

MINUTES  
**SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 12, 2012

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Siddoway, Vice Chairman Smyser, Senators Corder, Pearce, Hammond, Vick, Nuxoll, Bock, and Schmidt

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:**

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies, and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**Chairman Siddoway** called the meeting to order at 8:00.

**Chairman Siddoway** introduced Christy Stansell, the Committee Secretary; Tess Warzyn, the Committee Page; and Eric Livermore, the Committee Intern.

**RS 20881** **Chairman Siddoway** introduced **Senator Corder** to present RS 20881. This legislation contains revisions designed to modernize and clarify the provisions governing the Idaho Wheat Commission. Language put in place when the Commission was established is no longer applicable or narrowly addressed the conditions at that time. Clarifications in the legislation include the process for removing a Commission member, a reference to soliciting donations, the process for calling a meeting, and providing additional authority over the rate assessed for wheat production in the state of Idaho. **Senator Corder** emphasized that it is the grain growers themselves who are requesting to have their cap increased to five cents from two cents.

**MOTION:** **Senator Hammond** moved, seconded by **Senator Nuxoll** to print RS 20881. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Chairman Siddoway** introduced **Vice Chairman Smyser** to assign and distribute the Rules proposals to Committee Members. **Vice Chairman Smyser** noted that the Rule Books were provided individually to each Committee Member on Wednesday, along with a list of assignments. The Chairman and Secretary will work on the Agendas for the presentation and discussion of these Rules which will begin Thursday, January 19. **Vice Chairman Smyser** thanked **Laura Johnson** from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for providing a handout summarizing each of the ISDA rule proposals.

**Chairman Siddoway** announced the Committee, and all Senators, are invited to attend the Idaho State Department of Agriculture annual briefing and breakfast at the ISDA office next Tuesday, January 17th, in place of the regularly scheduled Agricultural Affairs Committee Meeting. An invitation is in each Committee Members' folder. **Chairman Siddoway** asked that Committee Members RSVP to Secretary Christy by Friday, January 13.

**ADJOURN:** **Vice Chairman Smyser** moved, seconded by **Senator Nuxoll**, to adjourn. **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

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Senator Siddoway  
Chairman

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Christy Stansell  
Secretary