

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019
- TIME:** 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment of the Afternoon Session
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy (Maurin), Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Stevenson, Giddings
- GUESTS:** Kyle Wilmat, ISDA; Roger Batt, IEOSA; Gretchen Hyde, IRRC; Rich Garber, IGPA
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1125:** **Sen. Burtenshaw** explained this legislation is to bring commodity warehouse operator requirements for warehouse receipts up to date. Hand-written department provided forms, and electronic receipts will have equal legally binding requirements. He said the electronic receipts must be USDA approved, accessible to Idaho State Department of Agriculture and all cost of implementation and cost related to electronic warehouse receipts are the responsibility of warehouse owners and/or associated dealers.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **S 1125** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- In response to a committee question, **Kyle Wilmat**, ISDA, said security standards and certain protocols must be in place similar to a bank with sign-in and passwords features.
- Gretchen Hyde**, Director of the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission, (IRRC) briefly explained the accounting audit of 2018. She stated the activities of the commission are funded by mandatory assessments, fees based on animal unit months on all domestic cattle and sheep utilizing state grazing lands, United States Forest Service lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in the State of Idaho. She explained the commission also relies on grants, donation and gifts from the general public.
- Ms. Hyde** said education is their mandate. She explained how IRRC assists the K-12 teachers by creating opportunities for students to learn about where they live, where their food comes from and how important caring for the land is to ranchers in the great State of Idaho. She said their goals are to increase public understanding that Idaho rangelands are a renewable resource, provide factual information about grazing management practices and to promote public support for Idaho's livestock industry.
- Ms. Hyde** explained the 5-part series launching this April, about the impact of wolves statewide since their reintroduction in 1995. She said the series is timely due to the large number of direct predations on livestock which indicates the wolf populations are reaching an all time high in the state.

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

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary