

Minutes of Meeting
Idaho Association of Counties District 1
April 21, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Benewah County

Jack Buell, Commissioner
Phil Lampert, Commissioner
Sara Sexton, Treasurer

Boundary County

Dan Dinning, Commissioner
Walt Kirby, Commissioner
Glenda Poston, Clerk
Susan Larson, Treasurer

Shoshone County

Jay Huber, Commissioner
Mike Fitzgerald, Commissioner
John Hansen, Commissioner

Bonner County

Glen Bailey, Commissioner
Dan McDonald, Commissioner
Jeff Connolly, Commissioner

Other Attendees

State Representative District 1A Heather Scott
State Senator District 5 Dan Foreman
Mrs. Maria (Dan) Foreman
State Representative 1B Sage Dixon
State Representative District 4A Luke Malek
State Senator District 4 Mary Souza
Teresa Baker, Director of Government Affairs

Kootenai County

Chris Fillios, Commissioner
Jim Brannon, Clerk
Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk
Steven Matheson, Treasurer
Laurie Thomas, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Mike McDowell, Assessor
Richard Houser, Chief Deputy Assessor
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by IAC District 1 Chairman Jim Brannon at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions: Introductions were made by all present.

Changes to the agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Business:

Approval of January 13, 2017 Minutes: Kootenai County Assessor Mike McDowell moved to approve the minutes from January 13, 2017. Boundary County Clerk Glenda Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Legislative Reports: IAC District 1 Director of Government Affairs Teresa Baker presented an update on the Legislative Session. She explained there were nine bills on the IAC Priority Legislation list that had been addressed and ultimately, one was tabled, which was Early Voting. However, Ms. Baker did note there were several bills that were successful, such as Senate Bill 1080, which is the Property Roll Bill, and the Whistleblower Protection Act Bill. She also noted some changes with Recording Fees in the Irrigation

Districts and Open Meetings Laws and further explained other successful bills. Mr. Brannon asked Ms. Baker if there would be any clarification on the Recording Fees, Bill 205, in excess of 30 pages. Ms. Baker stated that after 30 pages, it would be \$3 a page.

IAC Report: Ms. Poston stated that the bylaws would be reviewed at the Board Meeting and the 2018 WIR would be hosted in Sun Valley and promised a more in depth update at the next meeting.

Secretary/ Treasurer's Reports: IAC Treasurer Steve Matheson stated there was \$16,067.29 in the IAC District 1 account.

County Reports: Bonner County Commissioner Glen Bailey stated their primary concern was the amount of snow and rain, which caused mudslides and flooding. He stated FEMA had visited and had declared a great portion of their county as a disaster area. Mr. Bailey explained the one positive outcome of this disaster was the amount of people who were helping each other by providing shelter and helping with the clean-up efforts.

Shoshone County Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald stated there were 22 individuals and five businesses that had frozen pipes, but had received a grant to upgrade the pipes and stated they had to declare a state of emergency for those frozen pipes. Mr. Fitzgerald introduced their new Commissioner, John Hansen and explained their broadband internet would be expanded to Cataldo.

Benewah County Commissioner Phil Lampert stated that Benewah County declared a state of emergency, explaining the St. Joe River had gone from 30 yards wide to 3 miles wide in several places. He stated they were working on repairing the damage sustained from the flooding and were moving forward with County business as best as they could.

Kootenai County Commissioner Chris Fillios stated a disaster declaration had been filed, due to mudslides and flooding. He also noted they had hired a new Airport Director and provided a brief summary on Kootenai County's open positions. Mr. Fillios also explained there had been approximately \$12.5 million reserved for the Jail Expansion that would add an estimated 150 beds.

Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dining stated there were snow and water emergencies in Boundary County and FEMA had estimated \$4.5 million in damage to their infrastructure. He stated that IAC District 1 had a great opportunity to give private input during weekly conference calls and asked the legislators in attendance if it was possible to have a conference call with them once a week. Mr. Dining expressed appreciation for the five Northern Counties really working together to accomplish their goals.

Mr. Brannon agreed with Mr. Dining and expressed his gratitude to the legislators for taking the time to attend the Legislative Luncheon and for the hard work they have been putting in.

Public Comment: Benewah County Commissioner Jack Buell stated ICRMP had about an \$8.5 million loss due to the disasters during the winter months and explained had they not been prepared for the disasters, it could have been much worse and expressed his gratitude and appreciation to ICRMP.

Mr. Brannon stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made and seconded and was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Ronnie Davisson, Kootenai County Deputy Clerk