzed in depth (see attached). The board discussed conference meals and pricing for registrations (see attached). Steve Becker moved to approve the 2015 Conference Meal and Agenda. Seconded. Passed. The board discussed the resolutions submitted for 2015 and the responsibilities of the Resolution Committee at conference (see attached). Kit Tillotson took recommendations for the master of ceremonies for the awards banquet on Tuesday, November 17.
- RC&D SUPPORT LETTER** Kit Tillotson asked Art Beal to update the board on a request from West Central Highlands RC&D concerning a Sage Grouse Strategy Grant. Beal gave the objectives of the grant including bringing together federal, state, Tribal, local interests and other stakeholders to focus on specific strategies. The approach would be to reduce the size, severity, and cost of rangeland wildfires and develop and implement a strategy to improve rehabilitation efforts following large devastating wildfires. The grant further requires the rc&d to partner with an organization that has the ability, name-recognition, and the history of successfully bringing diverse interests together to discuss and seek solution to significant natural resource issues. The performance goals would be to accomplish the project through a series of small workshops and conferences, each focused on a specific issue, such as reducing the spread of cheatgrass over the western public lands. Workshops and conferences would continue over the next five years and linked together through the overarching theme of restoring the health of our public lands following wildfires. It would also require production of a series of papers, publications, agreements, and Memorandums of Understanding that may be developed during these workshops and conferences, between the federal and state agencies, Tribes, local interests, and other stakeholders. The board reviewed grant opportunities and requested pricing quotes from grant writers. Benjamin will contact Kendra Dustin to acquire further details.
- ADJOURNMENT** Art Beal moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director