

District IV Chair Stephen McDougall Graham, Blaine County Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance by Norma Anaya, Lincoln County Assessor.

Invocation by Ben Crouch, Jerome County Commissioner.

No IAC staff present.

Minutes of the District IV meeting held October 10, 2024 were presented by District IV Chair Stephen McDougall Graham. Motion for approval was made by Brent Reinke, Twin Falls County Commissioner. Motion was seconded by Muffy Davis, Blaine County Commissioner. Passed unanimously.

*An error on page 2 was brought to attention after the meeting. The error stated Linda Jones was from Gooding County. The error was corrected to Lincoln County.

Treasurer's report was presented by District IV Chair Stephen McDougall Graham. Motion for approval was made by Dan Schaeffer, Minidoka County Commissioner. Motion was seconded by Don Hall, Twin Falls County Commissioner. Passed unanimously.

Introduction of newly elected county officials:

Norma Anaya, Lincoln County Assessor

Vern Eames, Gooding County Commissioner

Sheryl Koyle, Minidoka County Commissioner

Rocky Matthews, Twin Falls County Commissioner

Introduction of legislators:

Representative Jack Nelsen, District 26 Seat B, Committees: Agricultural Affairs, Education, and
Resources & Conservation

Representative Lance Clow, District 25 Seat A, Committees: Business, Education, and
Transportation & Defense

Representative David Leavitt, District 25 Seat B, Committees: Agricultural Affairs, Commerce &
Human Resources, and Health &
Welfare

Representative Steve Miller, District 24 Seat B, Committees: Appropriations, Agricultural Affairs,
and Resources & Conservation

Representative Mike Pohanka, District 26 Seat A, Committees: Rules & Administration, State
Affairs, and Transportation &
Defense

Updates from legislators:

Representative Jack Nelsen – Gave updates on: voucher/tax credits for education, keeping speech requirements, water resources agreement, liability concerns for utility companies, liability concerns for companies using Round-Up and concerns for exported vs domestic production.

Representative Lance Clow – Gave updates on: short-term rentals, voucher/tax credit/education savings account plan for education, Lava Ridge Wind Project, 3rd bridge crossing for the Snake River Canyon.

Representative David Leavitt – Gave updates on: keeping rules with the legislative body rather than statutes, Lava Ridge Wind Project, retirement pay for veterans, military priority for charter schools.

Representative Mike Pohanka – Gave updates on: visiting Mountain Home Air Force Base and Future Farmers of America, tarping semitruck loads, UTV safety requirements, Air Force base water purification system, 3rd bridge crossing for the Snake River Canyon, highway improvement projects for conditions and safety, failed public notice resolution, mask mandates, judge shortages and benefits, fingerprinting bill for those working with vulnerable individuals.

Representative Steve Miller – Gave updates on: JFAC budgets and revenues, the economy, reducing federal budget and its impact on Idaho, concerns for cutting various budgets, tax cuts, labeling law for insect proteins in meats, codifying rules against Lava Ridge and Taurus Wind Projects for future possible projects, Idaho's importance in nuclear power, Idaho's importance to processing spent fuels, Idaho based resources.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall made a comment calling the Representatives our colleagues and friends, we pride ourselves on our relationships, we are partners, and they are appreciated.

Minidoka County Commissioner Dan Schaeffer made a comment to the Representatives to let them know that we are available to them.

Nomination and Election of District IV Representative to IAC Legislative Committee Alternate:

The position was previously held by Minidoka County Commissioner Jared Orton. He gave a summary on taking an appointment for the Commissioner's and Clerk's Board which meant vacating the alternate position. Commissioner Orton nominated Minidoka County Commissioner Dan Schaeffer. Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke made a motion to close further nominations. Motion to elect Dan Schaeffer passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

ICRMP Report – Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall gave updates on: the challenges with the ICRMP and reinsurance market, asking all of us to work with each other to help bring down rates, hiring another law enforcement and jails specialist for training, new policy for post accident drug testing ("may" vs "shall" and having reasonable suspicion) the new policy was requested to be sent to the group.

GEM Plan – Minidoka County Commissioner Jared Orton gave updates on: the group is in good financial shape, no major claims, legislation to allow cities to join with state insurance program.

Legislative Report – Jerome County Commissioner Ben Crouch gave updates on: joint commissioners committee across neighboring counties, the IAC legislative priorities (consolidate elections, public defense reform, tourism tax, public notices, procurement law changes, youth vape prevention, property tax relief, coroner records exemption, hospital tax exemption, health district licensing fees, EMS edified as essential, solid waste disposal responsibility). There was open discussion on public notices, tourism tax, and E911 funding.

IAC Representative Report – Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke gave updates on: acknowledging and appreciating IAC Board President John David Davidson for conducting the meetings throughout the week, clean financial audit, 4% increase from asset investments, CES out of New Mexico with group buying capabilities and establishing the same process in Idaho to help all 44 counties work as one.

South Central Behavioral Health Board Report: No report

Association Reports:

Assessors: No report

Clerks: No report

Commissioners: No report

Coroners: No report

Prosecutors: No report

Sheriffs: No report

Treasurers: No report

No other business

District IV Chair Stephen McDougall Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm

Submitted, Will Carson, District IV Secretary/Treasurer