



The Idaho Association of WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES via Zoom 9:00 am (Mountain Time) Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Chair: Kali Sherrill
Secretary/Treasurer: Bonnie Davis
Region 1: Chase Youngdahl
Region 3:
Region 5: Dave Herter

Vice Chair: Dave Wenk
Past Chair: Terry Lee
Region 2: Alan Martinson
Region 4: Michael Ottley
Region 6: Sharayh Krantz

Others Attending: Shelby Heiderman-Region 1, Connie Jensen-Blyth-Region 2 Alternate, Jeremy Varley-ISDA.

Chairman Sherrill called meeting to order at 9:08 am. She welcomed everyone and apologized for having to meet virtually due to the group size limitations.

General Business

Regarding Minutes of the Fall Meeting-Sandpoint, Idaho & virtual: Motion by Dave Wenk to accept the minutes of the fall meeting dated October 8, 2020 as presented, second by Alan Martinson. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie presented the current financial report dated 1/12/2021. Expenses to date \$1,318.50, balance of budgeted funds \$15,031.50, current checkbook balance \$20,513.08 which includes \$3,450 in 2021 dues received this fiscal year. Bonnie stated we have not received the 2021 dues from Caribou County and Teton County has withdrawn for the year and of course we do not receive dues from Nez Perce County. Motion by Chase Youngdahl to accept the final expenditure report as presented, second by Michael Ottley. Motion carries.

LIA-Connie reported they completed the Moscow session with everything postponed since then. She explained the difficulty due to the group restrictions. There are numerous farmers in her class and they are going to run out of time soon.

Weed Superintendent Handbook-Dave reported he is waiting for the updated logo for the manual. He will get this to Chase to place on the website. He will also be adding the Open Meeting Laws to the handbook. Kali thanked him for all his work on this.

ISDA Communication-Jeremy Varley reported when the legislative session ends Negotiated Rulemaking for the next (2022) legislative cycle will begin. The entire rule will be open invasive species, noxious weeds and noxious weed free forage and straw. We are not sure of the process yet but it will happen. Members of the State Noxious Weed Advisory Committee will serve as a sub-committee for Cost Share Review including ISDA staff and other individuals. CWMA agenda's will be coming out soon and the Cost Share Review process will be virtual this year.

General Business

IAWCS Name Change-Kali stated that upon review of the past meeting minutes at our spring meeting we talked about the name change but there was no motion made so no vote was taken. It has to be voted on at two meetings prior to the annual meeting. Motion by Dave Wenk that we change the name of the

association to the Idaho Noxious Weed Control Superintendents. Second by Michael Ottley, executive board and region representatives voted in favor of the name change. Region 3 and 5 were not represented. **IAWCS Website/Facebook**-Chase stated there has been past suggestions about having a picture gallery and needs input from the board on what to post in this folder. He noted there were concerns in the past making him hesitant to post photos but suggested assembling a packet and bringing it to the board for approval or should he just begin posting and if we don't like it request it to be taken down? Dave Wenk stated he was going to do the internal packet of weed sup photos and email it to our members. Out of 41 counties he has received 15 photos back to date. Dave will do a reminder at the annual meeting this afternoon. He wants all the members to have it but understands numerous people did not want it on the website. Picture galleries is one of the suggestions Chase has received at these board meetings. Chase stated the website gets a fair amount of traffic. People like pictures and it makes sense to have a gallery of photos maybe set up an approval process for what pictures should go up or maybe a general approval. Suggestions included photos from our meetings, possibly superintendents could send in pictures of their projects something to provide content and context to the website so people find it useful. Dave Wenk feels if the pictures are sent to Chase that gives him the approval to use it. Chase is comfortable with that. Chase thinks this protocol should be shared with the entire membership. Let them know if they have a project they would like to promote or associate with us or you would like something on the website send it to him. The board thanked Chase for all his work on the website and Facebook page.

Vice President Nominations-Kali shared that Adam Schroeder is interested in this position. She asked if there is any other nominations. Adam is not able to be with us this morning he is in a mandatory commissioner meeting. Adam Schroeder was nominated. Dave Herter, Region 5 jointed the meeting. Alan moved to close nominations, second by Chase Youngdahl. Motion carries. Alan Martinson stated the Executive Board makes a recommendation to the general membership of who the new officers should be. Our recommendation is Adam Schroeder then during the general meeting there will be a chance for other nominations from the floor. If there are no other nominations from the floor the vote will be called for and Adam Schroeder will be the new vice president.

IAC Winter Presentation-Kali reported the winter conference for IAC was cancelled she has been in touch with Shari Fernandez, IAC Event Coordinator who she cc'd Dave Wenk on that we were interested in presenting at the June conference which is held in Coeur d'Alene which is ideal for Dave. Connie wanted to update that she tried to pull an article together for the IAC newsletter of theirs but did not receive any response from anyone. The idea was to highlight a weed superintendent or their CWMA and projects going on. She did not get any volunteers so is asking the board to help her get this done she noted that Dave Wenk also wanted to write the articles. She thought maybe we could use the executive board to get folks to participate. Connie will speak with Cathy (Idaho County) she is the vice chair of IAC and see when the next issue comes out. Dave will work with Shari on the summer meeting. Kali reminded them she has requested 30 minutes for our presentation.

New Business-

Schedule Executive Board Meetings-

Spring-April 7, 2021 at Salmon-Sharayh Krantz will host.

Summer-July 23-25, 2021 North Idaho at Garfield Bay Campground-Chase Youngdahl in charge.

This is a Bonner County Campground (was scheduled for 2020). Has a day use area and a boat launch and some camp sites. He will get with their Recreation Manager and have him close the lower loop for our group. Bring cash or check and pay \$15 per night to stay and pay on site. There is not full hookups but there is potable water. There are restrooms at the boat launch and the campground is pit toilets.

Dave Herter questioned if the motel in Salmon fined us last year due to Covid and us canceling? They were good there were no fines.

Fall-October 6, 2021 in Region 2. Connie asked about Riggins? Discussion followed and she stated they are building a new motel on the north end of town. She will check into Air BnB's and a few motels to see what she can come up with. Meeting location-Connie stated the hotel has a

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meeting room, City Hall has a room and they have meetings there and would be easy to coordinate and they have a kitchen and Wi-Fi. Might also be able to use the Hells Canyon Forest Service building. Tour options may include Pittsburg Landing Turkish thistle and they have a demonstration area at the historical park.

Annual Winter Meeting -

Kali announced our annual meeting will begin at 1:00 pm this afternoon. Please encourage everyone to Zoom in so that we can conduct the business of the general membership.

Other Business-

Bonnie inquired if anyone is dealing with the property tax reduction the legislature is looking at. Touched on property taxes escalating to the point that landowners cannot afford to pay them. This is happening in Ada, Bannock and Kootenai counties. She asked if they had been asked to write letters addressing this and impacts to the weed department. Zero based budgeting has been mentioned.

Dave Wenk reported when he spoke at the Republican meeting last night the governor called in with a list. He is going to do a onetime \$295 million tax relief this year and ongoing of \$160 million dollars per year going forward. They are a rural county and probably going to be some legislation pushed through to change some things and all it is going to do is hurt the rural counties. Dave stated the problem being Ada, Kootenai, and Twin Falls because the people live there, there is more representatives and they will have more say. His commissioners are pushing back against it but are really concerned what is going to happen to the rural counties. Discussion not all counties took the Governor's tax reduction funds so if your county did not take it you will not see a reduction and reminded all this is a one-time reduction. Boundary County took the money, Twin Falls and Washington County did not. Dave said his clerk cut his budget last year in anticipation. Kali stressed the importance of communication with your commissioners and your representatives which was reiterated by Michael Ottley and several others.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am

Respectfully submitted by-Bonnie Davis