



## Meeting Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 31, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. MT

Place: Held virtually using Zoom by computer or phone with limited in person seating at Idaho Commerce, Sawtooth Conference Room, 700 west State Street, Boise, ID 83702.

### Welcome and Call to Order:

- Co-Chair Kelley Packer and Co-Chair Tom Kealey called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and took a roll call to confirm attendance.

### Attendees:

Board of Directors Present:

1. Co-Chair Director Tom Kealey, Idaho Commerce
2. Co-Chair Kelley Packer, Executive Director, Association of Idaho Cities
3. Art Beal, Volunteer with Idaho RC&D Association
4. Jerri Henry DEQ, proxy for Director Jess Byrne
5. Charles Newhouse, Acting State Director, USDA-Farm Service Agency
6. Pam Murdock, Idaho Office, Bureau of Land Management
7. Senator Ron Taylor, Idaho Senate
8. Senator Douglas Ricks, Idaho Senate
9. Allison Ginn, US Forest Service
10. Brian Dale, Director of Development at HUD
11. Carleen Herring, Economic Development Representative at EDA
12. Erik Kingston, Housing Resources at IHFA
13. Jeff McCurdy, President of Region IV Development
14. Molly McCarty of ITD, proxy for Director Scott Stokes
15. Jani Revier, Director Idaho Department of Labor
16. Barbara Petty, Extension Director at University of Idaho
17. Paige Olson, Executive Director for Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation
18. Tim Solomon, Regional Business Manager at Rocky Mountain Power
19. Dale Lish, State Director for Idaho at USDA Rural Development
20. John Stuart, CEO of Midvale Telephone
21. Nicholas Peak, Boise EPA, proxy for Director Matthew Szlag,
22. Laura Johnson, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture, proxy for Director Chanel Tewalt
23. Nikoli Greene, Executive Officer, Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises
24. Trent Clark, Custom Malting Inc.

Other Participants Present:

25. Jerry Miller, Economic Development Specialist Idaho Commerce and Interim Coordinator for the Idaho Rural Partnership
26. Blossom Johnson, Idaho Partners for Good
27. Mindi Anderson, Idaho Partners for Good

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Art Beal moved to approve the December 21, 2022, IRP Board Meeting Minutes. John Stuart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without objection.

#### **Idaho Rural Partnership Strategic Plan:**

Blossom Johnson with Idaho Partners for Good summarized the five goals outlined in the plan. She characterized the Organizational and Operational Review Report as a summary of data supporting the goals outlined in the plan. Board discussion centered around adoption of the plan and which of the five goals to pursue. The board also discussed next steps for implementing the plan with an emphasis on structural changes to the board and a strategy for pursuing funding. A motion was made by Art Beal to formally adopt the five goals outlined in the plan. The motion was seconded by Jeff McCurdy.

#### **Idaho Rural Partnership Legislative Strategy:**

A motion was made by Tim Solomon and seconded by Jani Revier for the co-chairs to create a committee to work on legislative changes needed to modernize the governing structure, and secure staffing and funding for the Partnership. If permissible the co-chairs will seek board approval for the legislative changes by electronic vote. If an electronic vote is not allowed, then a special board meeting may be called. The motion passed without objection.

#### **Idaho Rural Success Summit**

Jerry reported that the 2024 Idaho Rural Success Summit will take place May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 at the Shoshone Bannock Hotel on the Fort Hall Reservation. If anyone has ideas for topics and sessions share those with Jerry.

#### **New Business:**

None

#### **Financials:**

Jerry reported that the Idaho Rural Partnership has a current cash balance of \$33,746.92. The only ongoing expense is a monthly website hosting fee of \$114.99. Other expenses include fees to Idaho Partners for Good for consulting related to the Idaho Rural Partnership Strategic Plan.

#### **Adjournment:**

Jani Revier moved to adjourn the meeting. Erik Kingston seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection. The meeting ended at 3:35 Mountain Time.