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FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Bonner County Administration Building Sandpoint, Idaho September 26, 2018 8 a.m. (Pacific Time)

In Attendance

Chair: Terry Lee

Secretary/Treasurer: Bonnie Davis

Region 1: Chase Youngdahl

Region 3: Adam Schroeder (via phone)

Region 5:

Vice Chair: Kali Sherrill (via phone)

Region 2: Alan Martinson

Region 4: Terry Ruby

Region 6: Sharayh Krantz

Others Attending: - Jeremy Varley-ISDA, Dave Wenk-Bonner County Region 1 alternate, Jake Strange-Kootenai County.

Chairman Terry Lee called meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. He thanked Chase on behalf of the association for hosting this meeting and arranging for representatives to join us via telephone.

General Business

Regarding Minutes of the Summer Meeting-City of Rocks, Idaho: Page two final sentence states Terry motioned to adjourn. Clarification it was Terry Ruby. Motion by Terry Ruby to accept the summer minutes corrected, second by Alan Martinson, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported the following: Year End Financial Report. Expenses to date for the 2018 fiscal year are \$3,675.32, remaining budget balance of \$5,874.68. Current checkbook balance is \$14,906.13. Chase Youngdahl requested clarification of Travel/Conferences. It was explained this is for travel to other conferences and can be used by anyone on the board. Motion by Chase Youngdahl to accept the financial report dates 9-26-18 as presented. Second by Terry Ruby, motion carries. Dave Wenk joined the meeting.

Reports

IWCA Report- Terry Lee reported they have been working on the website and the speakers are all confirmed. The planning went well this year. The board will be meeting next week.

IWCC- Terry Lee reported they too will meet next week. He shared that John Proctor, IWCC Chair is the Region 4 Forest Service representative, he is the new Warren Ririe. Terry reported that John is working on money going to the CWMA's and it may be a large amount. This could be coming as soon as next year. Terry shared concerns with the money going to ISDA due to the required amount of forest canopy by ISDA. John is unsure how that requirement came about and knew nothing about it. Another option may be to have it go to the local forest service districts and would be distributed similar to the BLM funding the counties and CWMA's receive. The forest service wants to be more of a player and participate with us. They realize many CWMA's need funding assistance with labor and equipment and ISDA will not fund those items. Terry asked the board for concerns or questions they might have. Alan Martinson said the RC&D also has trouble with gray areas things need spelled out. Money is needed to produce educational materials and to sponsor workshops. Education, rehab, seed and contracts are a necessity too. Alan

suggests we get as specific as we can. Terry Lee and Alan Martinson assured the board they will be very specific when the IWCA and IWCC meet next week.

Chairman's Update-Terry Lee reported that Representative Wood attended our summer meeting and suggested we meet with the new governor, keep the weed issues on the front burner. Chase Youngdahl questioned is the IWCC active? Terry Lee feels activities they used to be involved with that were beneficial included meeting with legislators, hosted events including legislative lunches, the weed summit etc.

IWAC- no report today.

ISDA Communications-

Jeremey Varley-Jeremey thanked us for allowing him to attend. He reported on the boat check stations-43 fouled boats to date and the inspectors have performed at a level they never before have. This is a result of the training and some have worked multiple seasons. There is a bigger push to record weeds on boats which is new this year and there have been more hot washes. More people are stopping, law enforcement has had a large presence, agreements with local sheriffs and state police have helped with this. Are there plans to expand the program? There will be some site improvements and Nic Zurfluh is dealing with this aspect. Dave Wenk said his commissioners are very concerned with those who are purposely avoiding the check stations. Jeremey encouraged Dave to ask his Board of County Commissioners to write a letter to Nic or the Director.

Alan Martinson asked the status of the Weed Advisory Committee? This is on hold until the new director is appointed.

Old Business

2019 Budget Review-The new budget was briefly reviewed by those attending.

Website-Chase Youngdahl, webmaster continues to do updates. He stated the IAWCS handbook is outdated in particular the contacts need updated. Discussion of what format this has been distributed in hard copy, CD, maybe a USB. Everyone agreed this is a great tool. Terry Lee will update this soon including all the contacts including ISDA and region contacts. Chase stated the Education/Outreach tab has some of the past presentations but is missing several. We can include upcoming educational events in this and activities. There is a job openings tab, this could be a valuable location to advertise job openings. The board thanked Chase for all the work he has done and continues to do on the website. Facebook was briefly discussed and Chase has set this page up so that events can be added which is beneficial to those viewing the page. There is a link to the Facebook page on our website.

Winter Executive Board Meeting-The meeting will be held on January 14th at 9:00 a.m. at ISDA and Jeremey has arranged for the conference room. It was asked why our annual meeting is held there rather than having it at the Riverside at the same location as the conference since we have a cash carryover. It was noted we could probably absorb this additional cost one time. The ISDA building is convenient, there is no charge and the ISDA staff can interact with us which is very beneficial.

LIA- Michael Ottley, Cassia County will be attending.

New Business

Irrigation/Drainage District Weed Treatment-

Roger Batt sent an email dated August 27, 2018 that read verbatim:

As you know there are quite a bit of noxious weeds that grow along canals, ditches and drains throughout the season. I recently met with some of the irrigation districts and canal and ditch companies about this issue. Many of them want to control these infestations but do not have the manpower or resources to do what is needed. But they are also worried that folks who have property along these areas will miss-apply a herbicide and the irrigation delivery entity will get blamed. There is also the NPDES issues since it is next to water bodies.

Would you as county weed control entities be willing to sub-contract with these irrigation delivery entities to get the job done if I were to go to the legislature and acquire the necessary funding to compensate you and your crews? (the ask would include money for personnel and supplies, etc.). It makes sense since you are the experts on weed control. Thank you, Roger.

The board felt it was best to address this matter at the annual meeting in January. Roger will be asked to do a ½ hour presentation on behalf of the Treasure Valley Water Users Association as Roger serves as the Executive Director for their association.

Executive Board Region Representatives, Duties and Absences-Chairman Lee stressed participation needs to be improved. It was discussed this needs to be touched on at the annual meeting. It was suggested to bring pages from the handbook of what the duties are. It was stated maybe the representatives don't know what their responsibilities are, Terry Lee feels they are well aware. We must stress the importance of the representatives attending these meetings.

Elections Vice Chair-It was stressed anyone who is interested in this position this is a six year commitment, 2 years as vice chair, 2 years as chair and 2 years as past chair. Dave Wenk is interested, he has the support of his county commissioners and has the budget to travel. His commissioners encourage him to attend meetings and other events. The board thanked Dave for doing this.

Cost Share Review Committee Members 2019-Jeremey reported the following people sit on the review committee-1 range person, ISDA representatives, (Office of Species Conservation, Forest Service this year they will only be involved with the Sage Grouse requests,) region reps from IAWCS, IWCA, IWCC, Joey Milan, Stephen Cox and Jeremey. Changes for 2019: ISDA will be doing 3 reviews per year. They will be looking at the previous year, records and did you follow the agreement. You will receive a two week lead time prior to the review. This process will take 1-2 days. Jeremey and one member of the fiscal department will be doing the reviews. There will be Sage Grouse money available again this year. Additional cost share requests will be for flowering rush which is present up north and east Idaho. Line item ledgers and support documentation will be required for payments next year so they can see the actual receipts. GPS changes will include-log in with ESRI, ISDA could get a live link but not until the end of the year. Edd maps-there is a meeting currently happening and could be some changes there. The funding level for 2019 looks to be about \$1.1 million. Estimates are about the same but they have used more aquatic funds this year due to additional treatments. Discussion followed that it is getting more difficult to meet all the demands that ISDA has if we request funds. Maybe in the future the philosophy will change. Maybe we could once again include education, outreach and research. Dave Herter and Aaron Hull are our representatives on the Cost Share Review Committee. Chase Youngdahl agreed to serve as the alternate.

Weed Superintendent of the Year-Terry will send out the solicitation. We will see if Kent Pittard, Bayer will sponsor this again.

IAC Presentation for Winter Meeting-Kali Sherrill, current vice chair will be doing this presentation as she will be the Chair at the time of that meeting. It was noted there will be a large number of newly elected officials attending this year. She will do an email to superintendents to see what they would like her to address and will contact Seth Grigg, executive director about getting on the schedule.

Annual Winter Meeting Planning-meeting will begin on January 14th at 1:00 and continue all day on the 15th. Alan Martinson asked if we are going to do something for Director Celia Gould, maybe a plaque or certificate or something. Kali feels maybe a gift certificate. Motion by Alan Martinson to give the director a \$150 gift card and a certificate of appreciate upon her departure. Second by Kali Sherrill, motion carries.

The official planning of the annual meeting began. Bonnie will type up a draft meeting schedule and send to the board, please take care of your assignments.

Terry thanked everyone for coming and special thanks to Chase Youngdahl and Bonner County for hosting this meeting. We really appreciate it.

Chairman Lee called the meeting adjourned at 12.25 p.m.