

MINUTES
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Vick, Senators Cameron, Siddoway, Brackett, Heider, Nuxoll, Stennett and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Chairman Bair

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CONVENED: **Vice Chairman Vick** called the meeting of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME: **Vice Chairman Vick** welcomed Mr. Jake Howard, his staff, and members of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB), along with two appointees to the meeting. He then asked Mr. Howard to introduce the appointees.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION APPOINTMENT HEARING: **Mr. Howard** introduced Mr. Bob Barowsky of Fruitland, Idaho, who has been appointed by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to serve as its representative. The term of the appointment is May 31, 2014 to May 31, 2017.

Mr. Barowsky said that he was born, raised and educated in Payette County, Idaho. He began his 35 year career in law enforcement in 1970 with the Payette County Sheriff's Office. He was elected sheriff in 1980 and retired in 2005. After retirement, Mr. Barowsky was then appointed to the Idaho Fish and Game as the Southwest Region Commissioner in 2006 and served two four-year terms.

In a letter provided by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission (signed by Fred Trevey, Chairman, and Virgil Moore, Secretary) it stated that they felt Bob's experience on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission will serve him well in this assignment to the IOGLB. They are also confident that Bob's service on the IOGLB will promote an excellent relationship and communications among IOGLB, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Game.

When asked if being a sheriff will help in this new job, his reply was yes.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT HEARING: **Mr. Howard** then introduced Mr. George McQuiston, Jr. of Challis, Idaho, who was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB). The term of the appointment is June 2, 2014 to April 20, 2017.

Mr. McQuiston stated that he was raised in Utah where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and outdoor recreation activities with his father. He learned about working hard by working for a dairy farmer in Taylorsville, Utah in his early teens. By his mid-teens, he was able to get his first dream job in the motorcycle industry.

Racing off-road motorcycles became his passion. That passion ultimately led him to an off-road racing state championship in Utah. He was offered a job as a mechanic for a Factory Suzuki race team where he traveled the continental United States and Hawaii. He worked in the motorcycle racing industry until his mid-twenties when he married an Idaho dairy farmer's daughter. He eventually became a licensed real estate broker in Utah and Idaho.

In 2005, Mr. McQuiston purchased an Idaho outfitting business, followed by the acquisition of a Utah outfitting business in 2007, he then added a horseback riding concession at Snowbird Ski Resort in 2012.

Mr. McQuiston became a full-time resident of Idaho in 2012 and in 2014, achieved his dream of buying a small ranch in Custer County, just outside the small town of Challis. He recognizes the economic value outfitters add to the small communities in which they reside and their contribution to many parts of rural Idaho.

Mr. McQuiston is a current member of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association (IOGA) and actively works the IOGA booths at outdoor shows promoting the benefits of outfitted, outdoor recreation in Idaho. He also is a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and donates a hunt at their annual elk camp and convention. Another generous donation of Mr. McQuiston's was two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors at Challis High School in 2014; one for natural resources and the other for entrepreneurship.

Mr. Howard thanked the Committee for the hearing on IOGLB's appointees. He stated that they are two very good men for the job and will serve the people well.

INTRODUCTION: **Director David Langhorst**, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), introduced the next gubernatorial appointee, Mr. Randy Doman.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT HEARING:

Mr. Doman was reappointed to IDPR Board (Board) to serve a term commencing June 30, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2020. **Mr. Doman** said that he was on the Board and would like to continue the progress that they have made, and he enjoys working with the current Board and the new director.

Current organizations of which he is a member:

- Clearwater Basin Collaborative
- North Central RAC (FS)
- Idaho Parks and Recreation

Past organizations of which he was a member:

- Idaho County Board of Commissioners
- NACO Public Lands
- IAC Public Lands

Mr. Doman is a native Idahoan, born in Rupert, Idaho and raised in Cassia County. He was raised on a farm/ranch north of Oakley where he learned the value of hard work and an appreciation for those who put food on America's table. He did all the usual farm kid stuff: drive tractors, irrigate with siphon tubes, haul hay, drive the potato truck, milk cows, ride horses, feed and care for animals, etc.

The family moved to Burley, due to his father's health, when he was 13. Mr. Doman graduated from Burley High School and worked at many jobs during school vacations including shining shoes in a barber shop, loading railcars with fresh pack and frozen potatoes, hauling hay, driving beet and potato trucks, mowing lawns, and cleaning freezer belts at the potato factory. He found time to be active in high school sports. Mr. Doman furthered his education by attending BYU for two years, majoring in zoology. He also took courses at the University of Idaho, University of Montana, and University of Arizona.

Mr. Doman worked for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) during the summers fighting forest fires to pay for college. When he was 23, the USFS offered an appointment, and he spent the next 35+ years working for them. Mr. Doman retired in 2003 as Fire Staff Officer for the Clearwater-Nez Perce Fire Zone. He also did fire training at the local, regional and national levels, as well as serving on several national Incident Management Teams in a variety of positions.

Randy and his wife, Laurie, have a small ranch outside of Cottonwood where they raise horses, cows, and hay. They also manage a dog boarding kennel.

Following a brief discussion, **Vice Chairman Vick** thanked the appointees for their willingness to serve. He then called on Ms. Laurel Sayer, Executive Director, Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts, to make her presentation.

SPEAKER:

Ms. Sayer said the Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts (ICOLT) is a statewide professional organization that supports and improves voluntary private land and water conservation in Idaho. ICOLT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) governed by a volunteer board of directors. Land trusts work with private land owners.

ICOLT'S mission is to support and advance professional excellence in voluntary private land conservation for people and nature.

Ms. Sayer stated that ICOLT does the following:

- Supports professional development opportunities for land trust board and staff members.
- Identifies and addresses policy challenges that may threaten landowners or land trusts engaged in voluntary conservation.
- Provides information and education about private land conservation to landowners, communities, and elected officials.
- Network, share information and build capacity of land trusts.
- Supports land trusts by enhancing tools for permanent, voluntary land protection.

Ms. Sayer explained about land trusts. They have one primary mission and that is to provide tools to landowners to conserve private lands. All land trusts work with landowners to protect private lands through voluntary agreements called conservation easements. Land trusts also work closely with farmers, ranchers and a large group of partners that includes county and state governments, sportsmen, tribes, state and federal land and wildlife management agencies, local watershed groups and others to protect open lands. Land trusts are not a branch of any governmental entity, nor are they environmental advocacy groups. Land trusts all have some attributes in common, but each land trust in Idaho has its own unique working area, priorities, mission and goals.

Members of the Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts are:

- Kaniksu Land Trust, Sandpoint;
- Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands;
- Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, Boise;
- Lemhi Regional Land Trust, Salmon;
- Palouse Land Trust, Moscow;
- Payette Land Trust, McCall;
- Pheasants Forever;
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Boise;
- Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust, Pocatello;
- Teton Regional Land Trust, Driggs;
- The Conservation Fund, Northwest Regional Office, Hailey;
- The Nature Conservancy, Idaho Chapter, Hailey;
- The Trust for Public Land, Northern Rockies Field Office, Helena, MT;
- The Vital Ground Foundation, Missoula, MT;
- The Wilderness Land Trust, Carbondale, CO;
- Western Rivers Conservancy, CO;
- Wood River Land Trust, Hailey;
- Blaine County Land, Water & Wildlife Program, Hailey;
- City of Boise Foothills and Open Space Program, Boise;
- Heart of the Rockies Initiative, Driggs; and
- Trout Unlimited.

Ms. Kristen Troy, the Executive Director of the Land Trust at Salmon, Idaho, spoke about the help offered to four ranchers in that area and also about the 11 conservation easements that are in place.

Representative Beyeler provided slides showing his family and ranch. He talked about the economic impact, family values and the future for his grandchildren. He stated that he fully supports ICOLT and its objectives.

ADJOURNED: **Vice Chairman Vick** thanked the presenters, then adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

Senator Vick
Vice Chair

Juanita Budell
Secretary