

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

April 14, 2022  
Mill House Event Center  
2792 Pocatello Ave., American Falls, Idaho

**Attendees:**

**Bannock County**

Jennifer Clark  
Braeden Clayson  
Melissa Hartman  
Terrel N. Tovey  
Kristi Davenport  
Todd Mauger  
Jason Dixon

**Bingham County**

Mark Bair  
Jessica Lewis

**Oneida County**

Kathleen Atkinson  
Cody Brower  
Bill Lewis

**Power County**

Delane Anderson  
Josh Campbell  
Sharee Sprague  
Laura Porath

**Caribou County**

Aaron Cook  
Vaughn Cook - guest

**Other Attendees**

Jim Guthrie  
Dustin Manwaring  
Sara Westbrook  
Carter Harrison  
Sally Symons  
Renee Richardson  
Kristen Jensen

*(Prior to the meeting, a group of 14 toured the Driscoll Potato plant and the Pontandon's Green Giant Mini-potato processing plants. Feedback was very positive.)*

**Pledge of Allegiance** –Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome and Roll Call** –

**Business** -

1. **Presentation of the minutes** - a motion was made to accept the minutes; the motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's report** - the account balance is \$1,632 as of April 13, 2021. Sharee Sprague made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Kathleen Atkinson seconded. The motion carried.
3. **Discussion of By-Laws** – the topic of collecting dues was brought up. Dues have not been collected for 11 years. Now that we are having meetings catered at venues, it is necessary to either collect dues or discontinue the current practice. The general response was favorable to keeping things going the way they are. The approximate cost is \$2400/year divided by seven counties equals \$350/year. IAC will invoice the counties and collect the funds. Terrel Tovey motioned to accept the collection of dues in the amount of \$350/year per County; Jessica Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Other items pertaining to the By-Laws were brought up such as, which months to meet and terms of office for the board members, including Legislative District Chairman and IAC Board member. Cody Brower commented that the current By-Laws state that “proposed changes to

the By-Laws must be noticed not later than five (5) days prior to any meeting at which a change in the By-Laws shall be voted on". This being brought to our attention, it was decided that these items will be noticed on the next meeting's agenda.

4. **Veterans Update – Melissa Hartman** - with 22 years of experience, Bannock County Veteran's Services Director, Melissa Hartman has approximately 1,800 active cases. In our district, there are 10,000 veterans; 5,700 of which live in Bannock County alone. Veterans services assists our vets with mental and health care, education, burial benefits and widows benefits, to name a few. Bannock County's Commissioners are devoted to serving veterans. Melissa talked about the idea of having someone come aboard to help veterans in our district. Melissa would impart to them her decades of knowledge in this area. Discussion ensued.
5. **Legislative update –**
  - Representative Manwaring – Legislature adjourned late March. There was a big budget surplus of which tax cuts were extended to veterans, homes, roads, building a new 848 bed prison, and more. They are on track to have a good surplus again this year. They also increased the Property Tax Reduction amount.
  - Senator Jim Guthrie – Appreciates communication with counties during legislature and throughout the year. This communication helps our senators and representatives better understand how the decisions they make effect their constituents. A bill considering a 2 cent sales tax hike would help to cut property tax. We are headed for a drought. Water District 29 is in jeopardy of being turned off.
  - Renee Richardson, representative for Senator Risch - Senator Risch is a ranking member of foreign intelligence. He is for stronger, secondary sanctions against Russia with regards to the Ukraine conflict. He is against "boots on the ground" in Russia. He desires to extend Title 42 - which is a Trump-era law that requires vetting of immigrants coming from Mexico due to the COVID crisis – until 2025. Renee further discussed updates on bills that Senator Risch is promoting.
  - Carter Harrison, representative for Representative Simpson – States that Representative Simpson is on the Appropriations Committee, which deals with environmental issues. He is working toward streamlining the process for tapping into our oil and gas resources. The process is cumbersome. Simpson is concerned with the spending and is working on the budget. Idaho is a hot spot for minerals .
  - Sally Symons, representative for Senator Crapo – states that Senator Crapo supports Ukraine, is concerned with the amount of fentanyl that is coming into the country, among other things. Crapo is the chairman of the Finance Committee. The 1.9 trillion dollars of COVID funds that have infiltrated the economy is what is causing our current inflation rate. He voted against the filibuster. If the vote had gone through, there was a line of bills that would have been pushed through, including gun control, the environment, etc. Gas prices were up 70% prior to the war on Ukraine. Sally mentioned how proud she is that she is from a state where three of our Senators/Representatives are ranking members of various committees in Washington D.C.
6. **Kristen Jensen of Great Rift Development** – Discussed various items of economic development happening in Power County. Of note is Laamb Weston which is preparing for a 415 million dollar expansion that includes hiring 400 employees. A new elementary school is being built in American Falls.

7. **Todd Mauger, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Bannock County** – Mauger provided a review of the Assessment Center Training and expressed the importance of an Assessment Center. Currently, members of the community, schools, and law enforcement are the point of contact for kids in the community. An Assessment Center would be a better option for assessing the needs of the juvenile. Mauger passed out details pertaining to a training regarding the concept of an Assessment Center.
8. **General Discussion** –
  - Sara Westbrook briefly spoke about the H. Sydney Duncombe Award and qualifications for nomination.
9. **Setting next meeting date** – The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022; time and location will be forthcoming.

**Adjourned** at 2:12 p.m.