

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BOLZ SUBCOMMITTEE
Crop Rules Review

DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Bolz, Representatives Stevenson, Patrick, Pence

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Laura Johnson, Ben Miller, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Bret Rumbleck, IASCD; Kristin Magruder, Teri Murrison, Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator

Chairman Bolz called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0612-1101: **Mike Cooper**, Bureau Chief, Division of Plant Industries, said this rule is brought to the Committee every year and this is the 2012 version. He said this rule is uniformly adopted by all states and provides standards for all states. Mr. Cooper listed the changes and said this is consistent with what has been done in the past with all the rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0612-1101** to the full Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0620-1101: **Mr. Cooper** said this rule has been on the books since 1972, they spoke to the industry several times about updating this rule and only recently decided it should be updated. He said the old rules were hard to interpret and were highly restrictive. Mr. Cooper reviewed the changes and said they have walked through the changes with the groups that were affected. He said after a two year process, the 2008 farm bill revised the grape certification standards. He said Oregon and Washington are also revising their rules to comply with the national standards. Mr. Cooper said Idaho has restructured the law as well regarding the quarantine rules, the requirements for shipping stock into the state, and now they don't differentiate between wine and table grapes because the problems for both can be the same. He said these rules mirror what Oregon and Washington also have in place. Mr. Cooper answered questions from the Subcommittee.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0620-1101** to the full Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0641-1101: Mr. Cooper, explained that this Pending Rule regarding the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001 is updated and approved every year. This rule also amends the labeling requirements to include Guaranteed Analysis and gives direction so the analysis is done by appropriate methods.

MOTION: **Rep. Patrick** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0641-1101** to the full Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0303-1101: Ben Miller, Bureau Chief, Division of Agricultural Resources, said this is a Pending Rule change recommended by the Pesticide Committee. He said Idaho currently has 153 pesticide applicators, the majority have the chemigation applicator certification on their license. The current rule requires the applicator to be at the site during the entire application, some chemigation applications can take two days to complete. This is an unintended burden for these applicators. He said this also adds an unnecessary cost to the 200 private applicators in the state. The change in the rule would allow the applicator to turn the equipment on, then come back every four hours to check that the equipment is running properly.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0303-1101** to the full Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 60-0504-1101: **Teri Murrison**, Administrator, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission introduce **Kristin Magruder**, Program Specialist, to present the rule. Ms. Magruder, asked the Committee to approve this rule for the allocation of funds to conservation districts. She gave a brief overview of the rule saying it is a new chapter and defines the requirements for allocating general funds to local conservation districts. Ms. Magruder said the districts are required to submit three certified reports in order to be eligible for funds and the Commission will determine the amounts to be allocated based on the reports they receive. She said the feedback received was positive.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 60-0504-1101** to the full Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Representative Darrell Bolz
Chairman

Susan Werlinger
Secretary