

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 08, 2013
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives Bolz, McMillan, Batt, Bell, Agidius, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, Stevenson, VanOrden, Pence, Erpelding.
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.
GUESTS: Lisa Kauffman, HSUS; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc; Matthew May, ISCAC; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Dar Olberding, ID Grain Producers; Monica Hopkins, ACLU; LeRoy Fescus, ACLU; Wally Butler, IFBF; Jack Lyman, IMA; and Kent Lauer, ID Farm Bureau.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Andrus welcomed the committee members and acknowledged **Secretary Kim Jensen-Porter** and the **Page, Juritzi Enriquez**. He stated that the mission of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee should be to protect, enlarge and encourage agriculture in our state. Agriculture is the number one industry in Idaho. Chairman Andrus invited the committee members to briefly introduce themselves and tell about their backgrounds.

Chairman Andrus turned the time over to **Vice Chairman Boyle** to discuss rules, as the first upcoming order of business. She stated that there will be three subcommittees appointed: Livestock, Crop and Administrative. Vice Chairman Boyle said the committee members may express a preference for which subcommittee they would like to serve on. Subcommittees will start next week. Laura Johnson and others from the State Department of Agriculture will present the rules to the subcommittees beginning on Monday, January 14th.

Chairman Andrus pointed out that the Agricultural Affairs Committee has grown since last year and had to change committee rooms due to the need for increased seating arrangements. The committee will now meet in EW 42 on even calendar days at 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced. The exception would be that no meetings will be held on Friday afternoons, unless in case of emergency.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Kim Jensen-Porter
Secretary