



# The Idaho Association of WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES SALMON, IDAHO April 4, 2017 8 a.m.

### In Attendance

**Chair: Terry Lee**

**Sec/Treas: Bonnie Davis**

**Region 1: Bill Hargrave**

**Region 3: Steve Anderson**

**Region 5: David Herter**

**Vice Chair: Jeremey Varley**

**Past Chair: Bryce Fowler**

**Region 2: Alan Martinson**

**Region 4: Kali Sherrill**

**Region 6: Jeffrey Pettingill**

**Others Attending:-** Carol Young, Region 1 alternate-Shoshone County, Brad Bluemer-retired Bonner County Weed Superintendent.

*Chairman Terry Lee called meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.*

### Reports

**Regarding Agenda:** Motion by Kali Sherrill to approve agenda, second Bill Hargrave. Motion carries unanimous.

### **Regarding Minutes Winter Meeting, Boise, Idaho:**

Corrections/Clarifications: IWCC Report: Bill Hargrave asked if the ISDA is doing a new Strategic Plan. Website/Facebook: Brad Gamett is the new Butte County Extension Educator. Mark is the new weed superintendent.

Motion by Jeffrey Pettingill to accept the minutes of the winter meeting 1/17/17 as amended. Seconded by David Herter, motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie presented the financial report dated 4-6-17: checkbook balance is \$9,448.62. Total expenditures to date: 2,492.66 with a budget balance remaining of 6,057.34. Bonnie asked if Bayer was going to financially support the Weed Sup of the Year award that was given to Brian Wilbur, she presented Brian with his plaque and \$500 check at the Southwest Idaho Weed Control Association Spring meeting. Jeffrey agreed to get with Kent and see if they will sponsor this. Motion was made by Alan Martinson for Jeffrey to request that Bayer sponsor the 2016 Weed Superintendent of the Year award, if Bayer declines our association will support it. Second by Jeffrey Pettingill, motion carries. Motion by Kali Sherrill to approve the treasurer's report as presented, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

**IWCA Report-** Terry Lee reported IWCA stayed neutral regarding HB274A for the Invasive Species Coordinator. The bill for additional funding passed and was signed. Jeffrey referred to Capital Review dated 3/29/17, no one had seen this but Terry Lee, Jeremey and Jeffrey. Jeffrey felt it gave the opinion the weed superintendents were muddying the waters and initiated this bill but in fact we did not. It was noted the Capital Review that was referred to is written by an intern and approved by Rick Waitley. Jeremey stated he did write a letter supporting a boat check station in his county. Terry Lee explained a concern was people can apply for assistance through our Cost Share for aquatics, mussels etc. Discussion followed of letters from Director Celia Gould and Governor Otter (copy on file). Jeffrey wants to know what Rick Waitley is saying about our association. Is he doing what is best for weed control? Cassia County declined doing boat check stations this year.

**IWCC**-Larry Church, Payette County Commissioner is stepping down from the committee. Terry Kramer, Twin Falls County would like to take his place and is very interested in weed control. IWCC has supported all bills but remained neutral on HB274. Kathy Ford chairs IWCC and John Procter is the vice chair. Jeffrey questioned if this group is still viable. The IWCC needs people interested in the issues.

**IWAC**- Jeffrey said the campaign is recharging since they have been suffering from lack of funding due to ISDA cuts. They are currently looking at funding from the legislature. Roger sent out a solicitation for funding to all the counties. The most recent videos include CWMA's which debuted at the weed conference. The campaign provides for a consistent message statewide. He receives some funding from chemical companies. An email was sent out yesterday asking for info for the social media campaign. It was noted that many counties have Facebook accounts. Jeffrey serves as chairman of IWAC and a big campaign push will be launching in May. They would like to have a formal board once again not just the IAWCS. Gretchen Hyde, Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission used to participate and maybe someone from U of I and possibly from ISDA. Bethany is doing a great job at ISDA we should invite her to attend and start the conversation with them. Jeremy stated IWAC could share Bethany's messages as well. It was asked who we need to include on this board. Kali stated last year the BLM funded dollars through her county to get funding to the IWAC since the BLM cannot directly contribute. Bonnie asked if the board would like her to make the contribution that was budgeted to the IWAC. Yes, she was directed to do so. Jeffrey will have Roger invoice her.

**ISDA**- Jeffrey asked to revisit this later in the meeting. Bryce stated that Director Gould and Lloyd Knight met with Fremont County Commissioners and sheriff as a result of HB274 letters that Bryce circulated. Fremont wants to run their program not the ISDA. Boat check stations were discussed.

9:10 Connie Jensen-Blythe called into the meeting.

Jeffrey pointed out if HB274 passes there is nothing that mandates the governor fill the invasive species position.

**IAC**-Terry Lee stated he could not get on the winter meeting agenda, it was FULL. We are signed up for the summer meeting. Topics for the presentation may include: broom species being added and how we manage these things, Dave Herter stated there are several new weed sups how do we convince commissioners to allow them to get involved. Several are running plow trucks in the winter instead of doing what needs done, how do we get dedicated to weeds. The sup needs to be full time. Connie stated when Secure Rural Schools funding goes away which she feels will be soon she will be concerned about her job as well. She feels this needs to be an ongoing message. Jeremy stated he feels we have good points to start and he will send a message to the board for input. Terry and Jeremy will review the comments and will report on the IAC presentation at our summer meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Cytisus Listing**-The bill passed the house, Alan testified on behalf of IWCA. The senate had concerns of financial impact for the counties. Jeffrey pointed out that Ag Inspectors visit stores such as Lowe's/ Home Depot for compliance we do not.

**Other Legislation**-Yew including Japanese, English and Chinese. Jeffrey feels support could possibly be garnered for listing this as prohibitive. He would like to see this done with the Russian olive as well. Brian Wilbur had shared with Jeffrey that he has a new legislator who ran this through the Health and Welfare Committee. Blaine County added yew to their county list two years ago. Now cities are adding it, this action was pushed for by the public. Jeffrey wants IAWCS to do a white paper on this.

**Summer Executive Board Meeting**- It was reported it will be at Three Rivers Resort at Lowell which is by Kooskia at the confluence of the Lochsa, Selway and Clearwater Rivers. Connie asked how many spots we wish to commit to. Everyone was encouraged to contact Connie for details regarding cabins, tent spots and RV spaces. She asked for an estimate of people campers, cabins, tent spots etc. Motion was made by Alan Martinson that the association purchase steaks for the group for two nights, second by Jeffrey Pettingill motion carries. Alan will work with Connie on this.

**Cost Share Update**-Kali stated that letters went out to everyone last week. She feels check station stuff may have been part of the hold up and its possible Adam had no idea how long it took to do contracts with

CWMA's. Bryce stated education and outreach is very important. Bethany will continue to do what she's doing, Adam reiterated that no cost share money will be going into that effort. Cost Share reps for 2018 were discussed. Bill has one more year and we need to replace Chip. Dave Herter agreed to be the representative and Terry Ruby sent in a letter of interest so he will serve as the alternate. Bill stated he would like to see the reps expand and serve longer terms with more representation across the state. The group explained this was set up in this manner by ISDA. Adam will check Bill's suggestions.

**Website/Facebook**-Jeremey reported he has been updating the contact lists etc. Bonnie posts the meetings on Facebook and Jeremey has been sharing the Invasive Species posts.

### **New Business**

**Invasive Species/Boat Check Stations**-Kali reported week one they found live mussels, week 2 they found another but the mussels were dead. Same inspector caught both boats. The first boat was from British Columbia and is still in Kali's shop. She has to hold the boat for 30 days. Matt Kreizenbeck is following up on the second boat since they released that one after a hot wash. The mussels on the first boat were down in the engine and very small it took a flashlight to detect them.

**2017 Annual Meeting Evaluations**-Bonnie reported she did not receive the evaluations from our annual meeting. No review today.

**Fall Executive Board Meeting**-Bill reported it is going to be held in Bonners Ferry at the University of Idaho Extension building in Boundary County. We will be staying at the Casino at the Best Western Kootenai River Inn in Bonners Ferry. Dave Wenk is working on the details.

**2018 Winter Meeting**-Discussion regarding the best plan for 2018. The weed conference is scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday again this year and Monday is a holiday. Is there a problem with traveling on a holiday? It was suggested we travel on Monday, meet on Tuesday. Jeffrey suggested getting the presentations from our 2017 meeting and have Jeremey put them on the website. Terry Lee will send out an email to survey the group regarding traveling on a holiday. Discussion of having the board meeting on Monday evening. It was also suggested to hold our annual meeting all day Tuesday and ½ day on Friday so we can get the full benefit of our meeting. Presentation ideas for our meeting next year include: recordkeeping (electronic or paper), panel of those using GPS and electronic recording systems, and cell phone apps.

**Weed Superintendent of the Year**-Kali commented for Terry Ruby that the last three recipients of the award be required to nominate someone. Motion by Kali Sherrill that the last three superintendents to receive the award be required to nominate one superintendent. Bill Hargrave seconded, motion carries. Bonnie noted she has already received one nomination from David Herter. Thank you David.

**LIA 2017/2018**-Discussion of who may be interested; David Herter is very interested in attending. Kali suggested getting letters of support from your commissioners. Connie stated she is interested as well. Tuition was discussed. IAWCS policy was explained: the association will pay 50% of the tuition for one person to attend, all travel will be the responsibility of the person attending. This will be addressed further at our summer meeting.

**Annual Meeting Activity**-Alan shared at an Emergency Management meeting he attended they did an activity that was fun. A person would tell two lies and one truth about themselves, the audience gets to guess which one is the truth. This would be a good way to get to know the new superintendents. The board was receptive to this idea. Bill Hargrave volunteered to help with this.

**Statewide Bio Control Taskforce**-Alan reported they will meet in Moscow on 4/17 from 1-5 and in Boise on 4/18 from 8-12. Mark Schwarzlander and Joey Milan coordinate these meetings. Alan would like to see a few more weed superintendents attend. A formal agenda will probably be out next week. Connie and Jeremey plan to go. They will be looking at the future of bio agents.

**Western US Bio Control Planning**-Alan reported that Paul Pratt, USDA from Albany, CA is the Research Leader in Exotic and Invasive Weeds Research and is trying to shore up his funding source. All western states are represented with the exception of Utah. This coincides with the email Adam sent out for bio dated 1/31/17 and titled Prioritizing Weeds for Biocontrol Research in Idaho Survey. There are 31

weeds identified as having an economic and environmental impacts. Idaho had 8 people complete the survey.

**Other Business:**

**Western Society Aquatics Weed Conference**-Jeffrey said the presentation was good. Amy Ferriter is the chair of the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society. Brad wants to remind everyone the WAPMS is held annually in different locations including Hawaii.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Hargrave, second by Jeremey Varley. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.