

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Wootan to sign the Boise Basin Cooperative Weed Management Application.

WOOTAN..... -AYE

CORBUS..... -AYE

HOFER..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

The monthly department heads meeting was held.

Mir Seyedbagheri, Extension Office, appeared to update the board. He has been busy with workshops and recertification training. He has had several meetings with commodity groups regarding sugar beets, potatoes, small grains and alfalfa. He will be attending some conferences soon and has had classes on pesticides. He stated that there has not been many insect issues due to the cold winter temperatures. Chairman Wootan asked about clover root issues. Mr. Seyedbagheri stated that he had a workshop regarding clover root and stated there is no chemical to combat that. When farmers water and the ground gets warmer, the secondary infection causes major problems with fungus, so the clover root is not actually destroying the crops, it's the fungus. He stated that it is very important during the hot summer months not to over water crops.

Alan Roberts, Extrication Department, appeared to give his monthly update. Mr. Roberts stated that the box for the new extrication truck is in production and they just have to wait for the chassis, as it is a 2017 model. They are hoping to have it complete by June or July. Call volumes have increased this month, due to the winter weather. He has been looking into grant funding and fundraisers to help fund the purchase of equipment for new extrication truck.

Wade Baumgardner, Veteran Service Officer, appeared. He participated in a Veteran's Day Ceremonies at the Mountain View Cemetery and attended the Veteran's Day dinner and ceremonies at the VFW Hall in Glens Ferry. He was successful in getting a wheelchair bound claimant 100% disability for Multiple Sclerosis that was contracted while he was in the service. The claimant had tried several times while living in Wyoming but was never successful and always turned down. He has registered several veterans into the VA healthcare system who are not old enough to be covered by Medicare and private healthcare is too expensive. Mr. Baumgardner participated in a military rites funeral for a retired veteran at the Mountain View Cemetery on October 17th. He participated in the annual food convoy to the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise on November 14th. He provided a detailed briefing for veterans during their monthly American Legion meeting. He worked on a claim of a deceased Air Force veteran whose family is out of state. Since the last meeting he has assisted thirty five veterans, spouses and/or family members with specific VA issues.

Alan Christy, Land Use and Building Department Director, appeared to update the board. Building permits are down, which is common during winter months. There are four pending building permits,

including one large commercial permit. The land use applications have been steady. Seven land use applications have been submitted for December, including five extensions, one conditional use permit and one rezone. He has been working with the engineer regarding the building design and repair project at the Bennett Road Landfill and should have an agreement worked out by the end of the day. He received a request from KC Duerig to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission, as his term had just expired. No other applications for the position have been received. On January 28th Mr. Christy will be meeting with the Floodplain Administrator to discuss the county's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. There will be a meeting at the Mountain Home Air Force Base on January 12th to review and sign a memorandum of understanding for collaborative water conservation education and outreach. Commissioner Corbus will be present at the meeting as well as Mr. Christy and he is requesting a motion from the board to have Commissioner Corbus sign the memorandum on behalf of the county.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve and authorize Commissioner Corbus to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the 366th Fighter Wing, Boise State University, the City of Mountain Home and Elmore County for collaborative water conservation education and outreach.

WOOTAN -**AYE**
CORBUS -**AYE**
HOFER -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Steve Dye, Probation Director, appeared to give his monthly update. Mr. Dye reviewed the caseload summaries for adult misdemeanor probation, juvenile probation and drug court. Mr. Dye reviewed the criteria for drug court eligibility. The community service report was reviewed. He has received approved grant funding for the drug court program so the budget will need to be opened to accept the funding. He reviewed the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report, which will need to be signed by Chairman Wootan.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve and authorize Chairman Wootan to sign the Juvenile Justice Annual Finance Report.

WOOTAN -**AYE**
CORBUS -**AYE**
HOFER -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Carol Killian, Disaster Services, appeared. Ms. Killian applied for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant for fuel mitigation but did not get approval for any funding because the amount of available funding was reduced. She is still working on the Emergency Operations Plan. There is Special Project Funding coming up and the board has asked Ms. Killian to look into enhancing the security of courthouse. Special Projects funding does not cover structural projects, but shielding for enhanced security may be funded. She will also look into funding for courthouse security personnel training. She is also working on a full scale exercise for May 2016.

Bill Richey, Military Liaison, appeared to update the board. Mr. Richey attended the Climate Change preparedness workshop. They are working on the five projects, with the first one being the Snake River pipeline project to bring water to the air force base. The project is now broken into two parts, with part one being the pipeline project bringing water to the base, and part two, which will deal with a request from the county and the City of Mountain Home to add other users to the project if feasible. The Department of Water Resources (IDWR) will be conducting a feasibility study, which should be finished by February. The study will look at the feasibility of adding other users and any increased costs that may occur. The current cost of the project include the pipelines to the base and a water treatment facility. They will look at what the cost increase may be to use a larger piping system to add users and send water to other locations. Another project involves fuel management and the ecosystem that drives it. Representatives from the base will meet with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to review last year's fire season and if any training is needed. They will also involve any county and city agencies that will play a part as well. The base will be heading up a forum that will be held twice a year to discuss energy conservation. He met with the Idaho Military Advisory Committee regarding the future vision of the range at the base and discussed a temporary expansion of the military operating area for training exercises. The expansion will extend up to the Orchard Training Center and lower the air space to 100 feet along the entire operating area.

Rena Kerfoot, Fair Director, appeared. Ms. Kerfoot recommended three individuals for appointment to the fair board for four year terms.

Motion by Corbus, second by Wootan, to appoint Mikel Caraway, Steve Damele and Rachel Barnes to the Fair Board for four year terms.

WOOTAN..... -AYE
CORBUS..... -AYE
HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Ms. Kerfoot stated that she attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs Convention in Utah. It was very informative, with several workshops pertaining to smaller, more local fairs. She spoke with several different carnival agencies and found that most are booked and generally they are asking for more compensation than she has budgeted for. She is looking into bringing in additional concerts and other activities such as Wild West acts and entertainment. The flea markets will be held on the third Saturday of the month, with each month having a theme.

The monthly elected officials meeting was held.

Assessor Ron Fisher updated the board. His office is continuing to sign up taxpayers for homeowners exemptions. They will be sending out letters for residents who may be eligible for circuit breaker reductions. They have completed the sub roll, occupancy roll and missed tax roll. They have received a few applications for appeals for occupancy tax.

Landfill issues were revisited. Chairman Wootan spoke with Jack Yarbrough regarding his proposed fees to run the Bennett Road landfill and haul the trash to the Simco Road landfill. Mr. Yarbrough offered \$25.00 per ton to operate and haul the trash from Bennett Road. He will also continue paying the county the 3% of tipping fees and the \$30,000.00 annually per the mitigation agreement. He is also willing to work with county regarding the cost for repairs to the building at Bennett Road. If the county agrees, he is asking for the agreement to be in place for one year, with renegotiations at the end of one year. A lengthy discussion followed. Attorney Grant will draw up a proposed amendment for review by the board and Mr. Yarbrough.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn for lunch.

WOOTAN..... -AYE
CORBUS..... -AYE
HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

Jolene Hobdey, Oasis Fire Protection District, appeared to discuss the annexation of property into the Oasis Fire District. Ms. Hobdey gave the board a packet and reviewed the procedures they followed for the annexation. Attorney Grant will review the packet and draw up a resolution for approval by the board.

The board continued deliberations for CUP-2015-09 Jim Carrie, dba Intermountain Development. The board will not be accepting any further comments or testimony at this time. A draft of the Finding of Facts, Conclusion of Law and Order regarding the hearing was reviewed by the board.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order for the appeal of CUP-2015-09 Jim Carrie, dba Intermountain Development.

WOOTAN..... -AYE
CORBUS..... -AYE
HOFER -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Jim Carrie was given a copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order that was approved by the board. Mr. Carrie asked for clarification on the decision and was told that his subdivision was approved with certain conditions which were contained in the findings presented to him. Mr. Carrie tried to discuss the decision with the board and was told that the hearing has been closed and deliberations are concluded. Mr. Carrie was very upset over the decision and felt that the board should hear his side of the story again. He was told that he could apply for reconsideration by the board and would have to make that request with Mr. Christy at the Land Use and Building Department.

Chairman Wootan made a phone call to Jack Yarbrough to review the proposed operational fees from earlier in the meeting.

The board gave Mr. Carrie the opportunity to speak in regards to the decision. He does not agree with the conditions that he has to have a community water system and that the lots have to be at least two acres in size. He feels that this a personal issue against him. He stated that he has built many subdivision and they have all been successful, and he does not know of anywhere that it states he is required to have a community water system and two acres lots. He stated that this ordinance is one of the most restrictive in the state and he has complied with it and the board just keeps adding on more conditions. He feels that the process isn't fair, that he has spent \$90,000.00 on this process and he shouldn't have to do that. He stated he will apply for reconsideration and move ahead. Attorney Grant stated that if Mr. Carrie files a request for reconsideration to the extent permissible by the ordinance, the board should have another hearing to give any opponents the opportunity to respond to the information the board just received from Mr. Carrie.

Chairman Wootan updated the board on his phone call with Jack Yarbrough. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the proposed offers made by both the board and Mr. Yarbrough. The board made a return phone call to Mr. Yarbrough to discuss the issues.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to adjourn.

WOOTAN..... **-AYE**
CORBUS..... **-AYE**
HOFER..... **-AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Chairman
ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk