IDEA DIRECTORS MEETING
NRCS Conference Room, Boise Idaho
JUNE 11, 2015
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance:
Robbie Taylor, President, Division VI, Joyce Smith Secretary Division VI,
Lisa Transtrum, Treasurer Division V, Chris Simons, Vice President Division IV, and Vicki
Lukehart, Division III, James Pierce, Division I

President Robbie Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with the above directors in
attendance. Liaisons will give their reports upon arrival.

A Motion was made by Vicki Lukehart to approve minutes of the last Director’s meeting held
on March 19, 2015 by Teleconference, 2nd by Joyce Smith. 100% approved, with motion
carried. The word “Spring” to be changed to “Spring” due to a misspelling.

Lisa Transtrum, Treasurer
Lisa provided financial and budget vs. actual reports for review with copies of these reports
available to all. The financial report balance is $16,046.16.

Lisa also reported that 49 of the 50 districts have paid their dues for the 2015 year. The Budget will be discussed during the directors meeting at the November Conference.

A motion was made by Vicki Lukehart and 2nd by Joyce Smith to accept the financial and
budget vs. actual reports presented by Lisa. Motion carried.

A seconded motion was made to pay all bills presented, Motion made by Lisa and 2nd by Joyce.

IDEA/IASCD Agreement
The number of “IDEA agrees to” items were increased from four to 11 to provide the IASCD
with more “deliverables” for their contribution.

Also need to add a (K) to IDEA Agreement to say on display day at the capital in January.

Curtis Elke, NRCS State Conservationist
Curtis introduced himself; He came from North Dakota and gave a little information on his
background. He is looking at non-traditional Partners, as well as new projects and new Ideas. He
also wants to have better working relationships with the soil districts. He gave a program update
with the EQIP for 2015 with 13.3 million plus an additional 2 million with 278 contracts. The
extreme drought fund is $ 725,000 to include 5 counties, D2, D3, D4, counties to receive funds,
Butte, Blaine, Custer, Owyhee, Washington, CSP, 22 contracts, RCPP, 2 proposals funded, 1
was to Trout unlimited. Currently there is $945,841 available for RCPPO funding; the goal is to
double the amount. There is 1.5 million for Sage Grouse and $825,000 for Wet Lands, there is a Technical Advisors meeting in July.

**Division Director’s Reports**

Chris Simmons from Division IV presented a draft IDEA Performance Report and asked the Directors to inform her of events that could be added to the report.

**Annual Work Plan and Policy and Procedures Manual**

A draft CY-16 Annual Work Plan and the current Policy and Procedures Manual were handed out. There were no suggestions to change the either the Work Plan or Manual.

**Contribution letter**

A request for contributions letter highlighting IDEA’s mission, purpose and accomplishments along with an IDEA flyer were distributed for review.

**Annual IASCD Conference**

The upcoming Fall IASCD Conference was discussed with ideas for a workshop, several ideas were discussed, and Director’s decided to table workshop ideas until August and have a phone conference to review ideas for the workshop.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Raffle options and contributions where discussed with mention of each Division and the districts within try to obtain some additional funds for the raffle prizes.
2. Growth Scholarships/information and opportunity for district employees.
3. Raffle to be discussed during the August Phone Conference call.

*Motion made by Robbie Taylor to adjourn, motion 2nd by Lisa Transtrum, motion carried 100%*