

**Regular Meeting Minutes
IAC District 5 Meeting**

**Spudnik Equipment, LLC
584 W. 100 Road N., Blackfoot, Idaho
April 18, 2024**

Attendees:

Bannock
Jason Dixon
Jeff Hough
John Crowder
Torey Danner
Jennifer Clark
Anita Hymas
Kristi Davenport

Bear Lake
Rex Payne

Bingham County
Eric Jackson
James Roberts
Donavan Harrington
Pam Eckhardt
Jeff Gardner
Jordyn Nebeker
Ryan Jolley
Whitney Manwaring

Caribou County
Aaron Cook

Oneida County
Kathleen Atkinson
Bill Lewis

Other
Rep. Rick Cheatum
Rep. Dan Garner
Senator Jim Guthrie
Rep. Dustin Manwaring
Senator Julie Van Orden
Josh Sorenson
Sally Symons
Vaughn Cook
Angie Lion
Cherisse Brown
Sara Westbrook

Business -

- Welcome and Call to order:** Commissioner Jeff Hough
Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Jeff Hough
Roll Call by County: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou and Oneida in attendance
- Break for lunch
- Presentation of the minutes:** the January 30, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve minutes. The motion carried.
- Presentation of the Treasurer's Report:** Bannock County Treasurer, Jennifer Clark, presented the Treasurer's Report. There is a balance of \$3,664.98. All counties have paid their dues. The breakfast for the last meeting cost \$1,138.02 A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.
- Angie Lion of Black River Performance Management and Cherisse Brown of Idaho State University** gave a presentation on Emotional Intelligence and how it benefits the workplace environment.
- Update by Senator Julie Van Orden** brought the group up-to-date on budgets, both general and transportation, that the Legislature voted on.

7. Update by Representative Manwaring spoke to bills that were and weren't passed. A few bills that were passed were the Area of Impact bill which provides a 2-mile Area of Impact distance around cities with a 5-year review. They worked to clarify the process; if there is a dispute between cities, the decision will fall to the County Commissioners.

Another bill that was passed was one that was brought to the legislators by Bannock County Coroner, Torey Danner. The Next of Kin bill will make it easier for coroners and law enforcement officers to find next of kin for those who have perished.

Among the bills that didn't pass are, Homestead Exemption, Burden of Proof shifting, and Non-profit hospital tax exemption eligibility.

8. Update by Representative Dan Garner spoke to bill HB406 which adds to existing law to provide for the crimes of trafficking in fentanyl and drug-induced homicide (legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2024/legislation/h0406) and HB521 which was a bill for school facilities funding which ended up having a lot of extra stuff in it that should not have been there.

9. Update by Representative Cheatum also referred to HB521 having too many topics, which is against the constitution.

The Ag protection Act will protect areas at the county levels. It will also protect farmers as it pertains to zoning.

He spoke about regulated utilities; this could hurt counties causing 17 to 40% of property taxes to be used for this effort.

This legislative season there were 2000 drafts for legislation, 1200 RSs, and 700 bills hit the house floor.

10. Update by Senator Guthrie says that, per usual, water is a big deal; growth, drought cycles, etc. Ground water supporters and surface water supporters are fighting to shut of ground water for surface water supporters.

He also spoke to the budget process this year and how is was different than in past years.

11. Sally Symons for Senator Crapo detailed a few bills/acts that Senator Crapo is working on which include the Crapo Tailpipe Bill which would give no Fiscal Year 2024 can be used for the EPS's tailpipe emissions bill; the Ammunitions Supply Chain Act which would force transparency from the Biden administration about the status of our domestic ammunition supply chain; reconsidering climate change and focusing on debt instead, among other things.

12. Josh Sorenson for Senator Simpson relayed that Senator Simpson has been working on a Chain of Appropriations Committee; the impeachment of Mayorkas was a big undertaking, and; he and Senator Crapo have been trying to classify the potato as a vegetable.

13. General Discussion:

- There were no topics for discussion
- The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2024, location to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM