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FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES University of Idaho Extension Office, Bonners Ferry, Idaho October 4, 2017 8 a.m. (Pacific Time)

In Attendance

Chair: Terry Lee

Vice Chair:

Secretary/Treasurer-Bonnie Davis

Region 1: Bill Hargrave

Region 2: Alan Martinson

Region 3:

Region 4: Kali Sherrill

Region 5:

Region 6:

Others Attending:- Jeremy Varley-ISDA, Sharayh Krantz-Lemhi County, Dave Wenk-Boundary County, Chase Youngdahl-Bonner County Region 1 alternate, Connie Jensen-Blyth, Idaho County Region 2 alternate, Brad Bluemer-retired weed sup.

Chairman Terry Lee called meeting to order at 8:26 a.m.

General Business

Regarding Agenda: Kali requested we add Weed Issues with the Department of Lands State Parks to new business, Alan requested that Waters of the US Hearings and seed mixes be added, Dave Wenk requested ATV fees be added. Motion was made by Kali Sherrill to approve the agenda as amended, second by Alan Martinson... Motion carries.

Regarding Minutes of the Spring Meeting-Salmon, Idaho: The minutes of the spring meeting had to be revisited as a motion was made and voted upon by a member of the organization that was not an executive board. Motion was made by Alan Martinson to accept the spring minutes as written, second by Bill Hargrave, motion carries. Alan reminded everyone if they are not on the board please do not make or second motions.

Regarding Minutes Summer Meeting, Kooskia, Idaho: Motion was made by Kali Sherrill to accept the minutes as written, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported the following: Year End Financial Report. Expenses for the 2017 fiscal year which ended September 30, 2017 were \$4,259.83, remaining budget balance of \$4,290.17. Ending checkbook balance was \$10,231.45. Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the yearend financial report as presented, second by Kali Sherrill. Motion carries. The 2018 current financial report: budgeted expenses of \$9,550 remains with a checkbook balance of \$10,981.45. Motion by Alan to accept the current financial report as presented, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries. Connie questioned why the website was not funded. It was explained this is only paid every three years.

Reports

IWCA Report- Terry Lee reported the board will meet next Thursday and they are still working on the conference. Connie asked for an explanation about the IWCA. Alan explained this group focuses on the weed conference. IWCC are the decision makers that help to guide state policies. Terry Lee took a moment to remind everyone about the basket raffle at the Idaho Weed Conference. The number of baskets has dropped dramatically the last few years and they would like to see more. A reminder will be sent prior to the conference.

IWCC- No new info at this time.

IWAC- Jeffrey sent an email with updates.

ISDA Communications-Chairman Lee gave an update on yew listing. ISDA opted not to move forward with listing this plant, however Terry does expect to see this come up again after January. Another rough winter and it will definitely surface. He shared that Fish and Game remained neutral at the winter meetings that were held and would not take a stance. Kali suggested talking to our legislators and encourage them not to add yew to the noxious weed list. The landscape group is willing to educate and funding was a consideration as well. Jeremy will keep us in the loop. Terry announced the ISDA is requesting to revamp the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. She has tasked Terry with making some recommendations. Terry will get with Director Gould on this and Jeremy stated he is pursuing it as well. The Invasive Species Council is meeting at ISDA on 11/8 and will be reviewing the new strategic plan. Nic Zurflah has a copy of the draft and it is a five year plan. Jeremy explained invasive and noxious are no longer connected. Nic is dealing with invasive species while Jeremy is noxious weeds. Boat check stations were discussed. Bryce is in charge of 2, Kali and Aaron Hull each have one. Administrative fees are paid to those who are in charge of the stations. Alan wants us to ask the Invasive Species Council for a seat at the table. It was pointed out the governor appointed the board. Jeremy feels we need to write a letter to ISDA requesting this position, he suggested asking Nic since he oversees that board. Kali is attending the upcoming meeting. Alan requested this be put on the agenda for our annual meeting business portion. Alan asked Kali to find out voting vs. participating member.

Jeremy Varley-Jeremy thanked us for allowing him to attend. He has enjoyed the transition and explained it was very unexpected. The 2 staff members left from the old program are Dan Safford and Nic Zurflah. All other positions have been filled: Cole Morrison-Eastern Idaho, Bethany Muffley-Southwest Idaho and from Coeur D'Alene Dr. Kim Holzer who from Virginia and worked at the Smithsonian. Jeremy explained the split between invasive and noxious and attention needs to be on the split. He is currently rewriting the Cost Share Handbook but stated that Lloyd Knight and Pam Juker have to bless it. The Cost Share Review Committee was discussed. Our representatives for the coming cycle are: Bill Hargrave and David Herter. Aaron Hull will serve as an alternate. Jeremy is currently working with the Forest Service on sage grouse and the money for labor to pass down to CWMA's. Alan suggested he call Carol Randall for some help. He asked that we review the in-kind rates as he will be working on those as well. The Cost Share Handbook will be ready on 11/1/17. Dave Wenk said seed is available for the cost share but on private lands only what about industrial forest land? Question was asked regarding federal funding and the use on federal land. This went back to the Warren Ririe days and previous discussions that those agencies have funds for weed control. Those attending noted it would be nice if the people we work with could get the decision makers in their agencies to appropriate more funds for weed control. Regarding funding deadlines for 2018, Jeremy hopes to get the funds to the CWMA's by 4/1/18. No promises.

Jeremy shared that he served as the IAWCS webmaster and he dislikes our current website. He stated the new ISDA website is really good and he will share information with about this provider at a later date. The Facebook page was discussed and how easy it is to use. Jeremy will get Bonnie a list of websites that he recommends that has a mobile app.

Winter Executive Board Meeting-The meeting will be held on January 15th at 9:00 a.m. at ISDA.

LIA-Kali asked if Dave Herter is interested in attending. Connie stated she is still interested and Bill shared his commissioners are not receptive to him attending but he is still working on them. Look to alumni for support for your commissioners. It was pointed out that the facts about LIA are very vague. This is an experience that cannot be explained.

New Business

Weed Superintendents Handbook-Terry Lee reported he is currently reviewing this manual and noted our contact sheet will be updated. He will keep the board posted.

Elections Vice Chair-Terry stated we need to fill this position until the winter meeting when another election will be held. The Executive Board will appoint an interim at this time. Discussion you must have your commissioners support to do this as it is a huge commitment. Terry noted a good secretary makes all the difference. Motion was made by Alan Martinson that Kali Sherrill serve as interim vice chair, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries. This is a big job we do and is not just about our county. Alan encouraged Bill to get support from his commissioners and attend LIA and get prepared to serve as an officer in the future.

Right of Way Treatments-Connie is interested what others are doing for right of ways, are they using cost share money or how are they affording it? She pointed out with Secure Rural School funding going away Idaho County is really hurting for roadside treatment funding. Discussion followed, numerous counties receive funds from their road department for roadside treatments. She noted everyone does things so differently. She thanked the group for their information.

Weed Superintendent of the Year-All nominations are due to Bonnie by December 1, 2017. The nominating committee will be the last three winners excluding those who have retired or passed.

Website-Chase Youngdahl is interested in serving as webmaster. It was suggested we wait for information from Jeremy before we move forward.

Waters of the US-Alan is curious about the recent webinar as he was unable to attend. No one had any information.

Seed Mixes-Pollinators were discussed and the planting of seed mixes containing hem. It was noted that WSU has articles about palmer amaranth contamination of pollinator seed mixes. This is very aggressive and nasty in the Midwest. There are supposed to be zero weeds in these mixes.

ATV Fees-Dave Wenk asked if we ever considered an ATV fee that would go strictly to noxious weeds. Celia told their group to go for it! Oregon gave the Oregon State Department of Agriculture money one year for weeds this occurred in 2013 and was \$350,000. It is a \$12 fee: 1.50 for administration, 15% goes to Parks and Rec, \$1 goes to the sheriff and 85% goes to construction/education. ~~Bill stated his directors of Parks and Rec are fighting against these types of fees.~~ Amended at the winter meeting 1-15-18 to read Bill Hargrave stated the directors of Kootenai County Parks and Rec had trouble tracking these fees within their county, problems making sure the funds go to Bill and the Sheriff. Dave Wenk agreed to investigate this matter further. He would think it could work similar to the way ISDA gets the funds from the invasive species sticker.

Weed Issues with Department of Lands-Terry Ruby is concerned and wonders how others are dealing with IDL/ how state parks and IDL work in other parts of the state. Are they controlling weeds, are they working with us.

Weed Free Gravel-Connie asked about liability when she is doing these things. Her commissioners are not aware that she is doing these inspections. She has no authority as far as the association is concerned. Discussion followed, no action taken at this time.

Annual Winter Meeting Planning-meeting will begin on January 15th at 1:00, adjourn around 4 and Bonnie has been in touch with Lloyd and someone will be there to let us in that morning since this is a holiday. Day 2 will begin around 8.30 with coffee at 7.45 and adjourn around 4. Presentation suggestions are (the name behind each topic is the individual responsible for contacting the presenter): Ditch the Rule by Farm Bureau-Kali, Amanda Williams will present on Teton County and David Herter on Bannock County-Connie, IAC Seth Grigg-Bonnie, Get to know the new weed sups-Kali. Day #2-Weed Free Gravel-? ISDA comments from director and staff-Terry Lee, Business Meeting prior to lunch. After lunch will be a state agency panel including Idaho Parks & Waterways, Idaho Dept. of Transportation, Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game, Idaho Dept. of Lands-Terry Lee, Paul Brusven will report on the Bio Center-Alan, after break Roger Batt will report on the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign (this will be specific to the campaign no lobbying discussion)-Jeffrey, closing comments and that will finish the day. Bonnie will type up a draft meeting schedule and send to the board, please take care of your assignments.

Lunch and then Dave Wenk has arranged a tour for the group this afternoon. Terry thanked everyone for coming and special thanks to Dave Wenk and Bonner County for providing the refreshments and lunch today! We really appreciate it.

Motion to adjourn by Alan Martinson, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

Adopted at the IAWCS Winter Executive Board meeting on January 15, 2018. Corrections are underlined.

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