

MINUTES  
**SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 09, 2014

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

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bair, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Brackett, Tippetts, Rice, Nonini (Nonini), Patrick, Buckner-Webb, Ward-Engelking

**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.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Bair** called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**Chairman Bair** welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2014 Agricultural Affairs Committee (Committee). He welcomed our two new members: Senator Cathyanne Nonini, substituting for her husband, Senator Bob Nonini, and Senator Ward-Engelking. He asked each Committee Member to introduce themselves and talk briefly about their background. He then introduced our new Committee Page; **Jacob Price**, who spoke briefly about himself, and welcomed back Committee Secretary, Denise McNeil. **Chairman Bair** announced that all Committee members have been invited to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) annual briefing and breakfast on January 16, 2014. The invitation will be forwarded to each Committee member and they should RSVP to the secretary. This event will be in lieu of our regular Committee meeting on that same day.

**PASSING THE GAVEL:** Chairman Bair passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Guthrie** who discussed the rules review process. He called attention to the assignments of specific rules to each of the Committee members. A copy of the summary list of the rules, which includes the presenters and their contact information, will be provided by the secretary. Any questions regarding any of the rules and specifically their assignments, can be answered by that contact person. He encouraged the Committee members to let him know if they had any special interest in a particular rule or no interest in their assigned rule, so they could discuss possible changes. **Vice Chairman Guthrie** set the 14th and 21st of January to review these rules in Committee. There being no questions from the Committee, Vice Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel back to Chairman Bair.

**Chairman Bair** brought attention to Pending Rule 02.0623.1301, Noxious Weed Free Gravel and Rock Products Rules, and asked each Committee Member to pay particularly close attention to this rule and contact him with any questions. This Rule will be discussed in greater detail at the Committee meeting scheduled for January 21, 2014.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

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Senator Bair  
Chairman

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Denise McNeil  
Secretary