



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 7, 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 8:05 PM on Monday, July 7, 2014. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Steve Becker, Art Beal and Benjamin Kelly.
- PRESENT
- IASCD EMPLOYEE Kit Tillotson updated the board on his correspondence with Chris Banks and his health insurance policy. Banks will secure a private insurance plan with IASCD increasing his compensation to offset costs. Benjamin Kelly informed the board of the conversations he had with Banks, Krystal Harmon (Portneuf SWCD) and Patty Nottingham (AMG) concerning increased hourly compensation from the 319 Account. The increase has been confirmed and accepted by banks. Steve Becker moved to administer the payroll with an increase to hourly compensation to Chris Banks through 319 grant funding. Seconded. Passed.
- ENVIROTHON
COMMITTEE
ACCOUNT Benjamin Kelly reported on the current status on the IASCD Envirothon Account and his work with Lisa Transtrum (Bear Lake SWCD) to create a new account with the Bank of Ireland. The account will hold all funds allocated to Envirothon, all excess funds from the 2014 contest and the \$1,800 from the IASCD Wells Fargo account. The board had originally allocated \$2,000 in the account for the 2014 Idaho Envirothon competition and reserved the final \$1,800 because it was unclear if the funds originated from Envirothon or the IASCD general account. IASCD will continue to be responsible for Envirothon funds and will work with the Envirothon Committee to continue the success of the program.
- EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR UPDATE Kit Tillotson requested an executive director update from Benjamin Kelly. An invitation was extended to NACD CEO, John Larson for the 2014 IASCD Conference and IASCD has not received a reply at this time. The Dues Committee will be holding a conference call to convert the proposal submitted to the IASCD Board at the June meeting in Boise into resolution form. The District Directory is nearly finished and will be finalized after contact information is secured from the final three districts.
- ISWCC SUPPORT
LETTER Kit Tillotson updated the board on his conversation with Director Murrison (ISWCC) concerning the budget recommendation for the commission and if IASCD will be supporting the request. Tillotson had conversations with members of JFAC to judge their reception of a request that would include an increase in the Trustee and Benefits portion of the budget for next year. The board discussed last year's support for the increase and the proper approach for IASCD. The board agreed that districts are still in need of increased funding and supports a commission budget containing more funding for districts. Steve Becker moved IASCD support a request

to increase funding to the Trustee & Benefits portion of the ISWCC budget in the amount of \$50,000 for district operations and distributed equally to the 50 conservation districts. Tillotson asked Benjamin Kelly to send a support letter to the commission.

SUPERVISOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

The supervisor scholarship for the 2014 Conference will be accepted through November 1, 2014.

NACD NATIONAL
ENVIROTHON

Kit Tillotson read correspondence he received from Tamara Cikaitoga (Yellowstone SCD) concerning the 2018 National Envirothon competition. Cikaitoga was contacted by Ron Helstern, the Western States Representative to the National Envirothon. The National committee is looking for a state to host in 2018 and the event has a five year rotation returning it to the western region states. The competition would require a large amount of funding and Cikaitoga indicated she would not personally be interested in heading up a host committee. Cikaitoga would be willing to help, but the decision to sponsor the event and assume the financial responsibility would have to come from the state association. The cost to host the national event could be between \$200,000 and \$300,000 with a minimum of \$50,000 needed immediately for deposit on the competition site. With 57 states/provinces currently participating, accommodations would be needed for about 600 + people and would take about 200 volunteers. After consideration, the consensus of the board was the State Envirothon Committee has done excellent work to stabilize the state competition. It would be unwise to engage in the high level of responsibility the National Envirothon would require, would likely be a financial burden and harm the state competition.

ADJOURNMENT

Billie Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director