

**IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**  
**DIVISION II FALL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2012**  
**CRAIGMONT CITY HALL, CRAIGMONT, IDAHO**

**WELCOME:**

Steve Becker and Jerry Reid welcomed everyone.

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Steve Becker, IASCD Division II Director, called to order at 10:05 am

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:**

Kyle Wilson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Terry White seconded. M/C

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**MOTION:**

Leon Slichter motioned to correct the Financial Report section; Annual Budgets Direct Admin budget from 40 hours to 44 hours to reflect the correct total hours.

**MOTION:**

Kyle Wilson moved to approve the financial report as presented with the correction Leon Slichter made in the report. Terry White seconded. M/C

Steve Becker talked about getting Division II an EIN number for the \$11,000.00 in the bank account. Right now the money is associated with IASCD. Bret Rumbeck talked about needing liability insurance for the account. For tax purposes the division needs to get an EIN number. District Law says districts can work together. The five districts still have control of the funds.

**MOTION:**

Leon Slichter moved to pursue an EIN number under the Division II name for the funds which are in the bank under the IASCD account. Kyle Wilson seconded. M/C

**GRAZING CONFERENCE REPORT:**

Leon Slichter reported the Grazing Conference funds are \$9452.40. Wednesday, October 31, 2012 a grazing conference planning meeting will be held. The grazing conference will be held on January 8, 2013 at LCSC Williams Conference Center.

**IASCD BY-LAWS:**

The IASCD By-Laws were presented and discussed. They will be presented at conference. Hope everyone will look at it before conference to vote on them.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:**

Cody Anderson is currently the resolution committee member representing Division II. He said he would continue being the representative. Steve asked if anyone would be an alternate. Leon Slichter volunteered.

**MOTION:**

Leon Slichter moved to have Cody Anderson be the resolution committee member representative for Division II. Kyle Wilson seconded. M/C

**MOTION:**

The chair moved to have Leon Slichter be the alternate for the resolution committee. M/C

**DRY LAND COMMITTEE:**

Eric Hasselstrom is the dry land committee member.

**2012 IASCD CONFERENCE:**

Nancy Weatherstone presented the agenda for the IASCD Conference which will be held at Idaho Fall, November 14, 15, 16, 2012. The theme is "70 Years: Saving Soil One Inch At A Time". The 2014 conference will be hosted by Division II. Steve Becker will contact the Best Western in Moscow and the Red Lion in Lewiston for prices and ask if they would be able to accommodate us for conference in 2014.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Kyle Wilson asked about the by IASCD By-Laws page 2 # 5. He asked if the IASCD has ever been in debt. Normal financial records show they have never been in the red.

**MOTION:**

Bob Reggear made the motion to insert "**for business as usual**" after the word indebtedness in the By-laws Article III # 5. Leon Slichter seconded. M/C

**DISTRICT REPORTS:**

Jerry Reid, Leon Slichter, Ken Stinson, Steve Becker, Bob Reggear and Terry White reported on current activities and projects within their respective districts.

Steve Becker reported the IASCD is holding a raffle for a 1 week trip to Hawaii. The proceeds will go towards sponsoring one supervisor from each division that has never attended the IASCD conference to have the opportunity to attend. He stated they already have \$1100.00 in ticket sales already.

**ELECTIONS:**

**MOTION:**

Leon Slichter moved to keep the director position as current officers with Steve Becker Director and Bob Reggear alternate. Terry White seconded. M/C

**DIVISION II AFO PROJECT:**

The Division II AFO project will be completed this year with 60 projects completed. Ken Stinson presented Leon Slichter, Dick Pentzer and Bob Reggear each a plaque for the 11 years of service sitting on Division II AFO Committee. Other standing members were Cody Anderson, Kyle Hawley, Denny Dau, Tracy Hill, and Dale Nichols. Leon Slichter thanked Ken Stinson for all his extra time he put into the AFO projects.

**SOIL HEALTH PRESENTATION:**

Dick Johnson, NRCS Nutrient Management Specialist, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Soil Health addressing some of the soil health issues that producers are facing and trying to find some solutions. He discussed the NRCS Nutrient Management 590 Standard Code.

Dick handed out a copy of the PowerPoint and answered question.

**BREAK For LUNCH****NRCS REPORT:**

Gene Schock, NRCS, introduced himself. Gene presented a Healthy Productive Soils Check list for growers. He presented a 2012 Conservation Achievements Summary of cost share programs separated by Division II that are administered by NRCS.

Farm Bill didn't make a passage before the expiration date of November 30. The Grassland Reserve Program, Wet Land Reserve Program and Conservation Reserve Program will not be taking applications. EQIP, WHIP and Conservation Stewardship Program are still authorized and applications can be taken for them. Farm Bill status is on hold until after the elections.

Dick Bronson, ISWCC Board Chairman, thanked the Division II for inviting him to the meeting.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:**

Teri Murrison, SWCC Administrator, gave a PowerPoint summarizing budget request information. The 2014 budget request was submitted on September 17 which goes to the legislative services office and the governor's office. The commission plans to retain district support services and programs they have statutory responsibility for.

Teri said they don't expect any changes from the 2013 budget. The 2 to 1 match for district request is 1,053,200.00. She said the NRCS field office rent has increased, so the Boise office staff might have to relocate. She addressed budget request information and obligations to DEQ for TMDL program. The TMDL program has 23 "backlogged" implementation plans in progress for DEQ.

Delwyn Trefz, District Support & Services Specialist, gave the Technical Assistance Working Group (TWAG) update. They have held 10 meetings over 4 month period. They have a ranking tool for prioritizing district request which is a list of question a district has to respond to for requesting technical assistance. The new technical allocation process will be next spring.

Terry Hoebelheinrick, Loan Officer for the Resource Conservation & Range Development Program, reported on the low interest loan rate for projects such as animal feeding operations, stock water pumping, tree plantings, purchase of irrigation equipment, and no-till drills. Rate is 2.5% interest up to 7 year term, 3% interest up to 8 to 11 year term, 3.5% interest up to 12 to 15 year term.

Questions were asked and answered.

**IASCD REPORT:**

Bret Rumbeck, Executive Director, reported the Southwest Pacific Regional Conference there were about 90 people in attendance. There were good speakers. They did a couple District tours, NRCS tours, winery tour and a hops farm tour.

Bret said the IASCD Conference will be November 14-16, 2012.

Newsletter updates were presented.

Bret explained the By -Laws changes in article XV Resolution, and article XIII Suspension and Expulsion of Members, and they have taken out the endowment fund article.

Questions were asked and answered.

Budget reports were disbursed. Bret said the numbers will probably not change between now and conference.

Questions were asked and answered.

Bret wanted to know the best way to get responses back to him.

Kyle Wilson will continue to be the representative from Division II for the TWAG.

District Allocation Work Group (DAG) election –

**MOTION**

Leon Slichter moved to have Steve Becker be the DAG representative for Division II. Terry White seconded. M/C

**IDEA REPORT:**

Karol Holthaus reported the IDEA rifle raffle tickets are for sale and district employees are encouraged to sell them and get them back to Karma Bragg before the conference November 14, 2012.

**POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:**

The IASCD posters were judged. The theme was “Soil to Spoon”.

Claire Smith 1<sup>st</sup> place from Moscow

Tawny Finch 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Lewiston

Jimmy Barnett 3<sup>rd</sup> place from Nezperce

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:**

Kyle Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 pm. Terry White seconded. M/C

Respectfully submitted by:

Karol Holthaus

**IASCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Steve Becker, Division II Director

**IASCD STAFF PRESENT**

Bret Rumbeck, Executive Director

Nancy Weatherstone

Barb Seaman, Idaho SWCD

**DISTRICT SUPERVISORS PRESENT**

Bob Reggear, Clearwater SWCD

Terry White, Clearwater SWCD

Leon Slichter, Idaho SWCD

Eric Hasselstrom, Lewis SCD

Jerry Reid, Lewis SCD

Richard Pentzer, Lewis SCD

Kyle Wilson, Nez Perce SWCD

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT**

Cathy Bolin, Clearwater SWCD

Stefanie Bowman, Idaho SWCD

Ken Stinson, Latah SWCD

Karol Holthaus, Lewis SCD

Elaine Sonnen, Lewis SCD

Lynn Rasmussen, Nez Perce SWCD

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Dick Johnson, NRCS Nutrient Management Specialist, Boise

Eugene Schock, Acting NRCS State Conservationist

Amber Brocke, NRCS Orofino

Chris Johnson, NRCS Moscow

Kevin Seitz, NRCS Nezperce

Jessica Wells, NRCS Nezperce

Daniel Meyer, NRCS Grangeville

Sydney Yunceovich, NRCS Grangeville

Richard Spenser, NRCS Grangeville

Treg Owings, NRCS Lewiston

Teri Murrison, SWCC Administrator

Rich Murrison, Spouse

Delwyne Trefz, SWCC Staff

Terry Hoebelheinrich, SWCC Staff

Bill Lillibridge, SWCC Staff

Dick Bronson, SWCC Board Chairman

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