

## Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee

September 24, 2019 | 10:00 am -11:30 am  
Boise Center | Boise, ID | Room 110CD

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Call to Order

Substitute Chair Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

#### Approval of the February 2019 Minutes (Action Item):

*Caribou County Commissioner Bryce Somsen moved to approve the June 2019 meeting minutes. Washington County Commissioner Kirk Chandler seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### Idaho Water Update | *Stacey Satterlee, Coalition for Idaho Water & Paul Arrington, Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA)*

The Governor convened a workgroup on salmon recovery. This started at a conference where Congressman Simpson made bold statements about looking at dams to see if they still serve an important role in the Snake and Columbia river systems. Afterwards, Governor Little said he would like the “‘breach’ the status quo.” Activist groups took this opportunity to bring dam breaching to the table. The workgroup has 16 members. It is evenly distributed between industry, water users, grain growers, power, the port of Lewiston, environmental groups, tribal interests and others. There have been 3 public meetings. The Governor’s Office of Species Conservation (OSC) is running the meeting. The goal is to make consensus recommendations to the Governor to increase salmon number in Idaho. The Governor stated that dam breach is not something the workgroup should consider because there wouldn’t be any consensus in the group. There is misinformation out there that wind and solar have replaced hydroelectric energy. Hydro is the backup. Wind and Solar are not steady. Hydro is steady and always there when more power is needed.

Idaho’s economy is based on water, especially in southern Idaho. The reservoir system contributes billions of dollars to Idaho in the form of energy production, agriculture, recreation, and flood control protections. IWUA works hard to protect this important resource.

The Columbia River Treaty between the United States and Canada is currently being re-negotiated. Part of Canada’s strategy is to intimate that the United States benefits far more than Canada does from the treaty and therefore should pay more. IWUA has been working with the U.S. negotiation team to help develop the dialogue

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on the shared benefits of the river system, especially the major benefits to Canada and Canadian businesses. The negotiations should continue beyond the end of the year.

IWUA represents all the irrigation districts and canal and groundwater companies throughout Idaho. Idaho is growing and therefore there is more interaction between agriculture and urban communities. IWUA is trying to figure out how to keep irrigators up-to-date on new developments going in around irrigation facilities. There needs to be room around the ditches for maintenance. In 2018, Idaho code was amended to require irrigation entities to receive notice about planning and zoning decisions. It requires irrigation entities to proactively provide written notice from counties when they want to be notified about an upcoming decision that interacts with their facilities. IWUA is still in the process of getting their members to provide these notices to their counties.

**Building Codes Update | *Andrew Bick, Division of Building Safety (DBS)***

There have been several changes to the way building codes are adopted. No longer will DBS be setting the low bar for building codes. DBS is moving forward to set better codes for the state. Recently DBS recommended adoption of all of the 2018 ICC codes with minor changes. The legislature will consider them during the 2020 session. If adopted, these codes would go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. DBS is meeting more frequently to review codes and allow for public comment. DBS is looking to put into place a definitive review process so local jurisdictions can have time to review the new codes coming down the line and prepare for them. One potential change to look for in the future is an increase to ADA dimensions for restrooms to accommodate increased obesity in the United States.

*Caribou County Commissioner Bryce Somsen moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 11:10 pm. Blaine County Commissioner Dick Fosbury seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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**Members Present:**

Ada: Robert McQuade, Assessor  
Adams: Viki Purdy, Commissioner  
Bear Lake: Vaughn Rasmussen, Commissioner  
Bingham: Mark Bair, Commissioner  
Blaine: Dick Fosbury, Commissioner  
Blaine: John David Davidson, Treasurer  
Boundary: Dan Dinning, Commissioner  
Caribou: Bryce Somsen, Commissioner  
Custer: Steve Smith, Commissioner  
Elmore: Josh Dison, Assessor

Lincoln: Rebecca Wood, Commissioner  
Payette: Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner  
Payette: Marc Shigeta, Commissioner  
Shoshone: Jerry White, Assessor  
Teton: Bob Heneage, Commissioner  
Teton: Cindy Riegel, Commissioner  
Twin Falls: Brad Wills, Assessor  
Valley: Dave Bingaman, Commissioner  
Washington: Debbie Moxley-Potter, Assessor  
Washington: Kirk Chandler, Commissioner

**Members Absent:**

Chair: Rick Winkel, Commissioner  
Vice: Dave McGraw, Commissioner  
Ada: Kendra Kenyon, Commissioner  
Ada: Rick Visser, Commissioner  
Adams: Sherry Ward, Clerk  
Bannock: Terrel Tovey, Commissioner  
Benewah: Donna Spier, Assessor  
Bingham: Tanna Beal, Treasurer  
Blaine: JoLynn Drage, Clerk  
Bonner: Dan McDonald, Commissioner

Boundary: Sue Larson, Treasurer  
Butte: Rose Beverly, Commissioner  
Camas: Matt Pember, Prosecutor  
Cassia: Leonard Beck, Commissioner  
Clearwater: John Smith, Commissioner  
Custer: Wayne Butts, Commissioner  
Gooding: Mark Bolduc, Commissioner  
Kootenai: Richard Houser, Assessor  
Lewis: Shelley Ponozzo, Treasurer  
Madison: John Weber, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Timothy Hibbard, IAC  
Seth Grigg, IAC  
Roger Clark, Jefferson Commissioner  
Lisa Collini, Washington Commissioner  
Galen Colter, Camas Commissioner  
Lon Colton, Oneida Clerk  
Mark Rekow, Gem Commissioner  
Chris Fillios, Kootenai Commissioner  
Brent Reinke, Twin Falls Commissioner

Doug Wallis, Franklin Commissioner  
Kim Keeley, Teton Clerk  
Stacey Satterlee, CIW  
Paul Arrington, IWUA  
Andrew Bick, DBS  
Johanna Bell, AIC  
Jerry Mason, ICRMP  
Pete Katsilometes, OSC