

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
IAC District 5 Meeting**

November 17, 2022

**Bannock County Courthouse  
624 E. Center St., Room 212, Pocatello, Idaho**

**Attendees:**

**Bannock County**

Torey Danner  
Jeff Hough  
Ernie Moser  
Tony Manu  
Alex Hamilton  
Kristi Davenport  
Jason Dixon  
Anita Hymas

**Bingham County**

Mark Bair  
Donovan Harrington

**Oneida County**

Lon Colton  
Kathleen Atkinson  
Bob Christopherson  
Bill Lewis

**Power County**

Delane Anderson

**Other Attendees**

Rick Cheatum  
Jim Guthrie  
Sally Symons  
Renee Richardson  
John Crowder

**Bear Lake County**

Rex Payne – by phone

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

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Commissioner Hough welcomed everyone. Kristi Davenport took roll call.

**Business -**

1. **Presentation of the minutes** – the April 14<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made and carried.
2. **Treasurer’s report** - the account balance is \$1,009.60 as of November 17, 2022. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made and carried.
3. **Discussion of By-Laws** – the changes to the By-laws were discussed. Commissioner Hough requested a change, not yet notated as a potential change, is in Article IV, that Representatives of four (4) counties, instead of five (5) counties, shall constitute a quorum. We will present, at the meeting in January, this item to be voted on. A motion to approve the previous changes to the By-Laws was made by Kathleen Atkinson and seconded by Donovan Harrington. The motion carried.
4. **Vote for New District 5 Legislative and IAC Representatives-**
  - Commissioner Mark Bair was nominated to be the Legislative Representative by Donovan Harrington. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Delane Anderson. The motion carried. The motion was ceased by Commissioner Ernie Moser and seconded by Commissioner Bob Christopherson. The motion carried.
  - Assessor Donovan Harrington was nominated to be the Alternative Legislative Representative by Commissioner Mark Bair. The motion was seconded by Clerk Jason Dixon. The motion carried. The motion was ceased by Commissioner Ernie Moser and seconded by Commissioner Bill Lewis. The motion carried.

- Assessor Kathleen Atkinson was nominated to be the IAC Representative by Commissioner Bill Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Ernie Moser. The motion carried. The motion was ceased by Assessor Donovan Harrington and Clerk Jason Dixon. The motion carried.
- Commissioner Delane Anderson was nominated to be the Alternate IAC Representative by Commissioner Ernie Moser and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Hough. The motion carried. The motion was ceased by Assessor Kathleen Atkinson and seconded by Commissioner Mark Bair. The motion carried.

**5. Introduction of and brief discussion with newly elected legislators –**

- Representative-elect Rick Cheatum: just returned from a legislative tour. Some of the items that he is interested in are property taxes, water usage, and Idaho's abortion law to name a few. He wants to bring a bill with a solution of what to do when a quorum is lost for a city council to the House.
- Senator Guthrie – There are new challenges with the Senate. Twenty-one of thirty-five senators are newly elected. The speaker is gone. There is still a lot of money left for the state to divvy out. The Snake River Plains water is an issue. The ground water pumps were shut off.

A discussion was had on how new caucus members were chosen.

**6. General Discussion –**

- Commissioner Hough introduced the Officials-elect for Bannock County...Commissioner-elect John Crowder and Assessor-elect Anita Hymas.
- IAC update – encouraged to attend County Officials Institute in Idaho Falls on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Power County Commissioner Anderson talked about the expansion for Lamb Weston. They will be doubling the size of the facility which is a great addition for Power County. Senator Guthrie and Scott Bedke for helping with water rights. Power County bonded and bought former FMC water rights a few years ago. He has found that water is a very delicate subject for folks. Valleywide has brought in a fertilizer plant, propane, fuel and a Country Store.
- Bear River Commissioner Payne– had first meeting on Bear River water adjudication. They are in the notification stage. This will affect about 13,000 water users.
- Oneida County Assessor Kathleen Atkinson, says that they are getting closer to installing an elevator to make their courthouse ADA compliant.
- Bingham County Commissioner Mark Bair – housing for Premier Technology would like to hire about 200 more people. Bingham County needs starter homes for people just entering the work force. They have a few RV parks that are full of people living in their RVs. He is concerned about the water situation. Senator Guthrie said that a few people had to lease water from the tribe. Commissioner Bair said that they have been approved for a jail expansion. They will add 75 more beds to their jail.
- Bannock County Commissioner Ernie Moser – we are getting closer to having a location for the Forensic Pathologist. Idaho State University is excited to move forward on this project with us. We are hoping to have this done by fall of 2023. Commissioner Bair said that Bingham County would be happy to help any way they can. He also spoke to our project of unifying our fire districts.
- Bannock County Commissioner Jeff Hough – updated the group on the Safe Teen Assessment Center. This will be a great resource for Bannock and the surrounding communities. Commissioner Hough explained that the Safe Teen Assessment Center is a diversion center for

youth to keep them out of the justice system. Kids would go to the Safe Teen Assessment Center and receive some help for them and their families. It helps families to have the resources they need to resolve issues rather than the criminal justice system resolving the issues. We have a grant from the state and we are partnering with school district 25 as well. Discussion ensued on running the Center.

7. **Setting next meeting date** – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise; time and location will be forthcoming.

**Adjourned** at 2:35 p.m.