

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, January 12, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Boyle	Rep Burtenshaw
Vice Chairman Dayley	Rep Kerby
Rep Bell	Rep Troy
Rep Miller	Rep Stevenson
Rep VanOrden	Rep Amador

Rep Armstrong
Rep Hanks
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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2017
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: None

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Chairman Boyle welcomed the committee members of the 2017 Legislative Session and asked each one to give a short introduction of themselves. **Chairman Boyle** recognized the Committee Page, **Emily Horrock** from Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

Vice Chairman Dayley explained the process of Rules Review. The rules will be divided between two subcommittees with the remaining rules being considered by the committee as a whole. The subcommittees will meet to review the Agricultural Department Rules on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. The remaining rules will be heard on January 24 and 26, 2017.

Chairman Boyle assigned **Rep. Troy** from the majority and **Rep. Toone** from the minority, as proofreaders to review the committee minutes during this session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, January 16, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Association of Soil Conservation	Steve Becker, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Steve Becker, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District (IASCD); Kit Tillatsen, IASCD; Billie Brown, IASCD; Tom Daniel, Boundary County SCD; Matt Woodard, IASCD; J. Kent Foster, IASCD/Ada SCD; Richard Kuneu, IASCD; Benjamin Kelly, IASCD; Mitch Coats, Food Producers; Curtis Elke, Natural Resources Conservation Services; Brent Olmstead, College of Agriculture and Life Science; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Teri Morrison, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation.

Vice-Chairman Dayley called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Mr. Steve Becker, Treasurer of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, introduced the Board of Directors and Executive Director to the committee members. He explained the conservation districts were created in 1930 with Idaho following in 1939 assuming the task of being the lead agency to perform voluntary non-regulatory conservation on lands in the State of Idaho. Mr. Becker explained the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation's philosophy is conservation decisions should be made by local people with technical and funding assistance from federal, state and local governments and the private sector. He said the stewardship of our state's soil and water resources is a responsibility all Idaho citizens share.

Mr. Becker updated the committee on the North Central Idaho Wildfire Restoration Group. He explained the group was formed in response to the wildfires that occurred in 2015 in North Central Idaho. In 2015 wildfires raged through North Central Idaho burning approximately 226,000 acres. He said a technical team was formed in September 2015 to complete the assessment work needed in order to develop a plan. The goal of the restoration group was that projects be scientifically based and developed at the local level. He reported the assessment has been completed and proposed projects have been ranked, selected and implementation has started.

In response to a committee question concerning the eight proposed projects identified, **Mr. Becker** explained only three are fully funded at this time.

Curtis Elke, State Director of Natural Resources Conservation Services, addressed the committee stating his office has received 6,800 requests for volunteer conservation. They have been able to either give technical service or contract with 2,200 of those requests. Coming from out of state, he said he appreciated the cooperative nature in Idaho of those willing to work together in conservation projects.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Dayley
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Amy Ferrites, CPS; Dave Staley, Bannock County; Dan Eldredge, Bingham County; Scott Leibsle, Idaho State Department Of Agriculture (ISDA); Adam Schroeder, ISDA; Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association (ICA); Bill Barton, ISDA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Alan Martinson, Idaho Weed Control Assoc.; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Bryce Fowler, Idaho Weed Superintendent; David Herter, Bannock County Noxious Weed; Bill Hargrave, Kootenai County Weed Superintendent; Desiree Kerny; Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed; Dan Steenson, IDA Sawtooth Law; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Brandy Kay, Idaho Wool Growers; Mitch Whitmill; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Brad Hunt, Office of Administrative Rules; Mitch Coats, Food Producers; Douglas R. Jones.

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 12, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brent Olmstead, U of I, introduced **Michael P. Parrella**, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Idaho. Dean Parrella stated this February he will celebrate his first full year in Idaho. He explained he had traveled through out the state to familiarize himself with agriculture production of more than 180 crops grown in Idaho. He stated the goals outlined for the coming year are to increase cultural diversity, transform education and create more innovation through research, including increasing undergraduate enrollment from 1,000 to 1,500 in the next 3-5 years.

In response to committee question, **Dean Parrella** reported the U of I is working to increase the number of students coming from two year colleges to the University of Idaho in order to complete their degree by making it easier to transfer credits.

Chairman Boyle paid compliment to the University on their participation with the 4-H program. **Dean Parrella** said after years of decline in this program, the numbers are again growing to the point they experienced twenty years ago.

In response to committee question regarding more opportunities for student enrollment, **Dean Parrella** explained about the expansion plans for off site campus.

Chairman Boyle turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the Rules Procedure to the committee members. He explained the three types of Rules; Pending, Fee and Temporary. Mr. Stevenson explained the result of the action taken by the committee to the various rules before them. He reminded the committee of the deadline for completion.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2.10 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STEVENSON SUBCOMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
Room EW20
Wednesday, January 18, 2017

DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0214-1601</u>	Rules for Weights and Measures	Stacie Ybarra, Ag Program Specialist, Bureau of Weights and Measures
<u>02-0602-1601</u>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law	Jared Stuart, Ag Section Manager, Plant Industries
<u>02-0612-1601</u>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Fertilizer Law - Incorporation By Reference	Jared Stuart, Ag Section Manager, Plant Industries
<u>02-0622-1601</u>	Rules Governing Noxious Weeds	Adam Schroeder, Ag Section Manager, Plant Industries
<u>02-0631-1602</u>	Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw Certification Rules	Adam Schroeder, Ag Section Manager, Plant Industries
<u>02-0641-1601</u>	Rules Pertaining to Soil and Plant Amendments - Incorporation By Reference	Jared Stuart, Ag Section Manager, Plant Industries

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STEVENSON SUBCOMMITTEE
Plants Rules

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Stevenson, Representatives Dayley, Erpelding, VanOrden, Kerby, Amador, Miller, Hanks

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jared Stuart, Stacie Ybarra, Adam Schroeder, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA); Alan Martinson, Idaho Weed Control Association; David Herter, Dave Staley, Bannock County Weed; Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed; Bill Hargrave, Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA); Bryce Fowler, Idaho Association of Weed Control, Fremont County; Brad Hunt, Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator (OARC); Connie Jensen Blyth, Idaho County Weeds; Mitch Coats, Food Producers.

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 2:23 pm.

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1601: **Stacie Ybarra**, Agriculture Program Specialist, Bureau of Weights and Measures, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1601**. This rule incorporates the 2017 edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook in regard to weighing and measuring devices. Ms. Ybarra stated that this update is most important because it incorporates use of the current handbook, which promotes uniformity, especially with surrounding states.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-1601: **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, Plant Industries, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0602-1601**, which incorporates the 2017 Official Publication updates of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), rather than the 2016 Official Publication. The main reason to incorporate these updates is to provide consistent standards between states.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-1601**. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0612-1601: **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, Plant Industries, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0612-1601**, which incorporates fertilizer registration and label review updates found in the 2017 Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO).

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0612-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0622-1601: **Adam Schroeder**, Agriculture Section Manager, Plant Industries, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0622-1601**. This rule adds four genera to Idaho's Statewide Noxious Weed List: *Cytisus*, *Genista*, *Spartium*, and *Chamaecytisus*. Mr. Schroeder stated that negotiated rulemaking was held and there was no opposition. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture received five letters of support from industry professionals. In response to questions on the negotiated rulemaking meeting process, Mr. Schroeder said the meeting was announced and no comments were offered; when the meeting was held, the only attendees present were State of Idaho employees. He reiterated that the department did receive letters of support.

Mr. Schroeder stated that a Washington State report on Scotch Broom (one of the species in the genera *Cytisus*) found an average of \$2.9 million dollars spent per infested county in Washington; the report also found a potential impact of \$36 million in lost business in that state. He also stated the genera added in the rule change are difficult to distinguish from each other; adding these genera lessens the weed controllers need to identify one plant from another.

Alan Martinson, Idaho Weed Control Association (IWCA), testified on the IWCA's support of the proposed rule change in **Docket No. 02-0622-1601**. Mr. Martinson stated that none of the genera added in the rule change are native to Idaho; he also said that prevention is the best option when it comes to weed control. He encouraged the adoption of this rule change.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0622-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0631-1602: **Adam Schroeder** presented **Docket No. 02-0631-1602**, which updates certification of forage crops to North American Invasive Species Management Association's (NAISMA) standards. Mr. Schroeder said that NAISMA had updated its standards, and the Idaho State Agriculture Agency will not be able to support NAISMA's changes until this rule change is adopted. These rules changes include a language change, an update to Field Inspection Procedures, and updates to the North American Noxious Weed List, so as to conform to NAISMA standards. In response to the negotiated rulemaking process, Mr. Schroeder stated that the meeting notice was issued and industry and government representatives were notified. However, the only attendees were ISDA members.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0631-1602**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0641-1601: **Jared Stuart** presented **Docket No. 02-0641-1601**. This rule updates current rules in regard to regulatory soil and plant amendment registration and label review in the 2017 Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO), rather than referencing the 2016 Official Publication.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0641-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Stevenson thanked the committee and the guests. She stated the subcommittee's recommendations would be sent to the full committee.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Representative Stevenson
Chair

Shelby Winkel
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
TROY SUBCOMMITTEE
ANIMALS

Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
Room EW42

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE FULL COMMITTEE

DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0408-1601</u>	Rules Governing Grade A Milk and Milk Products	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries
<u>02-0415-1601</u>	Rules Governing Beef Cattle Animal Feeding Operations	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries
<u>02-0416-1601</u>	Rules Governing Agriculture Odor Management	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries
<u>02-0419-1601</u>	Rules Governing Domestic Cervidae	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries
<u>02-0421-1601</u>	Rules Governing Importation of Animals	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries
<u>02-0432-1601</u>	Rules Governing Poultry Operations	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries

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TROY SUBCOMMITTEE
ANIMALS

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017
TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Troy, Representatives Bell, Burtenshaw, Armstrong, Zito, Toone
ABSENT/
EXCUSED: None
GUESTS: Amy Ferrites; Dave Stanley, Bannock County; Dan Eldredge, Bingham County; Scott Leibsle, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattlemen Association; Bill Barton, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Laura Johnson, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Dan Steenson, IDA Sawtooth Law; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Brandy Kay, Idaho Wool Growers; Mitch Whitmill; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Douglas R. Jones; Connie Jensen-Blyth, Idaho County.

Chairman Troy called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0408-1601: **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries, explained changes have been made to incorporate by reference the 2015 edition of the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance; 2015 edition of the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories reference documents; 2015 Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers reference document and 2015 edition of Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration reference Document.

MOTION: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0408-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0415-1601: **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries, said the rule did go through negotiated rule making. The proposed rule change will make the rule consistent with the statutory revisions implemented by the 2016 Idaho Legislature. The rule will clarify the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) role as well as the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) role. The Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDS) program is replacing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDS). The department of Environmental Quality will assume authority over IPDS which was originally under the Federal Government or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In response to committee question, **Dr. Leibsle** clarified the ISDA still maintains authority except if there is a discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States. In that case the authority to enforce would be delegated to the DEQ.

Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattlemen Association, spoke **in support** of the proposed rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0415-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0416-1601: **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries, reported the rule change is a result of a petition received from the Idaho Dairyman's Association to exchange new terminology for old and correct references to other related rules. The changes will make the rule consistent with the statutory revisions implemented by the 2016 Idaho Legislature.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0416-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0419-1601: **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animals Industries, explained the rule change will require Idaho domestic cervidae producers to report the cause of death of each cervid to the Department on the official death certificate form. The rule change will also clarify the minimum surveillance requirements for the Chronic Wasting Disease on domestic cervidae facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Zito** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0419-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1601: **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animals Industries, stated the rule change will make Idaho rules consistent with federal regulations pertaining to the official identification of imported dairy cattle. The rule change will also clarify requirements to participate in the equine approved feedlot program as well as specify tuberculosis testing requirements for imported domestic cervidae. Equine Infectious Anemia document is a new incorporation by reference that contains minimum standards for detecting, controlling and preventing equine infectious anemia.

In response to committee question, **Dr. Leibsle** stated there was a request made for domestic cervidae brought in for direct slaughter be exempt from the deworming requirement as it would prolong the time an animal would be eligible for slaughter. This is the only exemption applied to this requirement.

MOTION: **Rep. Armstrong** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0421-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m..

Representative Troy
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0432-1601</u>	Rules Governing Poultry Operations	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries
<u>02-0414-1601</u>	Rules Governing Dairy Waste	Dr. Scott Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Dayley	Rep Kerby	Rep Hanks
Rep Bell	Rep Troy	Rep Zito
Rep Miller	Rep Stevenson	Rep Erpelding
Rep VanOrden	Rep Amador	Rep Toone

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle

GUESTS: Dan Steenson, IDA; Barry Burnell, DEQ; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Bill Barton, ISDA; Scott Leibsle, ISDA; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Association; Tanner Beymer, Wittmeyer & Associates; Britany Hurst, Idaho Cattle

Vice Chairman Dayley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, January 16, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
02-0432-1601:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries, explained the rule change is a result of a petition received from the Idaho Dairyman's Association. The change will make the rule consistent with the statutory revisions implemented by the 2016 Idaho Legislature. He explained the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System will assume authority to enforce pretreatment requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0432-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
02-0414-1601:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator, Animal Industries, reported the rule change is a result of a petition received from the Idaho Dairyman's Association to change the requirements related to pasture access for dairy cattle, clarify the authority of the IPDS and remove old terminology and replace with new terminology. The changes will make the rule consistent with the statutory revisions implemented by the 2016 Idaho Legislature.

Dr. Leibsle, in response a to committee question clarified soil testing is the responsibility of the producer. The ISDA offers a certified soil training course for those who may be interested.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Association explained to the committee his role in the rule making process. He spoke **in support** of the changes made to the rule explaining there have not been any major rewrites since 1990.

In answer to a committee question, **Bob Naerebout** clarified a Dairy Nutrient Management Plan must be prepared by a certified planner approved by the ISDA. The cost of the plan is dependent on the number of fields.

Berry Burnell, DEQ, clarified committee questions concerning the ground water standard for nitrates which applies statewide for all drinking water.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0414-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Representative Dayley
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, January 26, 2017

DOCKET	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
46-0101-1601	Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine	Jodie Ellis, Board of Veterinary Medicine
46-0101-1603	Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine	Jodie Ellis, Board of Veterinary Medicine
42-0101-1601	Rules of the Idaho Wheat Commission	
42-0101-1602	Rules of the Idaho Wheat Commission	

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jodie Ellis, BOVM; Mitch Coats, Food Producers
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 18, and Tuesday, January 24, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Boyle turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Stevenson Subcommittee meeting of January 18, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Troy Subcommittee meeting of January 18, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to accept the report of the Stevenson Subcommittee on Plants. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to accept the report of the Troy Subcommittee on Animals. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
46-0101-1601:** **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director of Board of Veterinary Medicine, explained the changes in the rule clarifies information about dates and locations of the board meetings and restructures continuing education requirements for Certified Veterinary Technicians, so it more closely resembles verbiage that is in place for CE requirements of veterinarians. She said it also eliminates the requirement that a veterinarian who is serving on the BOVM must also serve on the Committee for Humane Euthanasia.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Armstrong** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.**
Vice Chairman Dayley explained to the committee **Docket No. 46-0101-1603** will be held at the call of the Chair.

**DOCKET NO.
42-0101-1601:** Rules related to Idaho Wheat Commission.

MOTION: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 42-0101-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
42-0101-1602:** Rules related to Idaho Wheat Commission.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 42-0101-1602. Motion carried by voice vote.**
Vice Chairman Dayley turned the gavel over to **Chairman Boyle**.

Dennis Stevenson, Administrative Rules Coordinator clarified questions the committee had pertaining to the process for Rule making.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, January 30, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	ISDA Budget Items	Rep. Burtenshaw

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MINUTES
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DATE: Monday, January 30, 2017
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PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Hannah Schwarz, ICL; Mitch Coats, Food Producers; Brandy Kay, IWGA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Rep. Burtenshaw said he had been asked by **Chairman Boyle** to instruct the committee members on the State Agriculture Appropriations Bill. He explained the process of the agency projecting expenditures in September for the following year. Those requests are then reviewed by the Department of Finance, finalized by the Governor and culminate in the budget before the committee. Rep. Burtenshaw explained the different funds by category of General, Dedicated and Federal Funds.

Rep. Burtenshaw updated the committee on the Methyl Bromide Project in treating fields affected by potato cyst nematode (PCN). He explained the need for the budget that has been requested. He said there continues to be new developments as time passes and unknown consequences arise. Each of these must be met, studied and addressed. Rep. Burtenshaw reminded the committee of the terrible devastation this has caused several farm families as they work to deal with this infestation.

Rep. Burtenshaw explained to the committee the budget requested for the development of a software program that will facilitate the electronic tracking of animal identification numbers as well as other data pertaining to livestock movement into and out of the state. He explained how the method of tracking today is paper loaded and extremely difficult to manage.

In response to a committee question, **Dr. Bill Barton**, State Veterinarian, said sub-dermal chipping for cattle is more difficult than the proposed method of ear tagging. He also explained the means of tracking cattle brought into the state from out of state as well as those leaving and being transported out of state. He said cattle brought in from out of the country are quarantined for a set number of days before being released into the herd populations or for slaughter.

Rep. Burtenshaw spoke to the committee about some areas where there is increased concern over various types of invasive species and the need for the budget to be adequate to put into place safeguards that help to monitor and control these destructive species from invading our grounds and waterways.

Chairman Boyle thanked **Rep. Burtenshaw** for this insightful information concerning the development of the annual budget as well as the explanation of the various funds used to create it.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 02, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture - 2016	Dr. Garth Taylor, U of I

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 02, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

GUESTS: Brent Olmstead, CALS; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Mitch Coates

MOTION: **Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Rep. Toone made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 26, and Monday, January 30, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Garth Taylor, University of Idaho, addressed the committee concerning the Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture. He explained Idaho ranks 3rd in the Nation in new farm income just behind California and Washington. In 2016 there was a 4% cash receipts drop back to 2011 levels. The only crops to see an increase in 2016 were barley, which was recovering from a devastating previous year, and sugar beets. He stated the real winner over the past few years has been the dairy industry which has seen an increase of 134% from 1980 to 2016. Since the mid nineties, Idaho livestock has averaged an increase of approximately 20,000 cows per year. Dr. Taylor said milk production has increased by 65% per cow even though the real price of milk has gone down over 50%. Dr. Taylor explained how volatile farm income is in that production costs vary only slightly whereas prices can vary greatly from year to year.

In response to committee a question, **Dr. Taylor** explained drought or shortages for other reasons, always cause an increase in prices. An example is the onion crisis this year due to the damage that has occurred in the storage sheds.

Despite a slight decrease in net farm income this year, **Dr. Taylor** explained Idaho Real Net Income has grown twice as fast as the US Index Net Farm Income. Idaho's second quarter GDP was third highest in the US, lead by an increase in Agricultural of 1.53%.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 06, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Water Quality Standards and Best Management Practices	Roger Batt, Treasure Valley Water Users / Dan Stevenson, Sawtooth Law
	Hemp Production	Erik Nelson

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 06, 2017
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Brent Olmstead, CALS; Roger Batt, Treasure Valley Water Users Association; Argia Phillips, Batt Association; Dan Steenson, Sawtooth Law; Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Jim Lowe, U of I Ag Econ Tour; Dan Panther, AG; John Mckinney, AG; Tanner Beymer, Wittmeyer and Associates; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Wyatt Prescott, ICH; Rick Waitley, Food Producers; Lynn Tominaga, IGWA

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

Chairman Boyle welcomed the members of the University of Idaho Ag Economic Policy Tour to the committee meeting.

Roger Batt, Executive Director of the Treasure Valley Water Users, introduced **Dan Steenson**, Sawtooth Law, who addressed the committee concerning Treasure Valley agriculture water quality challenges. He said in 1990, a lawsuit was filed which stated Idaho was not meeting its obligation to the Clean Water Act by not addressing water quality standards in water shed throughout the State of Idaho. That led to a schedule being developed called Total Maximum of Daily Loads for thousands of water bodies in the State of Idaho. He explained TMDL represents a determination of the amount of loading of a pollutant a water body can receive without exceeding water quality standards. He said whereas cities are required to meet TMDL standards under the Clean Water Act, irrigated agriculture is not under the same requirement and their participation is voluntary. Even though it is voluntary, the state is required to prepare implementation plans showing a capability of meeting TMDL goals with reasonable assurance agriculture can meet their portion.

Mr. Steenson said we have an urgent need to support agriculture in meeting their reduction goals. The concern is if these goals are not met, they may begin to regulate and force compliance. He explained matching grants and the process to apply for them but stressed there is still a great need for more funding.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Steenson** said the program now in place here is easily duplicated in other cities and areas of the state. A partnership of agriculture and TMDL was formed several years ago and has been very effective.

Erik Nelson, concerned citizen, explained to the committee the history of hemp legislation. He said in 1970, the Controlled Substance Act set a legal distinction between hemp and marijuana. Despite this, the DEA set an administrative ban on hemp products in 1999, finalized in 2003. In 2004 this ban was struck down by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals establishing hemp products as legal. Despite this ruling, the State of Idaho does not legally separate hemp from marijuana. He said there are 32 states who now have defined industrial hemp as being distinct from marijuana, seven states have hemp research crops as of 2015 and five states have licenses or registration to grow hemp. He explained there are over 25,000 applications or uses from the hemp plant including animal feed, fiber board, ethanol fuel and textiles just to name a few. He explained the conditions for ideal growth, harvesting time frame and equipment needed which is similar equipment common to corn and soybean harvesting. He said from here we need to amend Title 37 to be compliant; then work with our experts at Idaho Universities to make this into a reality.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Nelson** explained Australia, Holland, France, Canada and China are all growing hemp for export at this time.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
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AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, February 08, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Discussion on Joint Rule 18	Carrie Maulin, Chief Clerk
	Annual Report - Wine Commission	Moya Dolsby, Executive Director
	Annual Report Cherry - Apple Commission	Candi Fitch, Executive Director

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 2017
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden, Hanks, Burtenshaw
GUESTS: Brandy Kay, Idaho Wool Growers; Mitch Coates, Food Producers

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Carrie Maulin, Chief Clerk, explained the new procedure changes in place needed to comply with Joint Rule 18.

Moya Dolsby, Executive Director of Idaho Wine Commission, said they now have a 12% market share of all wine consumed in the State of Idaho. There are 52 wineries with 1,300 acres of vines throughout the state as compared with Washington State which has 60,000 acres of vines showing the great potential for growth in Idaho. Ms. Dolsby said the economic impact to the state grew from 73 million in 2008 to 169.3 million in 2013. She explained the partnerships used to promote Idaho wines, resulting in over 100 successful events having taken place this past year.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Dolsby** said they were still waiting to determine the effect of the harsh winter. She stated because the cold weather came slowly and the ground was covered with snow during the lowest temperatures, they were optimistic the damage to the vines would be minimal.

Candi Fitch, Executive Director of Apple/Cherry Commission, reported the fruit market started out positive with good prices for plums, peaches and Gala apples, however about mid-October, the apple market showed pressure of over supply and prices decreased for certain varieties. This may cause certain varieties to be replaced with new varieties that consumers prefer. Apple production in the state continues to slowly decrease which is caused in part from a labor shortage. Ms. Fitch reported on several promotional activities they participated in this year which helped to create an awareness of Idaho apples.

Ms. Fitch said the cherry crop this year was about two weeks early and it was a condensed season only lasting about four weeks instead of the usually six weeks. The market was good with both prices and volume being about average. She explained looking ahead there may be frost damage from the cold temperatures we experienced this winter therefore the volume may be down.

Ms. Fitch said there maybe as many as 37 onion storage structures destroyed or damaged from the heavy snow this winter. She said it is too early to tell what the long term effect of this devastation will be on the onion industry.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Fitch** stated she was not aware of any of the growers or shippers using labor from the correctional institutions to fill the labor shortage at this time.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room EW42
Friday, February 10, 2017

Upon Adjournment

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS25214</u>	Agriculture Parity	Rep. Armstrong
<u>DOCKET NO.</u> <u>46-0101-1603</u>	Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine	
<u>SCR 102</u>	Board of Veterinary Medicine	Rep. Dayley

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2017
TIME: UPON ADJOURNMENT
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erpelding, Miller
GUESTS: None
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.
RS 25214: **Rep. Armstrong** explained the purpose of the Memorial is to ensure our domestic farmers, rancher and food processors are able to compete in a fair and level market environment. He said the importation of fruits and vegetables has increased dramatically in the past fifteen years, while the exportation of fruit and vegetables has remained stagnant in this same time period. American farmers, ranchers and food processors are required to meet the highest standards in the world when it comes to environmental protection, worker safety, wage rates and food safety concerns where as, imports are not held to the same strict standards. He said we urge foreign companies wishing to participate in markets that lie within the boundaries of the United States be held to the exact same standards.
MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 25214. Motion carried by voice vote.**
SCR 102: **Rep. Dayley** explained the Senate Resolution, rejecting a portion of a fee rule as per the committee's previous discussion.
MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **SCR 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 2, and Monday, February 6, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 133	Soil and Water Conservation Commission Amalgamated Sugar	Rep. Miller John McCreedy, CEO

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Bell

GUESTS: Delwyne Trefz, ISWCC; John McCreedy, Amalgamated Sugar; Douglas Jones, Trent Clark, Monsanto; Shelly Nelsen, TDSCO; Mark Daffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers; Norm Semanko, IWUA; Tyler Murgoitio, IWUA; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Mark Estess, Amalgamated Sugar; Mitch Coats, Food Producers of Idaho

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 8, and Friday, February 10, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 133: **Rep. Miller** said this proposed legislation changes the financial audit requirements of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission from an annual independent financial audit to a periodic management review. In this way the Commission will be treated like other state agency. He stated this will create a significant savings to the commission.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to send **H 133** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Mark Estess, Amalgamated Sugar, introduced **John McCreedy**, Amalgamated Sugar CEO, explaining he not only is a local leader but also a national leader on issues dealing with the sugar industry.

John McCreedy, Amalgamated Sugar CEO, said he has been the CEO and President of Amalgamated Sugar for the past 2 years but has been with the company since 2004. During that time the company has gone through a lot of changes. Amalgamated Sugar was founded in 1897, in Ogden, Utah. Today there are factories in Twin Fall, Nampa and the Mini Cassia area. Amalgamated Sugar has been a grower owned cooperative since 1997, operated by a twenty-five member board of directors that meet five times a year, similar to a democratic body. He stated Amalgamated Sugar is the 2nd largest sugar beet processor in the United States. They process about 12% of the Nation's sugar that is made in the United States. He stated there are about 750 grower members raising over 182,000 acres of sugar beets and employing approximately 1,600 people of which 1,100 are unionized. He said they are proud of their work force and try to keep them happy by providing good benefits and a healthy wage that allows them to send their children to college. He said the top four challenges they are facing are; protecting agricultural technology, understanding sugar consumption, preparing for the Federal Farm Bill negotiations and addressing the 129,000 pound truck issues.

In response to a committee question, **Shelly Nelsen**, TDSCO, said there are several inconsistency in the 129 permit process. One highway district will grant permits with very little burden where as another district will require much more information and up front work before granting permits.

Chairman Boyle turned the gavel to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. McCreedy** said the fact that Hawaii will no longer produce sugar cane will have very little effect on the sugar beet industry because other foreign sources will step in and fill the void.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. McCreedy** said the way they are able to fill the void in the work force, is to pay a decent, competitive wage, by recognizing talent early on, and advancing and moving employees forward as quickly as possible

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 16, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Conservation Commission Annual Report	Teri Murrison, Administrator
	Food Safety Modernization Act	Pamela Juker, Chief of Staff
	Idaho Dairymen Association	Bob Naerebout, Executive Director

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Rick Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Brent Olmstead, CALS; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Brandy Kay, IWGA; Teri Murrison, ISWCC; Mitch Coates, Food Producers of Idaho; Norm Samanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Tyler Mursoitio, IWUA; Elizabeth Criner, NWFPA

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

Teri Murrison, Administrator ISWCC, explained Idahoans love the land, clean air, water and well-managed landscapes. Good Stewardship is voluntary and locally led action helps address mandated federal water quality and other environmental goals. Since 1939 they have been caring for and improving natural resources for future generations by working with local people who know the land. She said they have no regulatory authority and in fact try to help Idaho avoid regulations. She said the Legislature and the Governor's office have increased their level of support in the last five years and some sister state agencies do compensate them for some of the services they provide. Ms. Murrison reported the Performance Measures Report of district satisfaction has increased over the past four years from 60% to 91% in 2016. She explained this year the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 as a one time pilot project to fund the North Central Wildfire Restoration Group led by Nez Perce, Latah, Idaho, Clearwater, and Lewis Soil and Water Conservation Districts. She said the project helped local, state and federal governments to identify and prioritize the restoration of private and municipal lands damaged by the 2015 wildfires.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Murrison** said plans are reanalyzed and reviewed as to their effectiveness every five years by the DEQ.

Pamela Juker, Chief of Staff, Department of Agriculture, explained The Produce Rule focuses on, on-farm activities. She said producers have never been regulated in this manner prior to FSMA. She explained the rule does not cover produce that is further processed or not generally consumed raw. She said the general compliance dates for the largest producers begin in 2018, small producers in 2019 and the very small producers in 2020. Ms. Juker said the Food Safety Modernization Act is the first major overhaul of our nation's food safety practices since 1938. This is intended to be an integrated food safety system that aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it. FDA authority to promulgate rules applies domestically as well as internationally when foreign suppliers are importing food ingredients into the U.S. and will affect everyone from farmers to packers, processors and transporters. She then explained the 7 rules that will apply to the Food Safety Modernization Act. She said in Idaho these rules will affect 239 farms, 565 food processors and 100 animal food manufactures and nearly 3,800 transporters of human and animal food. She stated some of the concerns are that the regulations place a great financial

burden on smaller facilities, also the fear that foreign importers would not be held to the same standards as U.S. food producers creating a competitive advantage for foreign suppliers. She said they have consistently heard from the industry if there is a change in regulation, they do not want federal presence on their farms and facilities but prefer a state presence.

Rick Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association, stated the Association's mission is to protect Idaho's dairy industry through environmental, legal and legislative leadership which they have been doing since 1924. He said the total number of dairy operation in Idaho is 496 which includes 577,516 milk cows. The area of small herds of less than 200 cows declined from 135 to 121 in just one year. He stated because of the harsh winter they expect to see a decline in calves this year but won't know numbers until later in the year. He said there has been a steady increase over the last 20 years of milk production as it has more than doubled. There has been a steady increase of 2-3% every year due mostly to the ability to get more milk per cow.

Mr. Naerebout said OSHA has announced it is developing a Local Emphasized Program (LEP) for all Idaho agriculture. Because there have been 13 fatalities on Idaho farms over the past couple of years, OSHA will do unannounced inspections on agriculture with 10 or more employees. He explained some of the situations have occurred because of the unprecedented run-on from adjacent property owners and how the association is encouraging dairymen to self report discharge off property.

Bob Naerebout, Executive Director, Idaho Dairymen's Association, said there are 8,100 people employed on Idaho dairies. He said about 85% to 90% of these jobs are filled by foreign born laborers. He explained there are another 3,700 jobs in processing and 27,600 jobs in supporting businesses all supported by the dairy industry. None of these jobs would exist without foreign born labor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 20, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS25285</u>	Idaho Wheat Commission Rule Rejection	Rep. Dayley
<u>RS25286</u>	Idaho Wheat Commission Rule Rejection Future Farmers of America	Rep. Dayley Gretchen Hansten, State FFA President
<u>HJM 1</u>	Agriculture Parity Pea and Lentil Association Annual Report	Sid Freeman, Concerned Canyon County Third Generation Farmer Mike Shelton, Audit Manager

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 20, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding (Gugino), Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jeff Rumney, USA Dry Pea and Lentil; Sid Freeman, Self; Howard Jones, Chair of Idaho Pea and Lentil Commission; Cole Riggers, Western Pulse Growers Assn.; Mitch Coates, Food Producers; Wyatt Prescott, ICA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Chairman Boyle introduced the new page, **Rebekah Henrie**, and welcomed her to the Agriculture Affairs Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 14, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25285: **Rep. Dayley** explained the process of rejection of a rule as was requested by the Wheat Commission.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 25285** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 25286: **Rep. Dayley** explained the rejection of this rule is the same procedure as the previous legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Zito** made a motion to introduce **RS 25286** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Gretchen Hansten, Idaho FFA President, stated the future of agriculture promises challenges and opportunities as we move forward, and one thing we can look forward to is our up and coming workforce. She said Idaho FFA and agriculture education are preparing a pipeline of individuals who are bright and intuitive for careers in the future of agriculture. There are over 4,441 FFA members in 91 FFA chapters across the state engaged in courses from food science to agricultural mechanics. She stated not only are the FFA members being trained in different areas of agriculture, but they are developing a variety of skills such as public speaking, conducting and participating in meetings, managing financial matters and solving problems.

Rep. Smith was presented the Honorary State FFA Degree by the 2016-2017 Idaho State FFA officers. It is considered the highest honor a State FFA Association can award to a non-member.

HJM 1:

Sid Freeman, Canyon County farmer, said in 2006, he was part of a team who wrote a Memorial Resolution and carried it through to completion. Now because during the presidential campaign, then candidate Donald Trump, made statements regarding possibly opening up free trade agreements and making some adjustments to them, it was time to pull out the 2006 Memorial, do some re-writing and bring it back before the committee today. He stated in 2015 the Country of Origin Labeling was repealed after a ruling by the World Trade Organization triggered by complaints filed by Mexico and Canada stating they had been financially harmed because of it. He said without the Country of Origin Labeling, the citizens of our country have no way of knowing where their food is coming from. He stated all food products coming into this country should meet the exact same criteria as is expected of our domestic ranchers, farmers and food processors. Mr. Freeman said this is a food security issue which could lead to a national security issue. He said a strong and viable food source is the corner stone of any country's national security.

Mr. Freeman said the actual number of producers in the United States is now less than one percent of the nation's population and declining. He said because of the importance of the standards to which American farmers, ranchers and food processors are held, primarily standards concerning food safety, he urged that foreign companies wishing to participate in markets that lie within the boundaries of the United States be held to the exact same standards. He also said any audits or inspections that may be required to confirm the necessary criteria is met are paid in full by the foreign companies themselves.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Freeman** said many factors come into play along with food safety, including; wages, environmental issues, and insecticides to name a few.

MOTION:

Rep. Armstrong made a motion to send **HJM 1** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Armstrong** will sponsor the bill on the floor

Howard Jones, Chair of Idaho Pea and Lentil Association, stated 2016 was the International Year of The Pulse campaign. He said pulses are nutritionally dense, sustainable, affordable and versatile, all traits important to the consumers of the world. He explained a pulse is the dried edible seed of a legume. There are over 100 varieties of dried beans, lentils, peas and chickpeas. He said the Genesee, Idaho PMW Coop processes over 500 million pounds of garbanzo beans annually. Mr. Jones said the 2016 campaign focused on the millennial generation in their promotion of the pulse market. They did this through digital media, social media, food magazines and food networks. He said there were over 56,000 people who accepted the pledge to include a type of pulse in their diet at least one day a week for 12 weeks. He said now 25% of people are able to identify pulse as an edible product. He explained the revolution of new products that now contain some type of pulse in their ingredients. The movement of non GMO and gluten free products has promoted pulse as they fit that description completely. He said one of the surprising places where they have seen a product addition has been in pet food.

Mr. Jones said the 2017 campaign will offer the challenge to include 1/2 cup of pulse daily in their meals. The advantage is fat loss, lowering of bad cholesterol and raising good cholesterol. He said the pulses offer health, nutrition, functionality and sustainability.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 28, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS24837	Veterinarian License Renewal Fee	Jodie Ellis, Executive Director
	Idaho Potato Commission	Frank Muir, President/CEO

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Doug Gross, Gross Farms; Jodie Ellis, BOVM; Travis Blacker, IPC; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Patrick Kole, IPC; Brent Olmstead, CALS; Stephanie Mickelsen, Mickelsen Farms; Janet Ughthcart; Brandy Kay, IWGA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

RS 24837: **Jodie Ellis**, Director of Veterinarian Medicine, stated the proposed legislation is to impose an increase of \$85 in annual renewal fees for licensed veterinarians in 2017, 2018 and 2019. She said the increase is necessary to avoid a financial crisis faced by the Board of Veterinary Medicine. It would allow revenue assistance in the purchase of a modern, functional, user friendly web-based licensing software program and help to meet anticipated operating, personnel and capitol expenditures.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 24837. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Frank Muir, President, CEO, Idaho Potato Commission, stated Idaho is known for potatoes more than any other state is known for anything else, showing the strength of the commission's programs. He explained the financial report through August 2016, focusing on the variance. The report shows the revenue created by the potato tax was above what had been budgeted due to higher yields. He said the commission was able to attain a grant to help expand exports for Idaho potatoes resulting in a net increase in revenue of \$276,631 over budget. He stated it is always the goal of the commission not to build up a large savings account but to reinvest any variance back into working dollars.

Mr. Muir said this year's budget is based on a harvest of 320,000 acres, resulting in 13 billion pounds of potatoes. That amount of potatoes would fill 500 Albertson stadiums stacked 10 feet high which is the amount of potatoes the commission markets each year.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Muir** said the commission uses two advertising agencies. One of them is located in Boise and they have done such an outstanding job for the commission that several other potato agencies also use them. He said the other agency is out of Santa Barbara, California, whose speciality is commodities and organizations such as the Potato Commission.

In response to a committee question concerning what the commission is doing about PNC, **Mr. Muir** explained eradication from the beginning has been their goal. He said representatives from all over the world including Scotland, where they have a major problem with PCN, recently addressed the potato growers at the Potato School. He said there are 27 infested fields all within an 8.5 mile radius. Twenty-five of the 27 fields have been treated in some form to try and eradicate PCN. He stated 20 of 25 fields have been tested to date with no viable PCN found. He said so far testing is proving eradication is successful. He stated they are working with the University of Idaho and other surrounding universities in the west, conducting research on the Leachy Tomato and on mustard used as a suicide hatch against the PCN. He said between federal, state and industry, they are spending about a million dollars a year on research.

Mr. Muir commended the USDA and ISDA for working out a way to compensate those who had cattle affected by methyl bromide tainted hay.

Stephanie Mickelsen, Michelsen Farms, in response to a committee question, said she had no knowledge of any law suits against the chemical company for the problems caused by methyl bromide.

Ms. Mickelsen explained the growers affected by PCN went to the commission with a suggestion that the best way to handle the situation would be to get funding to set the ground aside so it was not being tilled, or turned or used to grow straw. The cost would be much less than the 42,000 dollars per acre that has been spent so far. She said she spoke to the same Scottish Scientist who said if PCN is to be controlled, you have to look at the seed ground.

Ms. Mickelsen said over the last 5 years, the growers cost to the commission is 50 dollars an acre. She said the growers' return is only 38 dollars per acre. She stated when the commission makes more money an acre than the grower, it seems time to look at restructuring.

Rep. VanOrden explained, a committee to study the PCN issue was formed a few years ago. She said when the methyl bromide issue came up, the focus of the committee changed to take care of that problem.

Frank Muir was called upon to respond to questions raised. He stated no one is more up-set that prices are not higher than he is, but to keep in mind, 13 years ago the farm gate revenue for potatoes was 400-500 million dollars a year, whereas now it is close to one billion dollars a year. He said there is no easy solution to the PCN problem. He said when they met with the affected growers, they said their goal was to get back to growing potatoes, therefore eradication had to be the solution. He stated 20 out of 25 fields are able to grow potatoes again so they are making progress and meeting the goals of the majority of the growers. Mr. Muir said currently there is no path to plant compensation, as there is for cattle compensation, through either the USDA or EPA. He said the commission is continuing to invest energy and funds to help solve this problem.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Muir** said the commission was awarded a grant in researching how to transport potatoes overseas without having them rot. He said they have trucks in Singapore, Malaysia and now in the Philippines with the "It's Real" seal added to their delivery trucks carrying Idaho potatoes.

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

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, March 02, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Seed Industry	Roger Batt, Idaho Seed Pesticide Council
	Asia Trade Office	Eddie Yen, Trade Office Manager
	Idaho-China Trade Office	Tara Qu, Trade Office Manager
	Mexico Trade Office	Fabiolla McClellan, Trade Office Manager

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 02, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

GUESTS: Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Brent Olmstead, CALS; Kevin V. Osborne, IEOSA; Travis Parrish, IEOSA; Aaron Phillips, IEOSA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Regina Lohnes, IEOSA; Kirk Whittig, IEOSA; Brett Lolley, IEOSA; Mitch Coates, Food Producers; Roger Batt, IEOSA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

Roger Batt, Idaho Seed Council, said Idaho's seeds ship to every continent except Antarctica.

Brett Lolley, IEOSA, explained, the Treasure Valley is perfect for growing corn due to the high desert climate and the high percentage of furrow irrigation which creates an excellent grower base and reliable production. He said approximately 70% of global sweet corn seed is grown in the Treasure Valley. There are more than 10 companies in the region with estimated total of 6,000 acres of production, producing a total of 8.5 million pounds of seed.

Travis Parrish, IEOSA, said the production of carrot, onion, radish, turnip, lettuce and miscellaneous brassica seed are all grown in Idaho due to the optimal growing region and the established irrigation system in place for watering of production fields. He said some of the challenges seed growers face include urban sprawl, increased world population, EPA pressure on canceling chemical label registrations, challenges brought against established irrigation water rights and pollinator availability.

Kirk Whittig, IEOSA, said approximately 17,500 acres of Idaho alfalfa seed were produced in Idaho in 2016. He said total seed production is estimated to be 15,750,000 pounds of alfalfa seed. He stated the total value of this seed production to the growers is estimated to be around \$37,800,800. He said the USDA estimates total Idaho alfalfa acres to be around 1 million or 4.5 million pounds of seed. He said most of the hay is fed to Idaho dairy's which constitute Idaho's largest dollar value in agriculture. Only 1/4 of the seed produced in Idaho is used here with the remaining seed shipped across the United States or abroad to many of the large alfalfa producing countries.

Regina Lohnes, IEOSA, said in 2015, the state harvested 119,000 acres of dry edible beans. There was 35,440 acres of dry bean seed inspected and accepted by Idaho crop improvement in 2015. She said Idaho has a great reputation for growing good, quality bean seed.

Aaron Phillips, IEOSA, explained peas are a cool season annual crop that adapt well to the geographies and microclimates of Idaho. He said peas and other legumes are desirable in crop rotations because they break up disease and pest cycles, provide nitrogen, improve soil microbe diversity and activity, improve soil aggregation, conserve soil water and provide economic diversity. He explained the four growing regions within the state.

Kevin Osborne, IEOSA, explained the benefits of cover crops which are; nutrient cycling, weed suppression, compaction reduction, increased organic matter, erosion control, improved water infiltration and penetration, pollinator attractant, nematode control and bio-fumigation. He explained the research now being conducted using radish and mustard to help in eradication of nematodes.

Roger Batt said there are four areas of concern for the seed producers. Loss of production ground is significant due to urban sprawl. He said they are working with local governments on zoning standards and comprehensive planning to see if they can keep production in those areas without infringing on property rights. He explained they are working to keep current pesticide labels with the EPA. A Council was established in 2009 to preserve some of these labels as well as get new ones approved for the industry. He said they are always monitoring noxious weeds and updating the list. He said they are working now through negotiate rule making to put a moratorium on soy bean production because of several diseases transmitted. He stated their goal is to keep beans disease free.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Batt** said they do receive competition from other countries. If they are not able to keep the production ground, companies will look outside the area for better suppliers. He stated at the present time they do compete well on the global market as Idaho is now in the top 5 producers globally.

Brett Lolley, returned to the podium to answer a committee question concerning the research being done with radishes. He described the process of the nematode feeding on radishes causing a reduction of live nematodes in the ground.

In response to a committee question concerning what the legislature could do to help the seed industry, **Mr. Batt** said help preserve production land. He explained as the population grows closer to production land, there is a greater chance of cross pollination.

Chairman Boyle turned the gavel to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

Brett Lolley, in response to a committee question, said Monsanto has producers in several different regions around the globe where they are able to produce cheaper than here, but where this region gains a lot is in their reliability of production. He said because seeds have a shelf life and must be tightly managed, it is important to be able to rely on stable production.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 08, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 256</u>	Invasive Species United Dairymen	Rep. Gestrin Karianne Fallows, United Dairymens, CEO

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 08, 2017

TIME: 1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jesse Taylor, Bear Lake Watch; Jonathan Oppenheimer, ICL; Bryce Fowler, Fremont County; Brain Brooks, IWF; Dirk Mace, St. Anthony Hydro; Benjamin Kelley, Food Producers; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Mitch Whitmill, Jefferson County

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 16, and Tuesday, February 28, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 256: **Rep. Gestrin**, said we have an invader at our door step. This bill amends the Idaho Invasive Species Act by establishing in the Office of the Governor, an administrator of invasive species policy and codify the Idaho Invasive Species Council. He said this legislation sets up the duties of the administrator and the Department of Agriculture and lays out the coordination effort between state agencies.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Gestrin** said the administrator will be appointed by the Governor. This appointment will not take anything away from the Department of Agriculture but strengthens the office to work beyond Idaho's borders with surrounding states so they do not duplicate efforts.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Gestrin** said the additional funding will allow them to build three new check stations along the borders of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to send **H 256** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Chairman Boyle turned over the gavel to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Gestrin** said there is research being done at several different universities to find a way to eliminate the threat.

Vice Chairman Dayley turned over the gavel to **Chairman Boyle**.

Those speaking in support were **Jesse Taylor**, Bear Lake Watch; **Jonathan Oppenheimer**, ICL; **Bryce Fowler**, Fremont County; **Mitch Whitmill**, Jefferson County.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 256** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Karianne Fallows, United Dairymen CEO, explained they are governed by nine dairy farmers from three different districts throughout the state. She said their mission is to inspire trust in dairy farming and dairy products and to build demand for high quality, nutrient-rich dairy products around the world. She explained dairy farmers have long funded and invested in research about the effects of dairy in the human diet. One area of research is around the consumption of chocolate milk following an intense period of physical activity. She said chocolate milk contains the right amount of protein and carbohydrates to refresh and refuel the body in ways other sport recovery drinks can't. Ms. Fallows explained the Sports Nutrition Symposium they hosted this year. They brought together people interested in physical activity to speak on specific points of interest. They did not charge for the event but instead asked the participants to donate physical activity equipment that was then donated to the YMCA's after school program. She explained the Fuel Up to Play program focuses on good nutrition, physical activity and academic achievement. The Idaho Dairymen of Idaho were able to fund the program in 146 Idaho schools and in those schools they saw a significant increase in consumption of milk, cheese and yogurt.

Ms. Fallows explained they joined with the U.S. Dairy Export Council to participate in a Chinese Media tour. They also worked with partners in the Atlanta area where there are 250 fast growing restaurant chains, to host events talking about the goodness of cheese and other milk products on their menu. Both these endeavors have proven to be very successful.

Ms. Fallows said **Eric Bastian PhD**. has been hired to reinvigorate the Western Dairy Research Center. She explain in the next few years there will be a need to fill 72 jobs with Master and PhD technical people in the processing community.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Fallows** said they are in the early stages of aggressively planning new work force training. She explained the need for students to do research and professors to guide the research. She said there are a few colleges in the west doing some of that now but there is need for more who are willing to be involved in a collective effort.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room EW42
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Agriculture Emergency Management Update	Dr. Bill Barton, State Veterinarian, Emergency Support Function Coordinator
	Idaho Wheat Commission Report	Blaine Jacobsen, Executive Director, Idaho Wheat Commission

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

TIME: 1:30 pm or UPON ADJOURNMENT

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Bell, Kerby

GUESTS: Brandy Kay, IWGA; Mitch Coats, Food Producers
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 2:49 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, March 2, and March 8, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Bill Barton, Idaho State Veterinarian, Emergency Support Function Coordinator, presented the Agriculture Emergency Management Update from Winter 2016/2017. After the severe and prolonged weather conditions of the past season, Dr. Barton stated emergency response is the highest priority, while still providing needed services. Some of the agriculture issues that have been and continue to be dealt with are: onion shed collapses in Western Idaho, cattle deaths, road conditions, water contamination and flooding. One of the most valuable resources offered after the onion shed collapses was a one month extension of deadlines to April 15 to allow for proper disposal of onions.

In response to questions from the committee, **Jared Stuart**, Department of Agriculture, Plant Industries Section Manager, stated the impact of the onion sheds should not impact future growth of the large industry. Also in response to questions regarding water and flooding in dairy and beef lots, **Dr. Barton** and Mr. Stuart stated risk assessments are done in conjunction with Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture and Department of Water Resources to minimize the impact of flooding.

Blaine Jacobsen, Executive Director, Idaho Wheat Commission presented the Idaho Wheat Commission Report. Wheat is grown in 42 of Idaho's 44 counties and is the 2nd largest crop behind potatoes. Director Jacobsen reviewed the commissions budget and where the funds were distributed. The largest budget item is to the University of Idaho for research. He also reviewed the wheat yield, and stated we have a record yield with lower acreage used. Transportation and the Columbia/Snake waterway was also discussed, as the Port of Portland is the 3rd largest grain export in the world. Much of the transportation of grains west of the Missouri River to Portland goes through Idaho.

Director Jacobsen, then moved on to the rules review. Through negotiated rule making, a decision was made to wait until 2018 to bring forth rules that are needed to fulfill their statutory duties in Idaho. These duties include: improve wheat grower education, research issues growing wheat and conduct periodic referendums.

Director Jacobsen explained the upcoming rule would reinstate original provisions from the 1970's to allow the ability to have a wheat grower list. With current practices, Idaho is at a disadvantage with other states. The ability to trace where food is grown is important in today's industry. If the rule was to be approved next year, the commission would be compliant with Idaho Code, they would involve grain handlers from around the state to be part of commission meetings and they would sponsor an annual cereal school in southwest Idaho.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Michele Jarvis
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room EW42
Thursday, March 16, 2017**

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 293	Relating to Veterinarians	Rep. Dayley
	Robotics in the Dairy Industry	Jared Myers, Myers Dairy
	Idaho Rangelands	Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director
	Idaho's Protectors Pollinator	George Robinson, Administrator ISDA

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017

TIME: 1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Stevenson

GUESTS: Rick Naerebout, IDA; Lindsey Dimond, DFA / IDA; Alan Myers, Myers Dairy LLC; Gretchen Hyde, IRRRC; Jared Myers, Myers Dairy; Sara Stover, DFM

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

H 293: **Rep. Dayley** explained in order to provide revenue to assist in the purchase of a modern, functional, user-friendly web-based licensing software program, this legislation would impose a separate statutory increase for veterinarian license renewal fees for 2017, only and include a "sunset" provision.

Martin Bilbao, representing Idaho Veterinary Medical Association, in response to a committee question, explained the amount of revenue the fee increase will raise and the number of veterinarians it will affect.

Sara Stover, DFM, in response to a committee question, stated the size of the department's reserve is in line with other departments of similar size and function.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Jared Myers, Myers Dairy, stated the dairy is a third generation family business started in 1961, by his grandfather. At this time 400 of their 600 milk cows are milked with robotics. He said with the use of robotic milking they have been able to reduce labor costs from seven employees to four. He stated the reason for robotics installation was because of the big changes in available labor. He said there are other benefits as well in a more accurate reporting of milk production and technology enabling them to track several parameters of the cow's movements. There are 100 other values that can be measured. He explained they began discussing the concept in the fall of 2014. They started construction November 2015, and were operating by June 2016. He explained how they feed the cattle differently to train them to go into the milking stalls. The cows can go into the milking stall anytime they want to be milked. He said they average about 2.7 milkings a day.

In answer to a committee question, **Mr. Myers** said, the production has not risen significantly as yet. He said he contributes some of that to the harsh winter and expects to see an increase of approximately 20% in the future.

Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director, said seven years ago they launched the "Life on the Range" multimedia series through the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission as an alternative to traditional advertising. She said it has proven to be very successful. She said they now have 40 videos on YouTube, Facebook and other social media channels. She said the most popular video is a 25 minute documentary about what it takes to raise sheep from baby lambs. She stated it had 380,000 views reaching from all over the world. She explained the results of the most recent annual poll. She said as the demographics change in the state, more and more people look at rangelands as a play ground rather than a work place. The videos give the ranchers an opportunity to tell their stories. Ms. Hyde explained the importance of cattle grazing in relationship to cheatgrass in helping control wildfires.

George Robinson, Administrator ISDA, explained the Idaho Pollinator Protection Plan was developed to help offset losses by introducing ways that can address habitat loss, inform the general public about issues and help pollinators maintain healthy populations. The primary purpose of the plan is to establish a systematic and comprehensive method for beekeepers, growers, pesticide applicators, private landowners and public land managers to cooperate and communicate in a timely manner allowing all parties to operate successfully within the state. He said the plan is not designed to eliminate or further restrict pesticide use or to ban the use of pesticides in hives or in close proximity to hives. He explained the plan is a starting point for action and the information it contains can be summarized and tailored for specific projects. He said participation in the plan is voluntary. He said when bee keepers are asked what their biggest concern is, all responded it was lack of suitable habitat forage. He said a bee keeper from Southern Idaho relocated his hives to Northern Idaho because in Southern Idaho they do such a good job of controlling weed there is less forage. He explained the links on the website addressing several different areas pertaining to pollinators. (<https://beeinformed.org>)

Mr. Robinson, in response to a committee question, said Colony Collapse Disorder is something the University of Idaho is doing research on. He said this is not as big a problem here as in other areas of the country.

In response to a committee question concerning what cutter bees are used for, **Mr. Robinson** said they are used primarily for alfalfa seed.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of Minutes	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Boyle	Rep Burtenshaw
Vice Chairman Dayley	Rep Kerby
Rep Bell	Rep Troy
Rep Miller	Rep Stevenson
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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
TIME: 1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Hanks
GUESTS: None
MOTION: **Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
Rep. Troy made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 14, and Thursday, March 16, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Boyle expressed appreciation to the Committee for their support this session. Chairman Boyle thanked the Committee Page, **Rebekah Henrie**, for her work this session. She also thanked the Secretary, **Joan Majors**.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary