



Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 17 & 20, 2013  
Boise Hotel & Conference Center, Boise, Idaho

CALL TO ORDER

President Kit Tillotson called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors to order at 8:05 AM on Sunday, November 17, 2013. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Rick Rodgers, Steve Becker, Lynn Bagley, Lynn McKee and Benjamin Kelly. Also joining the meeting was Art Beal (Division III), Jeff Burwell (NRCS), Karma Bragg (Envirothon Committee), Tamara Cikaitoga (Envirothon Committee) Teri Murrison (ISWCC), and Chris Simons (IDEA).

PRESENT

10/17/13 & 11/11/13  
MINUTES APPROVED

The board reviewed the agenda and made additions for special guests joining the meeting. The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Monday, October 7, 2013 were distributed for review (see attached). Billie Brown moved the minutes be approved as printed. Seconded. Passed. The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Monday, November 11, 2013 were distributed for review (see attached). Lynn McKee moved the minutes be approved as printed. Seconded. Passed.

2013 CONFERENCE

Kit Tillotson discussed the 2013 Annual Conference and the board reviewed the week's upcoming events in depth. Provisions were made for the Color Guard and opening ceremonies of the conference. The suggestion was made to divide the time allotted for Standing Committee Meetings (Session #1) in half to provide the membership the opportunity to attend two meetings. By consensus the board agreed to divide Standing Committee Meetings into two - 45 minute sessions for the 2014 Annual Meeting. The importance of the Resolution Committee was addressed and the need for the standing committee to address resolutions in a timely manner. Lynn McKee reviewed the emergency resolution authored by Division III (see attached). The business meeting agenda for Tuesday, November 19 was reviewed and adjusted. A list of award winners and scholarship recipients was distributed to the board (see attached).

2014 CONFERENCE

Steve Becker reviewed the 2014 Annual Conference that will be held in Lewiston. Becker reported that conference sponsors are being contacted, facility reservations had been made for next year and he would be meeting with the Red Lion Hotel in the near future to finalize accommodations.

Kit Tillotson called a 10 minute break.

DUES REPORT

The current dues report was distributed 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. A number of board

members had been contacted by Idaho State Legislators reminding them of the legislative intent of the \$1,000 pass through funding allocated to districts for support of the association. The board addressed the importance of serving districts, continuing to build upon the recent progress with elected officials and the significance of remaining in good standing with the legislature.

#### 2015 BUDGET

Steve Becker distributed the 2015 Draft Budget to be presented to the membership for review of the board (see attached). Becker addressed the proposed income and expenses. The board discussed the remaining vehicle the association currently has in their possession and will make provisions to make the vehicle available to districts. Becker reviewed the update to the Executive Director contract and updates provided by the board. Rick Rogers moved to accept the 2015 Draft Budget. Seconded. Passed.

#### NRCS UPDATE

Kit Tillotson welcomed NRCS State Conservationist, Jeff Burwell for a partners report. Burwell thanked the board for providing time and for the continued relationship between NRCS and IASCD. Burwell reported that NRCS expected to have an updated operating budget in January 2014. He also expected to see a 7% decrease in the department's discretionary budget due to the sequestration authored by congress. Burwell addressed the new developments in cost cutting measures including relocating personnel from both the Payette and Jerome offices. Burwell took questions from the board. Tillotson thanked Burwell for joining the meeting.

The board recessed for lunch.

#### ENVIROTHON COMMITTEE

Lynn Bagley introduced Karma Bragg and Tamara Cikaitoga from the Envirothon Committee. Bagley reported that the Envirothon Committee had met to deliberate on the committee structure and to further discuss a proposal to be presented to the membership. The meeting included discussion concerning the level of involvement from IASCD, conservation partners and possible alternative methods of funding. The committee will be making a presentation on Monday evening of conference and will make a proposal to the board concerning Envirothon on Wednesday, November 20, 2014.

#### SUPERVISOR MENTORING

The board addressed the need of district supervisors with limited resources or experience to have the opportunity to network with division directors and leaders. Supervisors would have the opportunity to draw from the experience of others and develop projects that would meet the specific needs of their districts. Billie Brown moved to further develop the concept of a mentoring program. Seconded. Passed.

#### BOARD REORGINIZATION

Kit Tillotson asked the board for nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The board discussed the current officers and the importance of continuity with a new Executive Director. Rick Rogers moved to keep the current slate of officers for the IASCD Board of Directors. Seconded. Passed. Lynn McKee thanked the board and expressed gratitude for his time on the board and as Division III representative. The board thanked McKee for his service and for all that he has done for the association. Art Beal will begin his term at the conclusion of the 2013 Annual Conference.

#### RECESS UNTIL 11/20

Steve Becker moved to recess the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The

meeting was recessed at 4:20 PM.

- CALL TO ORDER President Kit Tillotson called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors to order at 7:15 AM on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Rick Rodgers, Steve Becker, Lynn Bagley, Art Beal and Benjamin Kelly. Also joining the meeting was Karma Bragg (Envirothon Committee), Chris Simons (IDEA), Lisa Transtrum (Envirothon Committee) and Kyle Wilson (Nez Perce SWCD).
- PRESENT
- ENVIROTHON Kit Tillotson welcomed Karma Bragg and Lisa Transtrum from the Envirothon Committee to the meeting. Lynn Bagley reported that the Envirothon Committee had presented at conference and a number of proposals had been formulated to move forward. Bragg presented the committee's strategy for alternative approaches of the involvement of partners, sponsors and IASCD. Steve Becker moved to proceed to seek support for Idaho Envirothon and National Envirothon. Seconded. Passed. Bagley addressed the need maintain separate accounts for both national and state Envirothon. Steve Becker moved to approve a fundraising letter for Envirothon. Seconded. Passed. The committee will be creating a website to register and the IASCD website will also include a link to help with access to the site. Billie Brown moved to support the committee in the amount of \$2,000 for preliminary expenses. Seconded. Passed.
- IASCD AUXILIARY Benjamin Kelly gave a report on the Auxiliary breakfast held at conference. Steve Becker moved to fund the IASCD Auxiliary in the amount of \$1,000. Seconded. Passed.
- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN Kit Tillotson asked the board for input on IASCD Standing Committee's and the interest of committee chairman in continuing to serve. The board discussed the committee structure and those chairmen who may want to continue to serve. The board will address this at the January meeting and will appoint a liaison to contact current committee chairman at that time.
- CONFERENCE REPORT Benjamin Kelly reported on the conference, his staff and the administration of the conference. The board made suggestions for the 2014 Conference and thanked the staff from Benjamin's office for their help.
- 2014 LEGISLATURE The board reviewed last year's contact with the legislature and the significance of board members interacting with legislators in the coming months. Steve Becker moved that each board member commit to a day at the capitol. Seconded. Passed.
- Kit Tillotson called a 10 minute break.
- NACD CONFERENCE Steve Becker moved to reimburse two board members and the executive director for travel and lodging expenses incurred for the NACD Annual Conference. Seconded. Passed.
- DISTRICT ENHANCEMENT Kyle Wilson discussed a program to allow districts to garner support from donors to help raise funding. Billie Brown moved to support a District Enhancement Program. Seconded. Passed.

ISWCC LETTER            The board discussed names to send the Governor for the upcoming appointment of a commissioner from Northern Idaho. Kit Tillotson asked Benjamin Kelly to draft a letter with the recommendations of the board.

RESOLUTION SUB-COMMITTEE            The board agreed to address the Resolution Sub-Committee at the January meeting.

JANUARY MEETING            The January meeting was set for January 26 & 27, 2014 at the Safari Inn Hotel in Boise.

ADJOURNMENT            Art moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director