



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014
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 8:10 PM on Monday, May 12, 2014. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Steve Becker, Art Beal, Lynn Bagley and Benjamin Kelly. Also joining the meeting was Steve Bateman, Chris Simons, Karma Bragg and Frances Perkes.

PRESENT

**ENVIROTHON
REPORT**

Kit Tillotson welcomed Karma Bragg to the meeting. Bragg reported on the success of the program and gave a summary for the 2014 Envirothon competition that was held in Challis the previous week. The BLM grant was finalized for this year and is being worked by the Envirothon Committee for the 2015 competition. There may be funding available for 2016 as well and Bragg will keep IASCD updated as they work through the process. The competition had great participation and included around 20 advisers plus other volunteers from the committee that assisted as timers, runners, scoring room attendants and provided general assistance throughout the event at Living Waters Ranch. The additional staff total included 20 staff and supervisors from districts as well as staff from IASCD, NRCS, RC&D and ISWCC. Lynn Bagley was impressed with the event and gave his impressions after attending for the first time. Tillotson spoke to the possibility of having a regional competition and asked that the Envirothon Committee look at the possibility in the future. The committee will give a detailed report to the board at the June meeting in Boise.

Steve Becker joined the meeting at this time.

DIVISION I & II TOUR

Kit Tillotson requested an update from Benjamin Kelly on his tour of districts Division I & II. Kelly provided the board with a report from specific districts and a expense report for his travel and lodging (see attached). Districts discussed their conservation efforts, what they have done in the past, what is proposed for the future and challenges in the northern portion of the state. Kelly went through some of the large differences in funding for the northern districts, attending the State Forestry Contest and the landscape changes from the Camas Prairie to the border of Canada. Kelly will be traveling to Division IV this week and to Division V & VI May 19-30.

2014 CONFERENCE

Steve Becker updated the board on the 2014 Annual Conference held in Lewiston. Becker reported that conference sponsors are being contacted, facility reservations had been made and he had met with the Red Lion Hotel and Benjamin Kelly to further confirm accommodations. Sponsors are being targeted that could also be future conference partners because of their state-wide interest in Idaho. The conference will take place on November 16-19, 2014 and the committee is working on the tours for the membership. The board reviewed the viability of committees and the breakout sessions at the 2013 Annual Conference.

DUES
SUB-COMMITTEE

Kit Tillotson asked Benjamin Kelly to report on the recent conference call of the Dues Sub-committee. The committee had met to discuss the resolutions proposed at the 2013 Conference to decide how to best proceed. The members went through the resolutions and gave their opinions on a base dues rate with an added percentage based on a districts 2 to 1 match allocation. The majority of the committee was in favor of a dues structure that would include one rate that all member-districts can participate equally in. The committee plans to meet again and offer new suggestions that help those districts having trouble paying dues without changing the dues structure based on funding.

JUNE BOARD MTG

The board reviewed plans for the June IASCD Board Meeting in Boise and will be covering a number of issues including the 2016 Budget, 2014 Conference and partners reports. Kit Tillotson asked Benjamin Kelly to work on reservations and accommodations for the meeting. Tillotson asked the board where the meeting should be held. The possible locations were Oxford Suites, Red Lion Hotel, Safari Inn, Riverside Hotel and Boise Hotel. The board requested Kelly contact each establishment, look for suitable accommodations for a board meeting and find out pricing for the meeting.

NACD SUMMER
CONFERENCE

Kit Tillotson updated the board on the NACD Summer Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana and Idaho's participation at the NACD Summer Board Meeting held July 19 and 20. The board discussed this year's current budget, the opportunity for Idaho to be represented and agreed that Tillotson should attend. Steve Becker moved to reimburse expenses for Director travel, meals and lodging at the NACD Summer Conference. Seconded. Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director