

Minutes of Meeting - *DRAFT*

IAC District 1

January 13, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Kootenai County Administrative Building

1st Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B

451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Attendees:

Benewah County

Sara Sexton, Treasurer

Mark Reynolds, Commissioner

Phil Lampert, Commissioner

Bonner County

Asia Williams, Commissioner

Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner

Luke Omodt, Commissioner

Mike Rosedale, Clerk

Grant Dorman, Assessor

Boundary County

Glenda Poston, Clerk

Ben Robertson, Commissioner

Wally Cossairt, Commissioner

Kootenai County

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner

Bob Norris, Sheriff

Stanley Mortensen, Prosecutor

Jennifer Locke, Clerk

Grace Blomgren, Chief Deputy Clerk

Steve Matheson, Treasurer

Rod Jones, Surveyor

Shoshone County

Benjamin Allen, Prosecutor

David Dose, Commissioner

Jeff Zimmerman, Commissioner

Tracy Casady, Commissioner

Tamie Eberhard, Clerk

Other Attendees

Sara Westbrook, IAC

Marc Kilmer, Senator Jim Risch's Office

Juli Smith, Senator Mike Crapo's Office

Caleb Davis, Representative Russ Fulcher's Office

John Elsbury, Latah County Surveyor

A. Call to Order – Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Introductions – Ms. Duncan initiated introductions for everyone in attendance, as there were many new Elected Officials in attendance.

C. Changes to the Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.

D. Business

- 1. Approval of minutes – October 14, 2022:** Glenda Poston moved to approve the minutes. Mike Rosedale seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
- 2. Six County Boundary Line Adjustments:** Ms. Duncan introduced John Elsbury, Latah County Surveyor, who has been partnering with and working on boundary line adjustments with Kootenai County Surveyor Rod Jones. Mr. Elsbury explained that dating back to 1863, when Idaho was declared a territory, this specific boundary line was drawn. He said that back then, the boundary was satisfactory, but now it needed to be adjusted especially since it is not currently causing issues, but may in the future. He said that it would impact six counties: Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone, Clearwater and Latah and noted that the boundary line stretches roughly 100 miles long, but mostly borders federal or state-owned lands. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that Mr. Elsbury would reach out to each county to meet and discuss further details.

3. **ICRMP Board Results:** Ms. Duncan said there were no other nominations and thanked the counties that had nominated her, as she had been appointed to the Board. She noted that her first meeting would be at the upcoming Legislative Midwinter Conference.
4. **Legislator Education on County 101 October 2023:** Ms. Duncan suggested that each county put together some information on what issues were important to them in order to help inform their Legislators and also suggested maybe inviting the Legislators to an upcoming meeting.
5. **Region 1 Behavioral Health Board Vacancies: 2 County Commissioners:** Ms. Duncan said that they were still seeking two more county Commissioners to serve on the Board, and if there were three that volunteered, she would willingly give up her seat for one of them. She confirmed that the meetings were the first Wednesday of every month, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, at Panhandle Health District in Hayden, but also had a virtual option for those unable to attend in person.
6. **Appropriate District 1 Expenses:** Ms. Duncan announced that there was \$22,146.82 balance and asked whether there were ideas on how to expense the funds. Phil Lampert suggested refreshments being served at meetings and Glenda Poston suggested paying for lobbyists' travel expenses or possibly Legislator's travel expenses. Ms. Duncan said that there should be a vote to confirm the uses before beginning to expense the funds. Steve Matheson asked whether property tax dollars could be used to pay for lobbyists and Stanley Mortensen acknowledged that he would look into it. After light discussion, it was determined that a legislative luncheon would be planned for either April or October. Luke Omodt moved to approve the use of the expenses. Tracy Casady seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
7. **FY2023 District 1 Dues:** Mr. Lampert moved to keep collecting dues. Mr. Rosedale seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
8. **Region 1 Catastrophic Board (CAT) Commissioner Representative:** Sara Westbrook explained that the process of nominations for the CAT Board, but pointed out that it would not be a long-term commitment as the CAT Board would be going away in September.
9. **Election of New Officers**
 - a. Chairman – Ms. Duncan said that Benjamin Allen volunteered to take over as Chairman if there were no other nominations. Mr. Lampert moved to appoint Mr. Allen as Chairman. All in favor. The motion carried.
 - b. Vice-Chair – Steve Bradshaw nominated Mr. Rosedale as Vice-Chair. Ms. Poston seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
 - c. Secretary – Mr. Allen said that Jerry White, Shoshone County Assessor, had mentioned that he would take the role if there were no volunteers. Mr. Allen moved to nominate Jerry White as Secretary and Sara Sexton as Treasurer. Mr. Lampert seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Legislative Representative – Mr. Rosedale nominated Mr. Omodt as Legislative Representative. Jennifer Locke seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
 - f. Alternate Legislative Representative – Ms. Poston nominated Mr. Lampert as Alternate. Mr. Rosedale seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

10. Meeting Dates 2023

- a. April 14, 2023
- b. July 14, 2023
- c. October 13, 2023

Tamie Eberhard moved to approve the meeting dates. Ms. Poston seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

11. Reports:

- a. **Legislative Report** – Ms. Poston reported that there were no updates.
- b. **IAC Report** – Ms. Poston noted that there would be an IAC meeting at the upcoming conference, so there would be no update until then.
- c. **GEM** – Ms. Poston provided a brief overview of the GEM Plan and which counties were involved.
- d. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Ms. Duncan said that there had been no funds used and the balance was \$22,146.82.

12. Updates:

- a. **IAC** – Sara Westbrook said that they were working diligently on organizing the Midwinter Conference and briefly outlined some of the sessions that would be offered during the conference. Ms. Westbrook then outlined some of the bills that were being discussed during the current Legislative session, such as a Post-Election Audit Bill and a bill on preventing counties from declaring themselves as “abortion sanctuaries”.
- b. **PDC** – Ms. Duncan said that there was no update, as it would be going away in 2025 because of HB735.
- c. **Sen. Crapo’s Office** – Ms. Duncan announced that Juli Smith was now the Regional Director for Senator Crapo’s Office.
- d. **Sen. Risch’s Office** – Marc Kilmer said that there was not much to report as the House and Senate were in recess, and asked that if there were any federal issues that were of concern, to reach out to their office. Ms. Poston asked if there were any updates on the border control hours, which Mr. Kilmer said that there had been some traction and were working slowly toward a solution.
- e. **Rep. Fulcher’s Office** – Caleb Davis said that there was nothing new to report on, except that there was finally a Speaker of the House and if there were any issues or concerns, to reach out to the office.
- f. **Governor Little’s Office** – Jake Garringer said that Governor Little had laid out his budget that morning, with public education being his top priority and will continue to direct funding for roads and bridges.

E. County Reports

Benewah – Mr. Lampert said that the population was still increasing, as was crime with drug related arrests being the most common. He said that they have been working on developing subdivisions and mentioned that the IDL had recently purchased 4500 acres in Benewah County. Mark Reynolds said that they were excited at the prospect of property tax relief and was hopeful that there would be bills that could provide assistance.

Bonner – Mr. Bradshaw said that growth had slowed as housing inventory had decreased and invited all the attendees to come to a presentation by Glen Bailey, Dr. Fletcher, and Jordan Redman on events that would be taking place that would drastically impact the county budgets. He said that the same presentation would be made at the upcoming Midwinter Conference for anyone to see. Mr. Rosedale noted that Bonner, Kootenai

and Shoshone County had been audited after the Election and each County had passed. Asia Williams said that they were also experiencing an increase in crime, which had resulted in a big push from their Sheriff's Office for certain offices to carry Narcan.

Boundary – Wally Cossairt said that there was a lot of early snowfall, making the roads slick and that there had been a leak in their courthouse, leading to a flood in the basement. Ms. Poston said that they had a successful Commissioner Write-in candidate that won the election and that their Commissioners were leaning toward using their portion of the Opioid Settlement funds for a new SRO.

Kootenai – Jennifer Locke said that they were preparing for the March Election which would need every precinct's participation since each school district was running a levy. Ms. Duncan said that she was heavily involved in the Public Defense conversation and would try and make sure that whatever the Legislators decide would work for the actual Public Defenders, counties and their clients. She also noted that their Public Defender would like to hire a lobbyist.

Shoshone – Ms. Eberhard said that they had three new Commissioners, a new Treasurer and a new Sheriff and that the Sheriff was only the second woman Sheriff in the State. She also said that they had been blessed with a lot of funding for roads and bridges and were able to complete four bridges with zero grant match. She also noted that they had received \$300,000 reimbursement from a previous windstorm, received Title III funds and had also recently created a justice fund. Mr. Allen said that there had been two drug related deaths in the past month and that Panhandle Health District had confirmed Shoshone County had the highest rate of opioid related deaths per capita in the state.

F. Public Comment: Sara Sexton asked if the body was amenable to scanning in all the old Treasury records rather than keeping a hard copy of them, but also noted that there may be an expense associated. There was general agreement the records would be paperless.

G. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, with multiple seconds. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Clerked by: Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

Approved on: