



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

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## IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Date and Time:**

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

From 8 am to Noon PST

**Location:**

Holiday Inn Express

477326 Hwy 95 N, Ponderay, Idaho

### APPROVED MINUTES

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Flory

Dwight Horsch

Dick Bronson

Roger Stutzman

Dave Radford

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

None

**COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:**

Teri Murrison

Kristin Magruder

Bill Lillibridge

Terry Hoebelheinrich

Mark Hogen

**PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

John Homan, Deputy Attorney General (via  
teleconference)

Alice Wallace

Herman Collins

Terry Halbert

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Flory, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWC) member at 8:07 a.m. Chairman Flory turned the floor over to Vice Chair Dwight Horsch.

Welcome and self-introductions followed. John Homan, Deputy Attorney General, participated via teleconference.

**REVIEW OF DRAFT MINUTES**

**Commissioner Dick Bronson moved to approve the minutes for May 17 and 18, 2011 with one modification to change ‘Tuesday, May 18, 2011’ to ‘Wednesday, May 18, 2011’. Commissioner Dave Radford seconded. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Radford moved to approve the May 25, 2011 minutes. Commissioner Bronson seconded. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to follow up on the letters to the applicants not selected for the Administrator position. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Roger Stutzman moved to accept the RCRDP financial and loan status report for March and April 2011 from the May 25, 2011 teleconference. Commissioner Radford seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.**

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Options for Contingency Reserve

The contingency reserve has been held at three percent of the available loan funds over the last couple of years to cover expenses that could be associated with defaulted loans. Discussion followed about whether this is still a good practice. There is support to leave the contingency in place for now.

**Commissioner Radford moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(a) and (d) for the purpose of considering personnel matters and to review pending RCRDP loan applications only. Commissioner Stutzman seconded. No discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Commission moved into executive session at 8:29 a.m. Terry Hoebelheinrich, Teri Murrison, John Homan, Kristin Magruder, and Bill Lillibridge were invited to stay.

**Executive session ended at 10:46 a.m. Chairman Flory returned to the meeting during executive session at 9:07 a.m.**

Commissioners discussed the disposition of pending RCRDP loan applications.

Loan No. 652

Amount: \$78,200 (alternative \$30,000)  
Term: 7 years  
Rate: 2%

49 Project description: Install center pivot irrigation system and well.

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51 **Commissioner Stutzman moved to approve Loan No. 652 pursuant to the loan officer's**  
52 **recommendation and to consider the project of installing the pivot and drilling the well as a whole.**  
53 **Commissioner Radford seconded. Discussion followed about contingency clarification. Further**  
54 **discussion followed.**

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56 **Vice Chair Horsch moved to amend the original motion to split the project between the two practices**  
57 **as listed in the loan application. Chairman Flory seconded. Discussion followed about whether**  
58 **approving the entire amount requested would go against policy. There was further discussion about**  
59 **the conservation benefit of the entire project except that the pivot is already installed and to approve**  
60 **the entire amount would go against policy.**

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62 **There was further discussion on the amended motion. A vote was taken on the original motion with**  
63 **all voting in the affirmative. A vote was taken on the motion as amended with all voting in the**  
64 **affirmative.**

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66 **Loan No. 652 was approved in the amount of \$30,000 for a term of seven (7) years at two-percent**  
67 **interest (2%) to install the well only as part of the overall project. Motion passed.**

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69 Loan No. 653

70 Amount: \$4,000

71 Term: 5 years

72 Rate: 2%

73 Project description: Complete irrigation improvements to install main line with risers and wheel lines.

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75 Loan officer recommendation is to approve applicants existing loan for an additional \$4,000 rather than  
76 writing an additional loan. This practice is completing the previous project and not a new project. Loan  
77 policy does allow the Administrator to approve additional funding not to exceed \$5,000 and subject to  
78 adequate assets to secure the loan, reasonable assurance of repayment, creditworthiness of applicant,  
79 adequate funds available in the loan fund, and the additional expense will meet the conservation plan.

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81 **Commissioner Radford moved to direct the Administrator to approve this loan pending review as set**  
82 **forth in loan policy. Commissioner Stutzman seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.**

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84 Loan No. 654

85 Amount: \$43,000

86 Term: 12 years

87 Rate: 4%

88 Project description: Install variable frequency drive and rebuild turbine pump to conserve water.

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90 **Commissioner Radford moved to approve Loan No. 654 contingent upon the loan officer**  
91 **recommendations as listed in the loan packet and contingent upon (1) the real estate collateral be**  
92 **investigated to show that there is access or easement to the collateral and (2) securing credit life**  
93 **insurance or similar security for the original value of the loan assigned to the Commission. Vice Chair**  
94 **Horsch seconded. Further discussion followed. Motion passed.**

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96 Loan No. 636

97 **Commissioner Radford moved to deny Loan No. 636 based upon the recommendation from the**  
98 **Attorney General's office. Vice Chair Horsch seconded.**

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100 **Commissioner Bronson moved to amend the motion on Loan No. 636 to add that the loan is denied**  
101 **because applicant is unable to furnish documentation as required in policy. Commissioner Stutzman**  
102 **seconded.**

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104 **A vote was taken on the original motion. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.**

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106 **A vote was taken on the amended motion. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.**

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108 **SWC PERSONNEL**

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110 **Vice Chair Horsch moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(a) for the**  
111 **purpose of considering personnel matters. Commissioner Stutzman seconded. No discussion. Roll**  
112 **call vote was taken with all voting in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.**

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114 The Commission entered into executive session at 11:15 a.m. Administrator Teri Murrison was invited  
115 to stay.

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117 **Executive session ended at 12:32 pm.**

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119 **REPORTS**

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121 Staff reports on conservation projects and activities were continued to the June 8, 2011 agenda due to  
122 lack of time.

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124 **At 12:33 pm, Vice Chair Horsch moved to recess the meeting until Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 8 am.**  
125 **Commissioner Stutzman seconded. Motion passed.**

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127 Respectfully submitted,

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129 Dick Bronson  
130 Commissioner and Secretary,  
131 Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission