



POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
543 Bannock Ave.
American Falls, ID 83211
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Monday, July 19, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Monday, July 19, 2021, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 1:04 pm, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

PRESENT: Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair
Commissioner Delane Anderson
Commissioner Bill Lasley

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Flor Cardona, Deputy Clerk
Anson Call, Legal Counsel

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:

• Field Representative Carter Harrison (U.S. House of Representatives)	Cordell Kress Jamie Kress Stacey Satterlee
• Regional Director Farhana Hibbert (U.S. Senator Mike Crapo)	Ivan Permann James Udy
• Regional Director Renee Richardson (U.S. Senator James E. Risch)	Gilbert Hofmeister Brett Leyshon Daniel Moore

III. AGENDA

A. MOTIONS:

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, July 19, 2021, was presented by Commissioner Funk with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

B. POINTS OF ORDER:

1. **Drought Discussion:** The Commission took the Congressional Delegates and local farmers on a drought tour. Staci Satterlee, Executive Director of Idaho Grain Producers advised they need to find a better way to input data on the drought monitor. Ms. Satterlee advised they can petition the Governor to contact the United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA) to override/move areas of the state immediately into the D4 (exceptional drought) monitor status. Cordell Kress, Local Wheat Grower advised they are at 1/3 to 1/2 of normal yields. Mr. Kress advised they can use crop insurance, but it is still tough. Mr. Kress advised the State Climatologist won't respond. James Udy, Cattle Company advised the drought monitor should include temperature monitoring. The Commission also had a discussion on the 2 weather monitoring stations in Power County, leaving most of the southern portion of Power county without accurate weather data when determining disaster status for farmer/ranchers in the area.

2. **Budget Discussion**: The Commission have tabled the discussion to July 26, 2021.

IV. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

1. **Next Meeting**: The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for July 26, 2021.
2. **Adjourn**: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held August 23, 2021.

COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman

ATTEST:

FLOR CARDONA, Deputy Clerk