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WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture, Boise, Idaho January 15, 2018 9 a.m. (Mountain Time)

In Attendance

Chair: Terry Lee

Vice Chair: Kali Sherrill

Secretary/Treasurer-Bonnie Davis

Region 1: Bill Hargrave

Region 2: Alan Martinson

Region 3: Steve Anderson

Region 4: Terry Ruby

Region 5:

Region 6:

Others Attending: - Jeremy Varley-ISDA, Region 1 Alternate-Chase Youngdahl-Bonner County, Region 2 alternate, Connie Jensen-Blyth, Idaho County, Dave Wenk-Boundary County, Tony Pozenel-Madison County (representing Region 6).

Chairman Terry Lee called meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

General Business

Regarding Agenda: Alan Martinson requested we add Vice President Recommendation to General Membership to New Business. Motion was made by Alan Martinson to approve the agenda as amended, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

Regarding Minutes of the Fall Meeting-Bonnors Ferry, Idaho: Bill Hargrave asked the minutes be corrected to read: 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. The Kootenai County Parks and Rec Director is not opposed to it.

Motion was made by Alan Martinson to approve the fall minutes as corrected, second by Steve Anderson, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported the following: budgeted expenses of \$9,354.02 remains with a checkbook balance of \$13,835.47. Chase inquired about the Weed Summit line item. The board explained the summit is held every other year and this pays for the food for our members who attend. The summit is a good opportunity to network however the decision makers for agencies that attended in the past don't always attend anymore. Motion by Alan Martinson to accept the current financial report as presented, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

Reports

IWCA Report- Terry Lee reported the conference is coming along and announced that Lt. Governor, Brad Little was scheduled to speak at the general session but will not be able to attend.

IWCC- This organization does not seem to be a priority for agency leaders. Discussion that possibly the Invasive Species Council has taken a lot of steam away from the IWCC. Terry Lee and Kali Sherrill attended the Invasive Species Council meeting and planned to request that our association have a seat at the table. It was noted that Nic Zurflah heads it up but is unknown if he is the chair. The council is chaired by the Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Its core members include representatives from the Executive Office of the Governor and the directors of the following state entities: Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Environmental Quality, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Dept. of Fish and Game,

Dept. of Lands, Dept. of Water Resources, Dept. of Commerce and Labor, Idaho Transportation Dept., The Office of Species Conservation, a member of the Idaho Senate, a member of the House of Representatives, a representative from the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association. Membership also includes various federal entities, tribal governments, Idaho universities, and private and not for profit organizations with an interest in the well-being of Idaho pertaining to invasive species.

ISDA Communications-Chairman Lee stated he and Kali have not met with Director Gould yet but some of the topics they plan to discuss include the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Connie stated it seems that noxious weeds are falling to the bottom of the invasive priority list. Alan shared the IWCA was going to make a formal request to bring back the noxious weed advisory board.

Kali joined the meeting at this time.

Alan and Terry Lee discussed they think the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee will be very beneficial with the new administration.

Kali stated at the Invasive Species Council meeting she asked about IAWCS having a seat at the table. They said everyone is welcome and they thought it was a good idea to have the weed superintendents join. The question was asked when Terry and Kali will meet with the director. Terry stated we will know more after the next IWCA meeting but probably within the next 30 days. Alan asked about topics for this meeting, Terry has some ideas in addition to the usual.

IWAC-It was asked if Roger Batt is a 501 C-3. Yes, he is. Bill and Connie reported on the recent meeting of the board. The next meeting may be held in February.

IAWCS Website/Facebook-Terry Lee asked Chase Youngdahl, Bonner County Weed Superintendent if he was willing to be the webmaster? Chase feels he can work this in and is willing to do it. Bonnie explained Jeremy is still on a portion of the website contract and will need to be removed but he has to do this, she cannot. Alan suggested Chase get with Jeremy Varley and try to get this ironed out. If it's not possible it may be best to abandon it and create a new website. Motion was made by Alan Martinson that Chase Youngdahl be appointed the new webmaster, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

Congratulations and thank you Chase.

Tony Pozenel, Madison County joined the meeting.

Weed Free Gravel-Alan Martinson feels those wanting to do weed free gravel need to make a formal request to ISDA for a certified weed free gravel program. Reference was made to the email sent out by Dan Safford after our last meeting that explained ISDA is not going to take a position on this matter at this time.

Other Revenue Sources-Dave Wenk stated he tried to get information about ATV fees and they won't release anything. He cannot find the info. Dave will check with Montana and see how they do it. Kali feels not only legislators but large landowners who have power could help with this. Montana charges \$1.50 per unit (ATV) for weeds. We need another avenue to purchase equipment and labor other than state cost share dollars. It was noted we need to be careful because if the funds go through ISDA it may come with cost share restrictions.

Break-

Jeremy delivered the message that Matt Montelious, Custer County will not be able to join us because he cannot find a motel room. He apologizes.

New Business

Elections-

Secretary /Treasurer-Motion was made by Kali Sherrill that Bonnie Davis continue as secretary/treasurer, second by Steve Anderson. Terry asked if anyone else is interested, seeing none motion by Alan Martinson that nominations cease, second by Kali Sherrill. This is a two year term.

Vice Chair-Alan Martinson moved the executive board recommend Kali Sherrill for vice chair, second by Bill Hargrave. Motion carries.

Bill left the meeting to go and pick up his staff that are arriving by plane.

Schedule Board Meetings-Spring meeting: April 4th in Salmon, Sharayh Krantz will host. Summer meeting: July 13-14 in Region 4. Kali was reminded to try to arrange for a site where there is a motel

nearby since many don't have the ability to camp out. The fall meeting will be held September 26 in Sandpoint and Chase Youngdahl will host.

IAC-Terry Lee said he is not speaking at the winter meeting, he spoke last year and will speak at the summer meeting. Location has not been announced yet for that conference.

IAWCS Winter Meeting Agenda-Terry stated regarding the panel Parks and Rec will not have anyone attending. There was discussion of how to get Kent Pittard's payment for weed sup of the year processed easily. Alan asked what if the association got a square space. It's easy and allows payments for a fee of 3%. Alan moved we get a square to take credit cards, second by Chase Youngdahl. Motion carries.

Weed Superintendent of the Year: There were three nominations this year, this is a positive thing.

Pesticide Credits for the Annual Meeting-There seemed to be some concern and confusion among some members regarding the purpose for this class. Kali asked what's more important professional leadership and development or recert credits. This was discussed many years ago and it was decided credits are not as important as superintendent training is to our members. Bonnie noted that each agenda that has been sent out included at the end with closing comments and pesticide credits. We do the best we can to get a few credits but that is not the intent of this meeting. It is especially difficult when the agenda isn't finalized. Bonnie called Ben at ISDA last week and asked a huge favor, yes please review our credit request because she had just gotten all the speakers confirmed. Terry thanked Bonnie for always taking care of this.

Motion to adjourn by Chase Youngdahl, second by Kali Sherrill. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 11.45 am.