

STATE OF IDAHO
County of Idaho

MARCH SESSION

March 21, 2005

THIRD TERM DAY

The Board met at 8:30 a.m. with Randy Doman, Jim Rehder, Alice Mattson, Commissioners and Rose Gehring, Clerk, present.

The Elected Officials met with the commissioners on their regular monthly meeting.

Disaster Management Coordinator – Jim made motion to approve starting date for Jerry Zumwalt on March 22, 2005 instead of March 28, 2005 as stated on 3-14-05 for our disaster management coordinator. Randy seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jon Stroop/ Mike Cook, Nezperce National Forest, re: road report and scale road analysis. Primary roads which are access to forest service discussed – funding for road maintenance is limited – Mike gave documents to commissioners for review – asking for comments regarding road analysis.

Jon – rock bid – Jim made motion to give rock bid from the bid opening on March 14, 2005 to Highland Enterprises. Alice seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Warren road – residents want road opened soon – after April 1, 2005 – April 15, 2005 – road will be opened from McCall into Warren.

Dust Abatement bids - will go out for publication.

Randy re: Shingle Creek – wants project to continue – land swap on road location – need rough analysis from Jon so commissioners can made a decision. Jon will work with Ray Hamell.

Bill Schlosser/Clyde Hanson/Toby Brown re: fire mitigation plan for Idaho County – gave presentation – additional money available – FEMA mitigation plan should have been done by 11-1-04 – rural fire department may still be able to get funding via Wildland Fire Plan – Idaho County will not be doing the all hazard plan – too late – just wildland fire plan - FEMA requirements discussed – adoption by local government body – involves all county entities and public involvement – previous fire mitigation plan for Idaho County passed in 2002 is not compatible.

Jim made motion to move forward with fire mitigation plan with RC & D and Northwest Management Inc. – discussion – Randy seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting is set for April 12th at the Clearwater Ranger District.

Ron Ramirez re: GEM plan (medical insurance) – discussed deductible plans – select benefits – this program will work the same as our current medical insurance – 20 counties in program – joint powers agreement will be needed if county goes with GEM plan – no decision made regarding this insurance – further information will be acquired.

Bennett Forest – Clearwater Forest Industries – Three Rivers Timber, Inc. regarding Snake River Basin Adjudication – mills have been involved for ten years – they were not at the negotiating table for this agreement – they were asked for input – agreement is complex – two issues – water rights and fish (ESA) issue – mills support agreement due to trade offs – controversy with NezPerce Tribe – this agreement solved this issue – takes federal government out of direct role – buffer proposals solve ESA and NezPerce Tribe issues – protection from law suits - four million acres of land has been in grid lock – this agreement will affect future employment - this agreement gives the mills the certainty on use of water.

Alice stated her top priority is timber industry, but is opposed to this agreement.

Jim thanked group for coming to the commissioners – this is a complex issue – some good components.

Randy questioned – regarding the buffer zones – who were members on science team – requesting more information from this group – do buffer zones apply to Clearwater & Salmon Rivers. Randy stated he wants a good relationship with mill owners and they do support them – also asked if group is interested in being involved with the fire mitigation plan.

Randy stated the two new commissioners were not part of the resolution passed last year – they just made a motion to disagree with the SRBA agreement – agreement was handled too fast – wanted to be able to have time for more input – this is why they disagree.

Governor's meeting for SRBA discussed – Jim stated for the record this was the governor's meeting not the commissioners – it was not up to them to invite the public or any particular group.

Jim Church and Susie Heckman re: Idaho County 4-H program – gave presentation – 425 youths involved – presented brochure on youth development program.

Skott Mealer re: older mobile homes in Idaho County – most counties and cities have ordinances to eliminate older mobile homes – requesting Idaho County to form a committee to check into this – do research – an older mobile home fire caused death of Idaho County resident last week.

Alice stated she hates putting this type of restriction in Idaho County – she doesn't want to see people getting hurt, but some people can't afford any other type of housing.

Skott mentioned that older trailer houses already in the county could be grandfathered in – but prevent any more older houses coming in the future.

Randy made the proposal they get a committee to look into this.

Randy made motion for Skott to form a committee to review this situation – also requesting that Pam Wohlsein be involved with committee along with assessor's office and prosecuting attorney. Jim seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Simmon's Sanitation and Walco Sanitation requesting rate increase in the amount of 15% - increase in fuel – more residents and insurance rate increase – discussion

followed – pamphlets given to commissioners on revenue and expenditures of each business.

Robert Simmon – proposing to remove dumpsters at Dabco – close to their transfer station – dumpsters will be at transfer station – solid waste has increased 700 ton – received some grant money – discussion followed.

Pollution liability insurance discussed – Walco has an insurance for a lesser premium than Simmon’s Sanitation – Robert will work on getting the premium reduced.

No decision made on the rate increase – will work on this when budget process begins.

Order for cancellation of taxes approved:

Patricia Bever – 162.81 – 2004MH – abandoned – moved from site

Sheriff’s Office re: Lewis/Clark grant review – Larry gave history of grant which started as the result of the request from Gene Meinen, former sheriff. 2005 funding anticipated for Idaho County will be \$222,000.00.

3:45 p.m. Jim made motion to enter into executive session for indigent claims. Alice seconded. Motion carried.

4:00 p.m. Executive session ended. Regular session resumed.

One approve Two denied

March 14, 2005 minutes. Randy made motion to approve minutes with amendments. Jim seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Randy made motion to approve secretary wages for prosecuting attorney’s office. Jim seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jim made motion to approve wage increase for Dennis Albers. Randy seconded. Motion carried with Randy and Jim in favor. Alice against.

The Board recessed at 4:40 p.m.

Chairman: Randy K. Jordan

Attest: Rose Gehring