

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Kiska, Toone, Abernathy, McCrostie
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative(s) McCrostie
GUESTS: None

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kiska** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, March 4, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 60-0000-1900F: **Colby Cameron**, DFM said this pending fee rule adopts and republished existing and previously codified chapters. He said they were able to reduce four chapters into one while allowing two other chapters to expire as they are no longer relevant. He said one substitutive change was the loan cap which increased from \$200,000 to \$600,000. He explained now projects could begin before the loan is funded.

Chairman Boyle stated the Soil and Conservations Districts are **in support** of the rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0000-1900F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1294: **Stan Boyd**, representing Juniper Mountain Elk Ranch explained the industry has recovered from a deficit position and repaid the ISDA all debts for administration of the program. He said in 2020 the surplus will be approximately \$50,000 and with the revisions in the bill it will reduce the income by approximately \$11,000 a year which will still leave a surplus above the cost of the program by approximately \$25,000. He said the amount can be adjusted by the authority of the Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Bill Barton, Administrator of Animal Industries explained previous circumstances requiring a great deal of resources from the fund. He said it was necessary to increase the fee in the past to overcome deficits and have the balance in the fund they have at this time. He cautioned that the balance could disappear if there is another large scale event.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **S 1294** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary