

MINUTES
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Heider, Vice Chairman Brackett, Senators Bair, Mortimer, Patrick, Guthrie, Stennett, and Jordan

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Johnson

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Heider** called the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

HONORING OF PAGE: **Chairman Heider** asked Paige Evans, the Committee page to come forward and be honored. **Chairman Heider** presented Ms. Evans with a letter of appreciation signed by the Committee, a letter of recommendation signed by the Chairman, a watch, and a necklace. **Ms. Evans** stated she learned a lot about the legislative process and really appreciated how the Committee listened to the citizens who testify. **Ms. Evans** stated her plans after high school were to take her 21 concurrent credits and attend LDS Business College with a degree in interior design.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Mortimer** moved to approve the Minutes of February 6 and 27, 2019. **Senator Bair** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Senator Bair** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Dustin Miller as the Director to the Idaho Department of Lands to the floor with recommendations that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Bair will be the floor sponsor.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Senator Bair** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Dustin Miller to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to the floor with recommendations that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Bair will be the floor sponsor.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Senator Mortimer** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Linda Mitchell to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to the floor with recommendations that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Bair** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Woodward will be the floor sponsor.

PRESENTATION: **Terry Hoebelheinrich**, Loan Officer, Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (Commission), stated Conservation the Idaho Way (CTIW) is a voluntary agricultural stewardship program that sets to improve water and soil quality, while also restoring streams, rivers, forests, ranges, and croplands. **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** stated CTIW balances socioeconomic health with natural resources and the three core functions of CTIW are to provide financial and technical assistance to conservation districts, to provide incentive-based conservation programs, and to educate people about voluntary conservation. Furthermore, **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** discussed their proposed rule change that would make the Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program more attractive to potential borrowers. **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** noted the rule passed unanimously through the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, and the Senate equivalent is working on a resolution to the rule. **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** stated their goals of reducing consumptive ground water use in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer were met.

RECORDING LINK: To hear Mr. Hoebelheinrich's presentation in full, go to:
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/standingcommittees/SRE/>.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Heider** adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Senator Heider
Chair

Tyler Brock
Secretary