

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, January 27, 2020
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Mendive, Kauffman, Blanksma, Addis, Lickley, Moon, Raybould, Rubel, Toone, Mason (Nash), Necochea
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Rubel
- GUESTS:** Ben Davenport, Idaho Mining Association; Jon Goode, Tim Vedder, Mick McCullough, Mark Kirby, Itafos; Glen Prout, Simplot; Michael McCurdy, DEQ; Kevin Beaton, Stoel Rives; Brett Slaughter, IGPA; Tim Luke and Rob Whitney, Idaho Department of Water Resources; Lynn Tominaga, IGWA; Paul Arrington, IWUA; John Chatburn, OEMR; Hollie Lawrence, LSO; Jamie Richmond, interested citizen
- Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- Tim Vedder**, General Manager and Vice President of Operations, Itafos Conda, presented an overview of the Itafos Conda mine and manufacturing facility, located in Conda Idaho, Caribou County. He stated the facility has been continuously operating for 33 years. In 2018, Itafos purchased the site from Agrium. The facility is currently focused on extending the phosphate ore supply from a combination of additional resources in existing mines and defining a path forward for long-term ore continuity by prioritizing the Husky 1/Dry Ridge efforts. He stated there is approximately five years of mine life currently remaining. Mr. Vedder explained the philosophy of the operations and core values focuses on safety of their employees, being good stewards of the environment, and integrating into the neighboring communities by participating in youth sports, FFA, charitable events, and more.
- Chairman Gibbs** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Gestrin**.
- HJM 11:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, stated this Joint Memorial asks the President, the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior, Administrators of EPA, and Idaho's Congressional Delegation to commit to moving the permitting process forward for Itafos Conda's Husky 1/Dry Ridge project so the site can be developed in a timely and cost-effective manner to support the American farmers.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **HJM 11** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 27443:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, stated the purpose of this legislation is to establish minimum design standards for the disposal of phosphogypsum at phosphoric acid facilities. Phosphogypsum is a by-product of the manufacturing of phosphoric acid. Currently, Idaho solid waste requirements exclude phosphogypsum systems from regulation and therefore minimum design requirements are necessary, which will eliminate case by case determinations by state and federal agencies on the design of these systems.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 27443.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Vice Chairman Gestrin** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Gibbs**.

RS 27297: **Tim Luke**, Water Compliance Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Water Resources, stated the purpose of this legislation is to amend **Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code** to consolidate language and reduce duplication of sections related to the collection of water district assessments, clarify requirements for counties that collect water district assessments, correct errors, consolidate the requirements for watermaster reporting into one section, authorize watermasters to estimate the amount of water delivered to water users where actual delivery data isn't available for purposes of assessments, and to amend requirements for water district's annual meeting notices.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 27297. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Representative Gibbs
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary