

IAC Legislative Committee

June 5, 2023 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm PST

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Don Hall*

Doug Zenner made a motion to approve the minutes from March 29, 2023. Tom Lamar seconded. Motion Carried.

2023 Legislative Session Recap

It was a pretty good year for IAC. There is about \$140M directed for property tax relief in year one. That will decrease each year. That will be an issue because taxpayers won't understand why, and they will think that it is a tax increase. One main outstanding issue we need to work on. We will be working on the HOE. We are waiting on the lawsuit. The tax commission asked the judge to reconsider his opinion. The judge denied the request, so the tax commission appealed to the supreme court. The speaker decided we needed to wait on the lawsuit, and we don't see that changing. They will probably draw this out until that is completed. Some of the assessors may be working on some legislation over the interim. It would include proration with a roll off clause. We can reach out to Rep. Burns to get a copy of the draft from the session.

The house rev and tax committee were very receptive to IAC this year. We were successful in killing many bills that were introduced in that committee.

New Business

- Energy Siting Locations
This is in regard to the federal government wanting to put energy, such as wind farms, on public lands. This has been a big issue in the magic valley. Other states are having some problems as well. The concern is that the locals don't have any influence on the decisions the federal government is making. The idea is to put code together in the land use planning act to allow locals to put ordinances in place. Sounds like Wyoming has a pretty good law.
- Area of City Impact
Staff will be following up with Sen. Lakey. We will probably see this again and the work has basically been done. Rumor has it that this may be better coming from the House and maybe Rep. Manwaring should start it. Sen. Lakey would probably help with that.

- EMS
Staff is still working on the EMS taskforce. There is some draft language that will be shared later in the week at the IACC conference. It would make counties responsible for EMS, but we have been pushing for having it state that counties are responsible for coordinating EMS instead. The taskforce has some planners that are doing data research to really understand what is happening across the state. It is comprehensive project.

Funding has been a part of the discussion to make sure we can afford it. The planners will be looking to see how it is currently being funded across the state.

- Public Defense
Staff has talked to the Governor's office and here in the next couple of weeks he will have the appointments made for the state public defender selection group. The hope is to have the transition team in place this fall. There will be commissioners on that team as well. We still have some work to do on child protection cases. We also need to help the state with capital cases. One last issue that needs addressed is the employment transitions. We need to address the Court Appointed Special Advocates funding as well.

- Vape Tax
There was pushback but not against the tax in general but how the tax should be applied. There was a meeting with some of the stakeholders and one has some language, but the lung and heart associations didn't like them. The proposal presented was based on volume. Staff has reviewed other states and there are different tax rates for open containers v. closed containers. The open container has a higher rate.

How are they going to regulate on tribal land? It would be the same problem.

- Domestic Wells
Idaho Water Users group brought this issue to our attention. Paul Arrington will be at IACC to discuss this with the commissioners. This issue is popping up everywhere. The goal is to have legislation to encourage community wells v. individual wells. We may want to make sure we stay in the domestic well issue and stay away from the underground water issues. There has to be consideration of other water rights and the limitations on water usage.

- Property Tax Cleanup
Items that need to be worked on is the funding gap and there are some timing issues (deadlines are bunched up).

- Farm Bureau is working on Ag land preservation.
- The Sackett case opinion also came out and there will be more on this.
- We will see the gross profits proposal from Idaho Power bill again.
- Rep. Erickson is probably going to bring his reduction/elimination of juvenile fees.
- Resolution idea to look at our 3% cap.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Others present Lorna Jorgensen and Brent Reinke