



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2014
Conference Call**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

**DIVISION IV
DIRECTOR**

IASCD EMPLOYEE

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR UPDATE**

**YEAR-END
FINANCIAL**

**NACD PACIFIC
REGION CONF.**

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, August 4, 2014. Those present included Kit Tillotson, Billie Brown, Steve Becker, Art Beal and Benjamin Kelly.

The board discussed the new Division IV Director that will be joining the IASCD Board of Directors. Kit Tillotson requested Benjamin Kelly send the contact information for Glen Gier to the board.

Kit Tillotson updated the board on the status of Chris Banks and his continued work for IASCD. Banks has secured a private insurance plan and IASCD has increased his compensation to offset the increased cost. The board reviewed the possibility of Banks employment in relation to contracting his conservation work and concluded Banks will need to weigh the benefits of employment and private contracting.

Kit Tillotson requested an executive director update from Benjamin Kelly. ISWCC will be meeting on August 28 and Kelly will be in Twin Falls at that time and unable to attend. The IASCD District Directory has been completed by IDEA and will be sent to districts and the board. Kelly relayed the appreciation from Idaho Ag in the Classroom (AITC) for sponsoring a teacher for the "Snake River Smile" tour this July. The four day tour included stops at various agriculture and natural resources locations, visits with agency and industry leaders, as well as a morning dedicated to visiting conservation projects in the Pocatello area. Teachers started their tour in Boise and made their way east with stays in Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls. AITC plans to sponsor a children's activity at the Food Producers Ag Pavilion entitled "Secrets of the Soil" during this year's fairs. Kelly concluded with the dues letter update and that it had been sent to all 50 districts.

Steve Becker reviewed the year-end financial and reported a positive final balance. Becker congratulated the board on their hard work on the 2015 financial budget and for making decisions that would allow IASCD to function with tight, positive margins and not require districts to be overly burdened by the dues structure. Becker requested the year-end financial be sent to the membership by the executive director.

Kit Tillotson updated the board on the NACD Summer Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana and his representation of Idaho at the NACD Summer Board Meeting held July 19 and 20. Tillotson also addressed the problems with the development of the NACD Pacific Region Conference being held in Portland September 15-18. The planning committee in

Oregon is currently behind schedule and may need some help in their preparation. Other states have offered to assist or host the meeting in September if Oregon is unable to host. The board discussed how to best offer assistance from Idaho while making sure the board and executive director's time is well spent. Tillotson and Benjamin Kelly will attend the committee's next conference call and offer their support for the conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Becker moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director