

Summary of Action Items
Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Association
Spring Meeting
March 16, 2005

Item	Action	Who	Due Date
1	Follow up with Jody Fagan on supply of <i>“Special Update Idaho’s RC&D</i> publication. Note: As of March 25: Jody does not have a supply. All copies have been distributed to RC&D’s. RC&D’s can request a reprint. Cost and who would cover the reprint cost are questions to address.	Arin Nesbitt	Done
2	Follow up with Bob Tribelhorn, RC&D Program Manager, on available funding sources in Idaho similar to what’s available to Georgia through USDA Federal Grants.	Dan Pierce	
3	Follow up with Joe Twitchell on status of providing Kathy Dingman with water quality project information for website	Arin Nesbitt	Done
4	Provide coordinators with Beehive insurance and contact information.	Russ Manwaring	Done
5	Investigate locations in the Coeur d’Alene area and lodging costs for 2005 Fall IRCDA meeting.	Kathy Dingman	
6	Order a supply of IRCDA logo caps.	Kent Rudeen	
7	Send reminder(s) to Councils on award nomination process and deadlines.	Arin Nesbitt	4/2005 9/1/2005
8	Ensure IRCDA display is set up at the IASCD conference. Conference is in Boise November 13-16, 2005.	Bill Moore	11/2005

**Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Association
Business Meeting
March 16, 2005
Boise, Idaho**

Present:

Bob Bolte, Wood River RC&D
Kathy Dingman, Panhandle Lakes RC&D
Sue Ellis, NRCS
Wayne Forrey, Southwest Idaho RC&D
Kim Golden, Panhandle Lakes RC&D
Clyde Hanson, Clearwater RC&D
Dick Hodge, Clearwater RC&D
Chuck Doty, Clearwater RC&D
Jody Hogan, Three Rivers RC&D
Polly Huggins, Wood River RC&D
Gerald Jeppesen, High Country RC&D
Beth Johnson, West Central Highlands RC&D
Dave Johnson, Panhandle Lakes RC&D
Ed Mansfield, West Central Highlands RC&D
Russ Manwaring, West Central Highlands RC&D
Bill Moore, Southwest Idaho RC&D
Arin Nesbitt, West Central Highlands and Southwest Idaho RC&D
Rusty Parker, Wood River RC&D
Dan Pierce, Clearwater RC&D
Dave Radford, High Country RC&D
Ken Roberts, West Central Highlands RC&D
Kent Rudeen, Three Rivers RC&D
Lorraine Simonson, Wood River RC&D
Steve Smart, High Country RC&D
Diana Thomas, West Central Highlands
Julie Thomas, Mid-Snake RC&D

The meeting was called to order by IRCDA President, Kent Rudeen.

President's Report

FY2006 Budget

- The 2006 Budget proposes a new policy for the RC&D Program that phases out Federal support for the local planning areas after 20 years of support. This policy would cancel Federal support for 189 RC&D areas in the 2006 Budget.

Conservation Partnership

- Kent reported that IRCDA was included in the Idaho Conservation Partnership Cooperative Agreement signing last November at the IASCD conference held in Moscow. Partners include Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, Idaho Association of Conservation Districts, NRCS, and IRCDA. Kent stated that IRCDA invited IASCD to this spring meeting.

Western RC&D Association Conference, January 2005, Casper, Wyoming

- There was a good turnout from Idaho. Attendees reported that it was an informative meeting and Wyoming provided great hospitality. The emphasis of the meeting was focused on economic development. Idaho was well represented in the awards division: Paul Calverley received the President's Award for his outstanding commitment to the local, state, regional, and national RC&D organizations. Arin Nesbit received the Outstanding Program Assistant Award, and Russ Manwaring, received the Outstanding Coordinator Award. Congratulations!

2006 Western RC&D Association Conference will be held January 2006 in Kearney, Nebraska.

Special Update – Idaho's RC&D, Partnerships Serving Idaho's Communities, Jan. 2005

- The group has received positive feedback of this report. Thanks to Jody Fagan for doing an excellent job on this report. Congressionals did receive this report.

Action: Arin Nesbitt will follow up with Jody Fagan to see if she has a supply of these reports. Update as of March 25: Jody does not have a supply. RC&D's could request a reprint. Cost and who would cover the reprint cost are questions to address.

Displays

- There are two RC&D displays; NRCS has one and IRCDA has one. These are available for use at local fairs, meetings, etc.

Action: Bill Moore will ensure that IRCDA display is set up at the November 2005 IASCD conference, which will be held in Boise, November 13-16.

National RC&D Leadership Conference – No one from Idaho attended.

Diversity Conference, Dallas, Texas

- Dave Johnson reported that he and Paul Calverley attended. The conference focused on diversity, cultural and mistrust issues. Discussion included ways to reach and assist these different groups.

Federal Grants

- Wayne Forrey reported that www.fedgrants.gov is a good resource for grant opportunities. Wayne described a grant opportunity for RC&D councils through USDA NRCS Georgia for administrative support for Georgia RC&D Councils. Does Idaho have any grant opportunities such as this?

Action: Dan Pierce will take this question to Bob Tribelhorn, RC&D Program Manager to see if Bob is aware of similar opportunities for Idaho.

NRCS Report (from Tuesday March 15 session)

- Richard Sims, State Conservationist, addressed the IRCDA members and reported on issue of the use of government vehicles and RC&D projects. RC&D Council members can be transported in government vehicles if it is within the scope of official government business. That is attending meetings and conferences and any function relating to the normal NRCS/RC&D partnership.

Treasurer's Report

- Gerald Jeppesen presented the 2004 IRCDA treasurer's report (handout). Ken Roberts made a motion to accept the 2004 IRCDA treasurer's report. Wayne Forrey seconded the motion. Motion passed to accept 2004 expenditures as reported. Gerald presented the current 2005 ledger (handout). Gerald noted that all but two RC&D Councils have paid their dues.

Secretary's Report

- Ken Roberts presented the September 2004 IRCDA meeting minutes for review. Correction noted on page 8, change Roger Matson, to Roger Madsen. Ed Mansfield made a motion to approve meeting minutes with correction. Dave Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Review of "September 2004 Summary of Action Items"

- ✓ Items 1, 2, 3 relating to the issue of NRCS vehicle usage and RC&D activities are complete (Richard Sims discussed at March 15 meeting)
- ✓ Item 8-IEDA/IRCDA MOU
It was discussed and agreed to not pursue the revision on the statewide MOU with IEDA. The group feels that individual Councils can develop an MOU with their local EDD. For those interested, Clyde Hanson has a draft MOU to use at the local level.
Clyde Hanson made a motion to cancel the IEDA/IRCDA MOU. Motion approved.
- ✓ Item 11-Develop a list of deadline for the awards process.
December 1st is the deadline for Western RC&D Assn. award nominations. Award nomination information is available on the Western RC&D Assn website. There are six award categories. A template is available on the website showing how to complete the award nominations. Idaho RC&D Councils are to have award nominations into the IRCDA award committee (Joe, Ken, and Gerald) by October 1st prior to the October IRCDA meeting in Coeur d'Alene. State award winners will be forwarded to Western RC&D Assn. by the due date of Dec. 1st.
- ✓ Item 16 - Joe Twitcheil has not sent water quality project information to Kathy Dingman.
Action: Arin Nesbitt will follow up with Joe on the status of this information.
- ✓ Item 18 – General liability/insurance issues
Russ asked if the March 15 presentation given on liability/insurance issues met their needs. The group discussed general and D&O liability. Not all councils have D&O liability.
Action: Russ Manwaring will email Beehive contact information to the coordinators.

Old Business

2005 IRCDA Fall meeting

- It was approved at the Cascade meeting last fall that the 2005 fall IRCDA meeting would be held in Coeur d'Alene in October. Ideas for locations include: Shilo Inn, Templin's in Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene Casino (25 minutes from Coeur d'Alene), and the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Meeting dates discussed were October 25-27. For scheduling purposes it was noted that the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts (IASCD) conference is Nov 13-16, 2005 in Boise.
Action: Kathy Dingman will look into locations and lodging costs. Templin's is first choice.

Spring 2006 IRCDA meeting

- Spring meetings historically are held in Boise. Boise is a convenient location for speakers and congressional staff to meet with IRCDA. Twin Falls and Gooding was suggested alternative locations.

Western RC&D Association

- Paul Calverley is no longer an officer for Western RCD Association. Kathy Dingman has contact with 1st Vice-President Joe Leichtnam. She will keep the group informed of Western news, activities, etc.

IRCDA Awards

State award nominations are due prior to the IRCDA fall meeting. State award winners can be forwarded to Western RC&D Association for consideration. Kent Rudeen stated if state award nominations are submitted two weeks prior to the fall meeting (by October 1st) that is plenty of time to get plaques made for award recipients.

Action: Arin Nesbitt will send reminder to Councils on timeframe to for submission of award nominations.

New Business

Leadership Idaho Agriculture (LIA)

- Kim Golden gave an overview of *Leadership Idaho Agriculture* (LIA). Kim recently graduated from this leadership development program. Gerald stated that he had gone through this program some years ago. This program provides professional growth and leadership development. This intense 4-week program includes a wide range of topics: State's history, economics, politics, cultural, working with media, researching issues that affect the State, natural resource issues, learning about the legislative process. There are two LIA sessions held each year, with 20-24 people per group. To be eligible to attend, participant needs to have some connection to agriculture and be nominated by a LIA graduate. The cost is \$1,750.00. The possibility of IRCDA covering a portion of the tuition for a member was discussed. Gerald stated that this could be possible if IRCDA made it a goal or part of a goal in the work plan. Developing leaders for the future is not currently a goal in the IRCDA work plan. The website for LIA is: <http://www.leadershipidahoag.org/>

Fire Plans

- Russ Manwaring opened discussion on work relating to fire plans. Councils' fire mitigation plans are just the beginning. We should encourage county commissioner to keep fire plans updated. It is important to have a strategy of how to use remaining funds.
- Steve Smart recognized Russ Manwaring for doing an excellent job of representing IRCDA on this coordinating committee, and for keeping IRCDA informed of developments.

Fuels to Schools Program

- This program was discussed and in summary, supply is the major issue. We can develop studies, but how are we going to sustain amount of fuels? Bob Rodman suggested this may be a topic at the fall meeting, perhaps have a site visit/tour as part of the meeting. It was mentioned that this issue is not of benefit to all Councils.

Inland Northwest Economic Adjustment Strategy (INEAS) (handout)

- Dick Gardner gave an update on the INEAS. The partnership between Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, 23 Tribes and the U.S. Economic Development Administration has been in place for years. The goal is to address economic distress in targeted counties and reservations across four Northwest states. The INEAS encourages business development and develops strategies to overcome obstacles to economic growth. The INEAS' work is done as far as the strategy portions goes. A bill for funding got hung up in the legislature last year. The budget environment is very bad right now. But this strategy will be pushed before the legislature again. Montana senator and Senator Crapo will push it forward. The website for INEAS: www.inlandnwregion.org

Community Economic Profiles

- Dick reported on an emerging opportunity for communities. Dick is working with John Marten, BLM economist, on a project developing community economic profiles (i.e., what's changing, jobs, demographics, trends, etc.) The basis for this project was BLM resource management plans needed to include public outreach. County commissioners work with local BLM manager and John Marten on these profiles. The audiences for this type of information are local elected officials and local leaders. This document provides information to use for grant applications, education, and general understanding of the community. etc. Dick explained that he is available to work with local groups on this type of community information development.

Elections

IRCDA Vice President

- Dave Johnson nominated Bob Rodman. Rusty Parker seconded the nomination. Nominations closed by Ken Roberts. Clyde Hanson made a motion that since there is only one (1) nomination, the ballot be favorably cast for Bob Rodman. Chuck Doty seconded the motion.

Bob Rodman was elected IRCDA Vice-President.

IRCDA Treasurer

- Kent Rudeen nominated Dave Radford. Rusty Parker seconded the nomination. Nominations closed by Clyde Hanson. Clyde Hanson made a motion that since there is only one (1) nomination, the ballot be favorably cast for Dave Radford. Ed Mansfield seconded the motion.

Dave Radford was elected IRCDA Treasurer.

Dave Johnson commended Gerald Jeppesen for his excellent work as Treasurer.
Ken Roberts thanked Dave Johnson for his excellent work as Vice-President.

Action: **Kent Rudeen** will order a supply of caps. IRCDA uses these caps as tokens of appreciation for meeting speakers/presenters, etc.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Ken Roberts
Secretary

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