



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, March 30, 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 Monday, March 30, 2015. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Steve Becker, Art Beal, Lynn Bagley, Glen Gier and Benjamin Kelly.

**PRESENT**

Kit Tillotson requested the review of potential hotel locations that had been sent for the 2015 Annual Meeting (see attached). Each director gave their preference on hotel locations based on feedback from their division and the 2013 Annual Conference. The board agreed that the 2013 conference received positive feedback on program content, planning, coordination, price and provisions but did receive less than favorable reviews on accommodations and the location in Boise. The facilities were not up to standard and a change of venue would be the best at this time. Billie Brown moved to hold the 2015 Annual Conference at the Riverside Hotel on November 15 - 18. Seconded. Passed. Benjamin Kelly will work with the hotel to secure a contract and confirm the November dates.

**2015 ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

**SPRING DIVISION  
MTGS**

The board reviewed Spring division meetings and the feedback they received from districts. Every division wishes to continue the spring meetings as they have in the past with exception to Division II, though agreeable to the spring meeting, they would prefer to meet on project sites later in the spring. It was also suggested that division V and VI may peruse meeting jointly in the future to discuss issues either at the spring meeting or hold an additional meeting. Many divisions felt it was important to meet as individual divisions in the spring to address current issues and hear what districts are doing in their area.

**NRCS MTG**

Kit Tillotson updated the board on the April 9 meeting with Regional Conservationist for the West, Astor Boozer. The meeting will coincide with the meeting with Travis Thomason concerning Highly Erodible Lands and the tie to current Farm Bill payments. Tillotson, Steve Becker, Art Beal, Glen Gier, Barry Bollwinkel and Benjamin Kelly plan to attend the meeting in Boise.

**DISTRICT GRANTS**

The board discussed the nonprofit status of the association and the prospect of districts partnering with IASCD to open up opportunities for grants that are not available to local government entities. This opportunity would make available a deliverable to districts but the association would need to look into accounting practices and put in place guarantees if the option is available. The board agreed to pursue the issue as well as agreements that would need to be issued if such a program could be put into place.

**ISWCC POSITION**

Kit Tillotson informed the board that ISWCC Vice Chairman, Roger Stutzman will be fulfilling his term at the end of June and will not be

seeking reappointment for the position. Glenn Gier informed the board that Terry Kramer would be willing to let his name stand and Gier is discussing the position with Division IV supervisors. The board agreed they would be in support of Kramer for the position and would submit a letter formally once all names had been submitted.

IASCD WEBSITE

The board discussed the IASCD website and requested that Benjamin Kelly proceed in pursuing a preliminary version for the review of the board at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Glen Gier moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director

ACTION ITEMS

- Benjamin setting conference dates and securing contracts w/ Riverside
- April 9 NRCS meeting
- Steve discussing district grants with accountant
- Glen collecting names for ISWCC position
- Benjamin preparing website