

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Annette Zweifel, Treasurer, met with the Board. She recently hired Ashley Leonardson as a new deputy treasurer. To perform her duties she will need to access East Idaho Credit Union accounts. **Commissioner William Frederiksen moved to adopt resolution # 2014-03 authorizing Ashley Leonardson to deposit into and review East Idaho Credit Union accounts. Commissioner Tod Shenton seconded. Unanimous.**

Commissioner William Frederiksen was excused.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to set the date of July 14th at 3:00 pm for the 2014 Board of Equalization hearing. Commissioner Greg Shenton seconded. Passed.

EMERGENCY OPERATION MANAGER

Russ Kerr met with the Board. He presented two purchase orders, one for basic ambulance supplies and one for EPI pens. **Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to approve the ambulance supply purchase and two EPI pens. Commissioner Greg Shenton seconded. Passed.** Russ also updated them on recent purchases of clothing for the firemen obtained through a 2012 homeland security grant. Mr. Kerr reported that on July 8th he was scheduled to attend the emergency managers workshop. As an ambulance administrator he expressed a desire to see more EMTs come through the system. He is working diligently to keep the current EMTs certified. The Board requested that at the next meeting he would present a spreadsheet showing the revenues and expenses incurred this fiscal year. He was also encouraged to work with Darrin May in preparation for the county surplus sale, and be sure to list any excess property he can identify.

CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK UPDATE

Velvet Killian, and Russ Kerr met with the Board to evaluate current positions, review job descriptions and consider changes in the breakdown of assignments regarding primarily Mr. Kerr's various employment assignments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

June 23, 2014 EMERGENCY MEETING SHEEP STATION CLOSURE

Friday June 20, 2014 it was learned from Richard Garber that the United States Secretary of Agriculture sent a reprogramming letter to the Congressional Appropriation Committees recommending closure of the US Sheep Experiment Station located near Dubois, ID.

Congress has 30 days to respond to the letter. Congress can approve or disapprove the request, ask questions for further clarification, or not respond to the letter. No response from Congress is deemed to be an approval of the request. The Congressional Appropriation Committees are supposed to contact congressmen from areas that will be impacted by the closure for their input.

The stated reason for the closure is due to a reduced budget in USDA-ARS and the inability of the USSES to operate within their allotted budget. The loss of key winter range (BLM Bernice Allotment) is a major reason for the USSES' inability to operate within budget. An additional \$200,000 was required for feed the flock during the winter in the feedlot at headquarters near Dubois.

The following timeline applies if Congress decides to close the USSES:

- All current employees will receive a redirection of assignment letter by July 3. There also will be some buyout/early retirement offers made at this time. The employees will have until August 29 to respond to the letter. The last day for those who retire will be October 3. Those you choose to be reassigned to a different location will need to report to the new location by November 3. All USDA-ARS functions at the Station will end on or before November 3.

The University of Idaho owns the sheep. They will need to sell or relocate the herd before closure. There may be an opportunity for the UI to have a no-cost revocable permit for use of the facility and lands. There is a concern that some employees will depart early for other job opportunities, which will make management of the sheep bands on summer range difficult.

In response to this information an emergency meeting was called for the purpose of; understanding the budgetary challenges being faced, reviewing possible options, assess local impact, and gain support to suggest reconsideration of the closure.

Those in attendance were;

Greg Shenton	Clark County Commissioner/ Chair
Tod Shenton	Clark County Commissioner
William Frederiksen	Clark County Commissioner
Brett Taylor	Research Animal Scientist
Nick Hillman	Republican Commissioner nominee elect
Paul Romrell	State Representative
Richard Savage	Cattlemen's Association/ Hamer
Mike Webster	Governor's Office/ Roberts
Jim Hagenbarth	Livestock Association/ Kilgore
Cindy Siddoway	Idaho Wool Growers/ Terretton
Lyle Holden	Mayor, City of Spencer
Randy Mead	Mayor, City of Dubois
Bart May	Clark County Sheriff
Boyd Eddins	Clark County Chief Deputy Sheriff
Amy Taylor	Representative for U.S. Senator James Risch

Ethan Huffman	Rep. for U.S. House of Rep. Mike Simpson
Brad Eddins	Sheep Station employee
Annette Eddins	University of Idaho employee/ Sheep Station
Buck Holly	Department of Defense/ private contractor
Carrie May	Clark County Assessor
Laurie Small	University of Idaho employee
Kerri Ellis	Economic Development Specialist
John Foltz	University of Idaho Administrator/ telephonically
Bonnie Stoddard	Jefferson Star
Rhett Jacobs	Riverbend Ranch
Boyd Leonard	USSES USDA employee/ Hamer
Shawna Leonard	USSES USDA employee/ Hamer
Harley Carpenter	Sheep Station employee/ Hamer
Ted Edwards	Spencer resident/ former county commissioner
Zac Miller (and associate)	Farm Bureau Regional Manager
Bob Ellis	Sheep Station employee/ Hamer
Afton Ellis	Sheep Station employee/ Hamer
Neil Wood	Proprietor/ Dubois
Ella Ybarlucea	USSUS USDA employee/ Montevieu
Three representatives from U.S. Senator Mike Crapo's office	
Velvet Killian	Clark County Clerk

An open discussion was held where various ideas, concerns and opinions were expressed. Many individuals and organizations agreed to submit a letter of concern to local representatives and congressmen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


 Velvet Killian, Clerk


 Gregory Shenton, Chairman