



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 2020
Alpine Board Rm
Red Lion Hotel - Boise, Idaho**

- CALL TO ORDER** President Steve Becker called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors to order at 12:50 AM on Tuesday, November 11, 2020 at the Red Lion Hotel, Boise, Idaho. Those present included Steve Becker, Richard Kunau, Mike Somerville, Tom Daniel, Kit Tillotson and Benjamin Kelly.
- PRESENT**
- MINUTES APPROVED** The board reviewed the agenda and made provisions for any special guests joining the meeting. The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on June 13, 2020 were distributed for review (see attached). Kit Tillotson moved the minutes be approved as printed. Seconded. Passed. The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on September 1, 2020 were distributed for review (see attached). Tom Daniel moved the minutes be approved as printed. Seconded. Passed. The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on September 18, 2020 were distributed for review (see attached). Richard Kunau moved the minutes be approved as printed. Seconded. Passed. The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on October 22, 2020 were distributed for review (see attached). Mike Somerville moved the minutes be approved as printed. Seconded. Passed.
- BUDGET REVIEW** Richard Kunau and Benjamin Kelly reviewed the 2020 year-end financial report and the 2020 current financial report distributed at the fall division meetings (see attached). The board discussed IASCD insurance coverage and what is currently being expensed. The revenue received and expensed under the miscellaneous line-item is a pass-through for an annual transaction for Envirothon event liability insurance. Kunau will explain the agreement pass-through funding during the membership business meeting, answer questions and that a representative from Harris & Co. will be joining the meeting via zoom. Kelly noted the separate legislative social account and that IASCD will send out additional correspondence to both districts and legislators concerning the function. The board reflected on last year's legislative social held in January. The 2021 social is expected to provide an accurate reflection of expenses and a better idea of how many legislators and district supervisors will attend year to year. There has been a steady increase since 2016 and the last three years has seen more legislators attend that district supervisors and employees. Kit Tillotson moved to approve the Treasurers Report and current financial. Seconded. Passed.
- 2022 DRAFT BUDGET** Benjamin Kelly distributed the FY 2022 Draft Budget circulated at the fall division meetings and that will be presented to the membership for review at the annual business meeting (see attached). Kelly addressed the proposed income and expenses that had been set at the June 13 board meeting in Boise as well as the current expenses expected at the annual meeting. The board reviewed the annual transfer of the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account. The board reviewed the updates and asked questions they would expect from the membership. The board discussed changes to the budget based on inquiries having to do with pass-through funding. Though it may confuse the financial more, the board agreed to adjust the budget and continue to point out the income and

expenses directly affecting IASCD operations to help membership in the budgeting process. Kit Tillotson moved to approve the adjusted budget. Seconded. Passed. The 2022 Draft Budget will be presented to the membership at the annual business meeting for their consideration and approval.

2020 CONFERENCE

The board reviewed the cancelled 2020 IASCD Annual Conference agenda that was originally going to be held in Burley. Based on district comments who responded, suggestions from the Division IV Conference Committee and the IASCD Board of Directors, it was best to cancel in caution of health concerns. The conclusion was that a number of critical parts of the conference would be negatively affected and not be beneficial enough to ask district supervisors and administrators to contribute towards out of district funds. There were also those that requested we assure that masks, etc. would be worn at all times or they could not attend. The board knew that they could not make any promises to that effect. Coupled with very few of the partners being able to attend, the possibility of presentations being cancelled, tour buses that require social distancing seating, banquets being altered and not being able to interact normally with our supervisors, it was looking like a significant enough portion of supervisors and administrators were not going to make it.

2020 BUSINESS MEETING

Steve Becker asked the board for their thoughts on the IASCD Annual Business Meeting on November 12 and the social the night later that evening. The board reviewed the subcommittee's recommendations including keeping the status quo, reduction or dissolving the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission. the board reviewed the letters that were sent in for and against proposals. Becker suggested that those who composed letters be given an opportunity to speak to their suggestions. All three letters have been printed and will be available for the meeting. The discussion on the proposals will be had at the business meeting and it will be a good time to hear from districts and let the membership will decide. Mike Sommerville agreed to do the District Roll Call at the beginning of the meeting.

Steve Becker called a ten-minute break.

2021 IDAHO LEGISLATURE

The board discussed the upcoming 2021 Legislative Session and the strategy of IASCD continuing to share district accomplishments. The board will be meeting with individual legislators and making presentations to committees. They will also be contacting those elected officials in their divisions for continued support of conservation in Idaho. The IASCD Display Day at the Capitol will be held on Tuesday, January 19, to coincide with the IASCD Board Meeting, to be held at the Capitol on January 16. Steve Becker requested Benjamin Kelly schedule a conference room and lodging for that time. Kelly reviewed the Hyatt Boise location and the price reduction that may be available. The board discussed the increased cost of lodging and finding suitable accommodations. The IASCD Legislative Social will be the evening of January 17-18 and the ISWCC budget hearing before JFAC will likely be the same week but has yet to be determined. With the current 5% holdback on all state agency budgets requested by the governor and 2% decrease for FY 2021, there will likely be little room to advance funding through the ISWCC Budget but IASCD will expect to request an increase if there is an opportunity.

NACD CONFERENCE

The NACD Annual Conference will be in a completely virtual format. The board discussed who would like to attend. The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held online Feb. 1-10 through NACD's virtual meeting hub and will celebrate the theme "NACD's 75th Anniversary: A Diamond out of the Dust". Tom Daniel moved to reimburse board members for registration expenses incurred for the NACD virtual conference. Seconded. Passed.

WASHINGTON D.C.
FLY-IN

IASCD Board members will be looking to travel to Washington D.C. for meetings the week of February 1. The board discussed who would like to attend. Kit Tillotson moved to reimburse board members for travel and lodging expenses incurred in Washington D.C. Seconded. Passed. Steve Becker will begin contacting legislative offices and Benjamin Kelly will secure accommodations.

BOARD
REORGANIZATION

Steve Becker asked for officer nominations for the coming year. Richard Kunau moved to keep the current slate of officers for the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. Seconded. Passed. The officers will be Steve Becker as President, Matt Woodard as Vice President, Richard Kunau as Treasurer and Mike Somerville as Secretary. The IASCD Board Officers will be announced at the annual business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steve Becker adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director