



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2020
Conference Call**

CALL TO ORDER

President Steve Becker called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors to order at 8:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2020. Those present included Steve Becker, Matt Woodard, Richard Kunau, Mike Somerville, Tom Daniel, Kit Tillotson and Benjamin Kelly.

PRESENT

ISWCC BUDGET

Steve Becker thanked the board for participating on short notice and reviewed the proposed ISWCC budget (see attached). Becker asked Benjamin Kelly to review the legislature's actions last week. The commission's budget went back to the Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee to be worked on Friday and passed 19-0 out of the committee with a \$100 change. The budget change to the original budget was to satisfy requirements that changes have to be made before bringing budgets to the House floor. IASCD will send further updates as they happen to all 50 districts. IASCD will also reiterate that we fully support the passage of the budget.

DRAFT PROPOSALS

Concerning any proposals for next year, IASCD has not seen it yet, and to what extent our comments would be incorporated. To provide clarity, we IASCD will stress to districts this is not pending legislation no matter how much misinformation continues to be put out there. The draft would be written up for districts to look at and discuss before anything would be considered before the next legislative session comes in 2021.

The board has continued to say to legislators that the only way it could look at and make an informed decision, is to first make the document available districts. The IASCD Board will take no action until actual language comes forward and districts have had time to digest and look at any changes that would be made.

Benjamin Kelly will be sure to distribute what the board receives so that districts can see what changes would be discussed by supervisors for the 2021 legislative session.

SUPERVISOR MEETING

The board discussed a possible supervisors meeting in mid-April after Spring Division meetings and the legislature has concluded. Kelly reported that there has continued to be conversations, letters and received a number of calls where views have been expressed, but supervisors requested that they not be made public until there is more feedback and concepts to consider. A date will be set after Spring Division meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Becker adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director

