

**Regular Meeting Minutes – Draft
IAC District 5 Meeting**

November 10, 2021
Itafos Conda Phospate Building
3010 Conda Road, Soda Springs, Idaho

Attendees:

Bannock County

Ernie Moser
Jeff Hough
Terrel Tovey
Jason Dixon
Tony Manu
Steve Herzog
Torey Danner
Sheri Davies
Adam McKinney
Wes Jones
Braeden Clayson
Emma Iannacone
Kristi Davenport

Power County

Delane Anderson
Sharee Sprague

Bear Lake County

Vaughn Rasmussen
Rex Payne
Heber Dunford

Bingham County

Mark Bair
Donavan Harrington

Caribou County

Bryce Somsen
Doug Wood
Aaron Clark
Denise Horsley
Angie Mendenhall
J. Adam Mabey

Other Attendees

Renee Richardson
Jim Guthrie
Farhana Hibbert
Randy Armstrong
Mark Harris
Seth Grigg
Sara Westbrook

Oneida County

Kathleen Atkinson
Lon Colton
Arne Jones
Cody Brower
Bill Lewis
Bob Christophersen

Call to Order – Commissioner Hough of Bannock County called the meeting to order.

Evacuation Instructions – due to the nature of the facility in which we held the meeting, evacuation instructions were necessary.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Somsen of Caribou County led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Roll Call – Commissioner Hough welcomed the guests and thanked Commissioner Somsen for helping us make the arrangements to meet at Itafos. Roll was called by Kristi Davenport.

Business

1. **Presentation of the minutes** - a motion was made to accept the minutes; the motion carried.
2. **Treasurer’s report** - read by Kristi Davenport. There was a motion to accept by Somsen and seconded by Atkinson. The motion carried. Discussion pursued pertaining to IAC handling the account for District 5. A motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Lasley. Motion carried.
3. **IAC Update** -Seth Grigg and Sara Westbrook. (1) They are working on legislative issues such as establishing a property tax relief fund, taxing vape products, and a process for Public Defense wherein the counties would no longer have unfunded mandates and ARPA funds to name a few. (2) Seth explained the H. Sydney Duncombe Award which recognizes a citizen, does not have to be an elected

official. Bill Lasley nominated Vaughn Rasmussen and Sharee Sprague seconded the motion. The motion carried. (3) A discussion ensued about the IAC Unemployment Fund Committee. IAC has a 3rd party contact that they work with that makes sure that the claimant is eligible. Lon Colton was nominated by motion to be the committee person and the motion carried.

4. **Redistricting** – Commissioner Terrel Tovey briefly covered redistricting in Bannock County. There will be no legal challenge from Bannock County; but, Ada and Canyon County will most likely sue. Seth Grigg mentioned that if anyone was interested in challenging the map, reach out to Ada County.

5. **Legislative Update** - Senator Guthrie, Representative Armstrong, Renee Richardson – on behalf of Senator Risch, Farhana Hibbert – on behalf of Senator Crapo, and Senator Harris each provided updates on legislative items they have been working on.

6. **ARPA** – Discussion ensued on what each County planned on doing with their ARPA funds. Commissioner Moser stated that Bannock County doesn't have plans at this point because the rules keep changing. Delane Anderson expressed that Power County would like to add security to their Courthouse and potentially upgrade to broadband. Commissioner Bair of Bingham County said that they had a new medical wing for the jail, upgrading wastewater and a District Joint Partnership with Shelly. Commissioner Somsen expressed that Caribou County would like to use it toward extending broadband and the EMS building needs a new roof. Bear Lake would like to see a successful broadband venture. Oneida County is working on a questionnaire to see what their citizens would like to see the money used for.

7. **Southeast Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center (SEIBCC) Update** – Matt Hardin expressed that their goal is to reduce the strain on local hospitals and jails. Idaho is one of the top states in suicide with Bannock County being among the leading counties. SEIBCC is State-funded and free to its clients. In the third quarter, there were 153 clients. There has been a 60% increase in homelessness and, in the past 3 months, transients are the biggest issue. They have Spanish speaking staff and bilingual materials to assist with the minority population

8. **Regional Discussion** – (1) Adam McKinney gave an update pertaining to the ISPCG Grant. The goal is to modernize and streamline VESTA. This will help to protect against outages. (2) Wes Jones demonstrated what it took to build an Emergency Operations Center. Our partnership with Idaho State University is the only one in the country aside from Texas A & M. (3) Commissioner Tovey spoke about the need to have a Forensic Pathologist in our area. Conversation arose pertaining to who would pay for it and concerns that the smaller counties can't afford to "chip in". (4) Assessor Davies of Bannock County and Assessor Harrington of Bingham County talked about property assessed values and concerns about the Homeowner's Exemption.

9. **General Discussion** – None

10. **Setting next meeting date** – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 a.m. in Boise during the IAC Legislative Conference. The location will be forthcoming.

Adjourned at 1:37 p.m.