



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Conference Call**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Matt Woodard called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors conference call to order at 6:00 PM on **Thursday, January 28, 2021**. Those present included Matt Woodard, Mike Somerville, Tom Daniel, Kit Tillotson and Benjamin Kelly. Absent and excused was Steve Becker.

PRESENT

**SPRING DIVISION
MTG**

Matt Woodard asked the board for potential dates for 2021 Spring Division Meetings. The board discussed some divisions that may meet face to face, by zoom, or possibly postpone until later in the spring or fall. Possible dates for spring meetings are as follows:

Division I	March (TBD)
Division II	May (TBD)
Division III	February 25
Division IV	February 25
Division V	March (TBD)
Division VI	February 18

**SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The board reviewed the subcommittee recommendations to date. The board agreed that it would be good to have the Attorney General's office supply webinar training and walk-through legal issues where districts can be sued. Also discussed was that the ISWCC Board have 2 voting commission positions appointed from districts, selected from 3 names given by IASCD, drawn from district supervisors, and if those names are not deemed sufficient or chosen, 3 more names to be supplied in perpetuity. It was also mentioned that there is a need to have commissioners that question staff direction. IASCD could also look at the fundamental way Technical Assistance is distributed including but not limited to: a process that allows funding for diversified technical assistance to all districts through grants, and provide a list of local expertise (vendors/consultants) to cut down on overhead. The other suggestions included that the publication "The Idaho Way" reflect all parties and coordinated closely with the partners of the actual publication. The last suggestion was that there be more transparency in budgetary information that districts need to know. Benjamin Kelly relayed that the emphasis on transparency was more along the lines of a financial that can be read in a more consumable manor.

Matt Woodard asked the board, based on the recommendations, some of the parameters that need to be kept in place based off district responses and suggestions. Keeping 2/1 match seems to be important due to the wide array of opinions district to district. As IASCD has discussed with supervisors for the last three years, there is not a true consensus either way. Other feedback that needs to be relayed to ISWCC is that documentation and qualifications still need to be reduced. Many districts don't feel we need commission rules for every situation. Rules that the commission has promulgated has made them regulatory in many instances. There is also widespread agreement that there is a need the base funding to increase

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Woodard adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director