

STATE OF IDAHO
County of Idaho

AUGUST SESSION

AUGUST 19, 2025

THIRD TERM DAY

9:00 a.m. The board convened with Commissioners Skip Brandt, Ted Lindsley and Brad Higgins and Kathy Ackerman, Clerk present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Higgins offered an opening prayer.

Dan Patton and Dennis Brandt, Bureau of Land Management, introduce themselves and give updates on projects they are working on, including boat ramp repairs at Hammer Creek and Lucile. Other projects discussed involve recreational access and fuels, forestry, grazing, fisheries and minerals projects. BLM Law Enforcement Officer Brandt advises of a possible contentious boating event scheduled for next Spring-commends the County on the positive cooperative relationship between our Sheriff's Office and other area LEO's-discussion.

9:45 a.m. Jerry Zumalt and Dave Taylor update on DIGB2 Fiber Project-advise that some of the funding committed from our partners has now been released and will be received shortly. Taylor advises that the City of Grangeville has now also been added. Discussion regarding various challenges.

10:08 a.m. Brandt regarding GNA Weed Projects Bid Opening:

WMA Noxious Weed/Range Management 1-2-3-4, \$160 per acre, 5-no bid, 6-7, \$180 per acre

Nelson Timber Management: 1-2-3, \$125 per acre 4-5-6-7, \$100 per acre

Rural Acre Management: 1-2-4, no bid, 3 & 4 \$98.40 per acre, 6-7, \$97.70 per acre

Granning Ranch: 1-2-3, \$105 4-5-6-7, \$145

Bids will be reviewed by Dunning and Joe Slichter.

10:19 a.m. Kathy Ackerman regarding establishing an Opioid Settlement Fund that authorizes the transfer of funds already received and future funds for better transparency. Brandt moves to approve Idaho County Resolution 2025-14 establishing the fund. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

10:30 a.m. Nadine McDonald updates Commission regarding staffing challenges-proposes hiring an assistant probation officer who could come on and learn some of the basic processes ahead of going to POST training-discussion. Brandt moves to authorize the hiring of an assistant probation officer. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor. McDonald presents quote for a new computer and monitors for this position. Brandt moves to approve the computer purchase. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

11:05 a.m. Denis Duman updates regarding jail project-recently signed a change order that resulted in a credit. Duman advises that he met with the site design manager who has recently redrawn the plan to address the ponds-discussion. Brandt questions the timeline-Duman advises there is no firm date at this point-still shooting for December. Brian Hewson advises that they will be working on getting the space ready with desks, etc., as soon as they are able. Hewson advises that he has been working with Luman and Valence to get the communications portion of project going. Discussion regarding the budget and potential overage. Ackerman will pull together some numbers for further discussion next week. Discussion regarding extra fuel tank and where it might be utilized elsewhere in the County.

11:25 a.m. Scott Dunning presents recommendation for GNA awards-1-2-3 awarded to Graining Ranch, 4-5 to Nelson Timber manage, 6-7 to RAM. Brandt moves to approve the bids as recommended. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

11:30 a.m. Brandt regarding truck traffic on Lukes Gulch/Lamb Grade-investment in signage has not been working-discussion regarding options and possible solutions. Guy VonBargen will check on the cost of replacing the signs. Discussion regarding criteria for Ordinance-MacGregor will work on wording with Jessup when he returns. Continued to September 2.

11:53 a.m. Brandt moves to approve the minutes of August 12. Lindsley seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the transfer and hiring of Lennie Bentz to Appraisal Trainee, Hunter Dublin as Appraisal Trainee, and Ila Duff as Property Clerk. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Catering Permit for Kamiah Hotel Bar & Steakhouse. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Secesh Meadows. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the CompuNet quotes for the Prosecutor's Office and Noxious Weeds. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the Notice to Proceed regarding Ridgewood Road Repair. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Brandt moves to approve the agreement amendment with JUB for DIGB2 Fiber Project oversight. Higgins seconds. Motion carries with all in favor.

Additional meetings: August 20-Fair Opening; Higgins-Stibnite Advisory and North Central Public Health-August 28, ; Brandt, Lindsley, Higgins-IAC Annual-September 15-17.

12:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Attest