



**Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 30, 2020 - 6:00 PM
Conference Call**

CALL TO ORDER

President Steve Becker called the meeting of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Board of Directors conference call to order at 6:05 PM on Monday, November 30, 2020. Those present included Steve Becker, Matt Woodard, Mike Somerville, Tom Daniel, Kit Tillotson and Benjamin Kelly.

PRESENT

DRAFT BUSINESS
MTG MINUTES

The draft minutes of the annual business meeting held on November 12, 2020 were distributed for review (see attached). The board discussed a zoom option for the annual business meeting and what they were hearing from districts. Those in the room felt it was disjointed and the suggestion was made that the meeting needed to be exclusively in person or by zoom, but not a combination of the two. The other drawback is that if the membership needs to go into executive session there is no true option with a zoom. There were also logistical concerns that made it difficult but had to be accommodated for. The minutes will be sent out to the membership and approval will be at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE
RECCOMENDATIONS

Steve Becker requested the board discuss the makeup of the subcommittee and look for others to include. Based off the first committee, additions should be made for those that requested participation. Kit Tillotson moved to retain the current subcommittee members with those who requested to be added. Seconded. Passed. One request will not be added to the subcommittee due to a conflict of interest. The subcommittee will include:

District	Name
Ada	Joan Cloonan
Benewah	Tim Schaffer
Camas	Steve Miller
Idaho	Elaine Sonnen
Jefferson	Ric Sterzer
Latah	Dave Huggins
Portneuf	Kevin Koester
Squaw Creek	Arthur Beal
West Side	Mark Hyndman

IASCD wants to make sure that districts are able to send in suggestions and input for the subcommittee to compile and to meet and discuss with ISWCC this January in Boise. The subcommittee will discuss all the suggestions and make their recommendations to the IASCD Board.

ISWCC BUDGET
UPDATE

IASCD received the notice today that the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) will convene Tuesday, January 12 to begin agency and institution budget hearings. As a starting point, they developed the hearing schedule as they would in a typical year and will notify ahead of time if the schedule or process changes due to COVID-19 conditions. The initial ISWCC Budget Hearing is currently scheduled January 22 and any approval of the budget by that committee would be later in February – and then would need to be voted on by the House, Senate and Governor.

LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE

Next week we should be finding out some general information of what both the Governor and Legislature plan to do with state revenue rescissions and holdbacks for the current fiscal year. This will also become clearer after the Governor's State of the State address on January 11. Legislators have continued to assert in local media and video conference meetings that they will be playing a large role in how the state handles what to do with the projected surplus. As of this month, the state is forecasting a positive \$587 million ending balance when the budget year closes on June 30. All state agencies including public schools, are still subject to a 5% holdback, with an addition 9.4% added to all agencies except for schools in this current fiscal year (2021). These holdbacks were announced in May and into the summer by the Governor. He originally said it was a proactive move to deal with concerns about the coronavirus pandemic leading to revenue shortages but with the current budgetary news, we are hoping and expecting that at least the 9.4% holdback will be rescinded so that ISWCC can release those funds to districts.

DISTRICT SOCIAL

The IASCD Board the District Social being held in Boise on January 18. The Board reviewed the financial, discussed the loss of any conference income, and agreed that IASCD cover all costs for January. Richard Kunau moved IASCD fund the District Legislative Social. Seconded. Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Becker adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director