

**Regular Meeting Minutes
IAC District 5 Meeting**

**Bear Lake Courthouse
30 N. Main, Paris, Idaho
July 27, 2023**

Attendees:

Bannock
John Crowder
Jason Dixon
Jennifer Clark
Anita Hymas
Ernie Moser
Jeff Hough
Braeden Clayson
Wes Jones

Bear Lake
Rex Payne
Jannelle Jensen
Bradley Jensen
Wynn Olsen
Amy Bishop
Bingham County
Eric Jackson
Jimmy Roberts
Pam Eckhardt

Caribou County
Jill Stoor
Bryce Sorenson
Franklin County
Camille Larsen
Janet Kimpton
Oneida County
Kathleen Atkinson

Power
Sharee Sprague
Delane Anderson
Other
Rep. Rick Cheatum
Rep. Josh Wheeler
Senator Mark Harris
Renee Richardson
Josh Sorenson

Business -

1. **Roll Call was taken**
2. **Presentation of the minutes** – the April 20, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made and carried.
3. **Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report** - Treasurer Jennifer Clark presented the budget. A motion to approve the budget was made and carried.
4. **Wes Jones – National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Overview** - Mr. Jones made it clear that this was talking points only and not a sanctioned training.
5. **Kathleen Atkinson – seeking input of issues, concerns, or good items to take to the IAC Board**
Kathleen didn’t have much to report, but asked members about any concerns or worries.
 - Senator Harris brought up the Next of Kin project circulating through coroners and would end up with DL information being adjusted.
 - Representative Wheeler – had a constituent ask to talk about a statutory need for developmentally disabled or challenged folks with neurological issues. It is a subject that needs to be addressed.
 - Senator Harris – EMS is stretched thin and volunteers are dwindling. A resolution was passed to have the Department of Health and Welfare assist with crafting resolution for this type of issue.
 - Push to address presidential elections. It is stuck in a state affairs committee in the house.
 - Issues with transparent Idaho going from annual presentations to now requesting quarterly presentations. This is very stressful for clerks.

6. **Renee Richardson – providing an update pertaining to the Lava Ridge Wind Energy project -**
 - LS Power is seeking authorization to construct and operate an energy project in Southern Idaho. It would be the first of its kind on federally managed public lands. The company proposes to have 190,000+ acres and up to 400 wind turbines. The smallest turbine would be taller than Statue of Liberty; the tallest would be taller than the Space Needle. Senator Risch has outlined what people are saying and has encouraged Department of the Interior head to listen to the people. Renewable energy already accounts for about 75% of Idaho’s energy.
 - Senator Risch is also working on many cyber security issues as well.

7. **General Discussion –**
 - Rex Payne - Bear Lake Commissioner: seeking to discuss a foodbank program in Bear Lake County. Eric Jackson, Bingham County Commissioner, gave examples of similar community programs. Delane Anderson, Power County Commissioner, also provided examples of foodbank distribution through the High School in American Falls.
 - Senator Harris: water is a big area of disagreement right now; surface water vs. ground water. Medicaid is also an issue. The appropriation for Medicaid was over \$4 billion in the State of Idaho. The Value Care Method is being implemented as mandated by the legislature back in 2020. Pandemic started a spike in the enrollment. Legislation is being worked on to assist the Bear Lake County Commissioners on some land use issues.
 - Representative Cheatum: Discussed the Library Bill and working with association of Cities on the proposal. He is working on a Law Enforcement bill and plans to bring it forward.
 - Jeff Hough, Bannock County Commissioner, reviewed information that he obtained at the NACO Annual Conference about PILT, LATCF, SRS assisting with the Center for Public Lands. NACO assists the Western states with telling their story to the legislators on the East Coast.
 - Jason Dixon, Bannock County Clerk: mentioned that the Idaho Supreme Court is attempting to implement a system that effects the Clerk’s staff and IT regarding network safety
 - Representative Wheeler: Physician Assistants - Bridge physician license where in last year they may practice healthcare if they are guided by a licensed physician. He also discussed the potential of Taxing Vaping products. He formed East Idaho Coalition with other legislators some of whom are Representative Cheatum, Senator Harris, Senator Guthrie, and others.

8. **Setting next meeting date –** The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the Commission Chambers room 212 of the Bannock County Courthouse at 624 E. Center Street, Pocatello, Idaho.

Adjourned at 3:08 p.m.