



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, October 6, 2014  
Conference Call**

- CALL TO ORDER** President Kit Tillotson called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors to order at 8:07 PM on Monday, October 6, 2014. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Steve Becker, Art Beal, Lynn Bagley, Glen Gier and Benjamin Kelly.
- PRESENT**
- DIRECTORS MTG AT CONFERENCE** The board discussed their meeting at the 2014 IASCD Conference traditionally held on Sunday and Wednesday morning. Due to planned activities for the membership on Saturday, November 15 and the afternoon of Sunday, November 16, the IASCD Board of Directors meeting will begin on Saturday, November 15. The tentative start time will be at 7:00 PM (PT) and will be continued on the morning of Sunday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 19.
- Steve Becker joined the call at this time.
- LSO REGISTRY** Kit Tillotson requested an update on the Local Government & Special District Registry requirements that will be administered by the Legislative Services Office (LSO). Benjamin Kelly summarized the most recent developments including correspondence with the LSO Audit Director. LSO is developing the online reporting portal that will serve as repository for all reporting data and will be functional by January 1, 2015. It is unclear what data formats will be accepted or how accessible the information will be and the office had expected the portal to be ready by the end of September for testing but was delayed. The Conference Planning Committee has scheduled the Managing Auditor, James Combo (LSO), of the audit division to present on the audit process and new developments with the online registry.
- Steve Becker reported on the request for an opinion from the Attorney General's office earlier this year and the continued communication with the office as IASCD waits for the opinions. The reporting requirements were discussed and the necessity for districts to register on the portal regardless of budget structure and fulfillment of an annual, biannual or no annual audit. Billie Brown emphasized IASCD's involvement with the process and for the association to stay in front of the issue.
- WATERS OF THE U.S.** The Board reviewed the latest developments on the proposed rule defining "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act. IASCD has been making frequent updates to the membership and will

be informing districts on the board's most recent actions at fall division meetings. NACD provided the board with the working draft of the organization's comments which will likely be submitted a few days before the comment period deadline.

Kit Tillotson conveyed the actions of the NACD Pacific Region at the September regional meeting in Portland as well as the strong opposition from the Wyoming Association. Adding to the predicament, NACD will likely submit comments in favor of the rule with some key changes. This is not the position of most national agriculture and natural resource organizations, which oppose the rule in total. Steve Becker moved that IASCD submit comments in opposition to the proposed rule defining Waters of the United States. Seconded. Passed. The Idaho Congressional Delegation, Governor Otter and NACD will be sent a copy of the comments and Benjamin Kelly will work with Becker to draft a copy of IASCD comments to be reviewed by the board.

#### DUES REPORT

The current dues report was distributed electronically to the board for review (see attached). The board reviewed the districts that had paid in full and the districts that were expected to pay dues in the future. To date, IASCD received dues payments from 46 districts.

#### FALL DIVISION MTGS

Fall Division meetings will be held:

**Division I** Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD - October 10 (9:00 AM)  
Centennial Distributing  
701 W Buckles Rd, **Hayden**

**Division II** Latah SWCD - October 9 (9:00 AM)  
Genesee Senior Center  
140 East Walnut, **Genesee**

**Division III** Weiser River SCD - October 14 (1:30 PM)  
Vendome Events Center  
309 State St., **Weiser**

**Division IV** Snake River SWCD - October 28 (3:00 PM)  
CSI Taylor Bldg. Rm. 277  
315 Falls Ave., **Twin Falls**

**Division V** North Bingham SCD - October 22 (4:30 PM)  
Idaho Fish & Game Regional Office  
1345 Barton Rd, **Pocatello**

**Division VI** Custer SWCD - October 23 (10:00 AM)  
Event Center  
411 Clinic Road, **Challis**

IASCD Board Members and the Executive Director will update the Division on the 2016 proposed budget, resolutions, Dues Sub-Committee, 2014 Conference, the LSO registry, Waters of the United States comment period, IASCD spring district visits and other important issues of interest to the membership.

Kit Tillotson discussed correspondence with IASCD Auxiliary, this year's request for funding and the appropriation being sent prior to conference. Tillotson requested an invoice be sent from Auxiliary to the IASCD office this year and going forward. Billie Brown moved to support IASCD Auxiliary in the amount of \$1,000 for 2014 and \$1,000 for 2015. Seconded. Passed.

Kit Tillotson called the meeting to executive session

The meeting was re-convened

The board addressed speech and poster contests taking place at Fall Division meetings, followed by the contests at the 2014 Conference

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next conference call meeting was set for Monday, November 3, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Kit Tillotson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Kelly  
Executive Director

ACTION ITEMS

- IASCD Waters of the United States comments
- CC: comments to Idaho Congressional Delegation, Governor Otter and NACD
- IASCD Auxiliary