# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  $2^{nd}$  by Lisa Transtrum, motion carried 100%