



## Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners

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Final Minutes  
State Board of Land Commissioners Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the State Capitol, Lincoln Auditorium (WW02), Lower Level, West Wing, 700 West Jefferson, Boise, Idaho, and via webinar. The meeting began at 9:16 a.m. The Honorable Governor Brad Little presided. The following members were in attendance:

Honorable Governor Brad Little  
Honorable Secretary of State Lawrence Denney  
Honorable State Controller Brandon Woolf  
Honorable Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra

For the record, Governor Little acknowledged the presence of four Land Board members. Attorney General Wasden was absent.

### Video Presentation – Department of Lands' Year-in-Review

**Director Miller:** Alright, well thank you Governor. I just want our staff to know how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication this past year and as you saw, the proof is right there. At this time, Governor, before I jump into the Department Report, I want to recognize our outgoing members on the Land Board. General Wasden is unfortunately unable to be here today, but I would like to recognize Superintendent Ybarra and Secretary Denney. Just wanted to thank you both for your service on the Land Board, your steadfast support of our endowment beneficiaries, and of course the staff at the Department of Lands. You have been wed to the mission and because of your involvement, we have accomplished some incredible things for the endowments and for the health and resiliency of Idaho's abundant land and natural resources. With that, I would like to present you each with a plaque from the Department of Lands.

**Superintendent Ybarra:** Awesome, thank you so much. I appreciate that, thank you.

*[Editor's note: the Discussion portions, if any, for agenda items may be written in first-person format. This is not a verbatim transcript.]*

**1. Department Report – Presented by Dustin Miller, Director**

**Trust Land Revenue**

- A. Timber Sales – November 2022
- B. Leases and Permits – November 2022

**Discussion:**

**Governor Little:** Dustin, are these the sales that we did the bridge at a previous meeting?

**Director Miller:** Governor, yes, the Wild Cat Cedar Sale is the one at Priest Lake with the bridge.

**Governor Little:** What does that do to the bridge?

**Director Miller:** Governor, I do not know yet. I know there is some concerns over the surfacing of the road as well as surfacing over the bridge. We need to work through those concerns, and we will keep you apprised of those additional details.

**2. Endowment Fund Investment Board Report – Presented by Chris Anton, EFIB Manager of Investments**

- A. Manager's Report
- B. Investment Report

**Discussion:**

**Chris Anton:** Good morning, Governor, members of the Land Board. Financial markets rebounded in November as there was further evidence that inflation is rolling over and hints that China may begin to relax its COVID-zero policies. The portfolio was up 5.7% for the month and left us up 5.7% fiscal year-to-date. We were basically at break-even at the end of October. Since the end of the month, we did see inflation come down, headline inflation peaked around 8.2%, was reported at 7.1%. We have seen goods prices move lower the last four months and housing services prices are beginning to come down given the higher mortgage rates and the drop in new lease prices. Labor markets have been extremely strong. The number of job openings declined modestly from 10.7 million to 10.3 million, however there is still about 1.8 jobs for every person looking for work; the labor market is still very strong. Federal Reserve Chair Powell indicated that it makes sense to slow the pace of interest rate increases, but that the policy rate will likely need to remain restrictive for some time. When the Federal Reserve met last week, they did increase the Federal Funds rate by 0.5% which is less than the 0.75% they increased it the prior two months which left the Federal Funds rate at 4.5%. If you look at what is called the dot plot, which is the Board of Governors' estimate of where it will peak, it is estimated to peak around 5.1%. We are getting close to the peak rate and the question now is how long will they keep rates in this restrictive territory, which certainly is designed to slow inflation, but will also slow the economy; it is a fine balancing act. Financial markets are optimistic that inflation will continue to moderate and that we will see that peak Federal Funds rate early in the new year.

**Governor Little:** When do we mark our real estate to market? It does not show on the monthly calendar year-to-date even though it is an index.

**Mr. Anton:** Our real estate is in two different private funds. Those are marked to market every quarter. Every quarter they have an appraisal, but there is a lag in that reporting; we usually get it two months after the end of the quarter. I anticipate we will start to see a slowdown in the performance of our private real estate funds. We had a great year last year; they are still earning a fair amount of income but in terms of the valuations they are coming down.

### **Consent—Action Item(s)**

- 3. Disclaimer of Interest Request DI600316-Wander Property LLC, Boise River – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator-Minerals, Navigable Waterways, Oil and Gas**

**Recommendation:** Direct the Department to issue a Disclaimer of Interest for one parcel totaling 11.66 acres of the former bed of the Boise River, to Wander Property LLC following their payment to the Department of the remaining processing fee of \$300.

**Discussion:** None

- 4. Disclaimer of Interest Request DI600318-Oregon Trail Landmark LLC, Boise River – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator-Minerals, Navigable Waterways, Oil and Gas**

**Recommendation:** Direct the Department to issue a Disclaimer of Interest for two parcels totaling 2 acres of the former bed of the Boise River, to Oregon Trail Landmark LLC following their payment to the Department of the remaining processing fee of \$300.

**Discussion:** None.

- 5. Disclaimer of Interest DI600319-Riverside Hospitality LLC, Boise River – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator-Minerals, Navigable Waterways, Oil and Gas**

**Recommendation:** Direct the Department to issue a Disclaimer of Interest for four parcels totaling 3.4 acres of the former bed of the Boise River, to Riverside Hospitality, LLC following their payment to the Department of the remaining processing fee of \$300.

**Discussion:**

**Controller Woolf:** Thank you, Mick for the background. I have a quick question on these last two, what is the timing of why were these brought now? These have been part of this Boise area for a long, long time...trying to understand that.

**Mick Thomas:** Governor, Controller Woolf, that is a good question, thank you. To give you a little background, briefly, the application was initially made earlier this year, spring of 2022. It takes the Department a certain amount of time to process each of these as we go along. I will say from experience disclaimers are brought up whenever there is a desire to clear the title, a property exchange or something involving the title of the land. That is why we address them in a responsive way; if there is a need to clear title, usually through a purchase or sale, then they

realize we need to clear the title to move forward. That was the reason for this. There is something going on with the title and they needed to clear it.

**Controller Woolf:** What is the normal time frame for doing any type of disclaimer like this on accreted land?

**Mr. Thomas:** It really depends on the volume we are dealing with and the area. I know here in southwest Idaho our Southwest Office is averaging about six months from the time the application is received to the time it gets processed and brought before the Land Board. That is what we are averaging on that.

**Secretary of State Denney:** It brings up questions in my mind, what about the buildings that are already there; explain this process to me.

**Mr. Thomas:** This property specifically, the one you are referring to, was built I think in 1970. The Boise River has been pretty much where it is right now since the late '40s when the dams were built. The property was, based on what I understand, constructed involving a clouded title. I do not know how the financing happened for that, maybe it was self-financed. Ultimately the Department's resolution is the same. It is a clouded title, we do not own the upland, so it behooves us to consider that. As you may recall, before the Land Board decided to go through the disclaimer process, it was all done through quiet title action which was longer and more expensive for both parties.

**Governor Little:** Fellow Board members, we originally had an item on the agenda today to talk about this, these two cases have brought up. We have had mixed messages about whether they can just do quiet title on their own, or whether they have to go through this process. I asked and you all agreed to take it off of the agenda. If you will remember, and it is in the minutes, I asked Eric one or two meetings ago how many of these we had, he said thousands. I do not know that this Board or future boards want to spend all of their board meetings doing this. We have got to figure out, and the policy, what did you say, is 38 years old?

**Mr. Thomas:** Governor and members of the Land Board, the original Land Board decision was 1984, 28 years old. I would also like to add a little bit, there are *potentially* thousands of disclaimers. We do not currently have thousands of disclaimers pending processing with the Idaho Department of Lands. Again, it is very reactive, when there is a need to clear the title; I think that is what Mr. Wilson was referring to.

**Governor Little:** Well, if you look at Parcel F, and I have parked there many times, there is a whole bunch of land in the Boise Valley that is lower than the elevation of Parcel F. I cannot figure out how the county assessor...but, regardless, this is our policy, we are going to do this. I think we need to decide what Land Board policy is going forward unless we want to condemn all future Land Board meetings to doing these.

**Secretary of State Denney:** I am good with that.

**Governor Little:** We expect to have a robust discussion about it going forward. It is the policy right now, and there is no question that they have title to the land. The question is this little cloud on it that we do not necessarily need to address at every Land Board meeting.

**Mr. Thomas:** I agree. Thank you, Governor, members of the Land Board.

**6. Approval of Draft Minutes – November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting (Boise)**

**Consent Agenda Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt and approve the Consent Agenda. Secretary of State Denney seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Regular—Action Item(s)**

**7. Approval of Big Fork Cedar Timber Sale – Presented by Jeremy Shawver, Section Manager-Timber Sales**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Big Fork Cedar Timber Sale.

**Discussion:**

**Controller Woolf:** Jeremy, real quick question, is there any type of a view shed impact on this timber sale.

**Jeremy Shawver:** Thank you, Controller. No, when you are looking at the ownership map, it looks across the drainage at other IDL ownership on the other side of the Big Fork Creek there, so there is no view shed concerns with this sale.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt and approve the Big Fork Cedar Timber Sale. Secretary of State Denney seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**8. Endowment Administrative Sites Policy – Presented by Bill Haagenson, Deputy Director**

**Recommendation:** Approve the proposed policy regarding endowment administrative sites.

**Discussion:**

**Governor Little:** Bill, what the Department is asking us to vote on is to not have to advertise, but all of these withdrawals are still going to come back to the Land Board?

**Bill Haagenson:** Governor and members of the Board, that is correct. Any additions to the list would be brought to the Board.

**Controller Woolf:** A couple of questions for you, Bill, thank you. It is mentioned in here about partners, I just wanted to clarify who the partners are. It listed up here in the discussion and then down in item E it said use of administrative sites by partners or other agencies. Are the partners,

are those like TPAs? And then the other agencies understandable, I wanted to make sure that was clear.

**Mr. Haagen**: Governor, Mr. Controller, that is correct. The TPAs are a good example of partners; to the extent that the work they do protects endowment resources, they would qualify as a partner under this policy.

**Controller Woolf**: On the attachment you have the current list that you are recommending. My one quick question is understanding the current headquarters here in Boise is also on some endowment land or it is an owned endowment piece. How is that not on this list and what differentiates it because to me reading the criteria, it still meets that criteria. Help me understand that.

**Mr. Haagen**: Governor, Mr. Controller, the decision around our headquarters office, which is owned by State Hospital South and Normal Schools, but serves all of the endowments in effect, the decision there is when you look at the Boise market and the availability of potential other sites, we could move our headquarters operations if that need was presented. If someone wanted to lease our headquarters building, which we do go through an advertising process on and did so just recently, we could relocate our operations. There would be a cost associated with that, but it would be feasible to do so. That is the reason we left that off this list.

**Governor Little**: I assume this list are just current ones. There are lots of them out there right now, are there not?

**Mr. Haagen**: Governor and members of the Land Board, this is based on information from our staff, this is everything that we have identified that we need to put on this list at this time.

**Governor Little**: So, all the Department of Lands buildings in Coeur d'Alene, McCall, all of those...well it does list 6 acres here at Deinhard.

**Mr. Haagen**: Yes, Governor, McCall is on there because that one is on endowment land. The others are not on land owned by the endowments and therefore not subject to the same requirement to advertise for lease.

**Board Action**: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve the proposed policy regarding Endowment Administrative Sites. Secretary of State Denney seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

## **9. Endowment Land Exchange Policy** – Presented by Jim Elbin, Division Administrator-Trust Land Management

**Recommendation**: Adopt the Endowment Land Exchange Policy.

**Board Action**: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt the Department's recommendation and approve the new Endowment Land Exchange Policy. Secretary of State Denney seconded the motion. Governor Little added a caveat to the motion that the Land Board will further consider and refine two of the Land Exchange Criteria listed in

Section II.C. of the proposed policy: Equal or Greater Value and Disguised Sale (*see Discussion section below*). The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**Discussion :**

**Governor Little:** Okay, we have a motion. I have some issues with this. I am okay with approving it, but I think there is some of the language...we have had some pretty wide differences on appraisal values, and also the issue of disguised sale. I would be okay with accepting it, if the Board agrees to go back and relook at the language behind disguised sale, and the lesser or greater value, given the fact that we have had some appraisals that have not been within 15% of what the ultimate value was, that we maybe give better direction on how we do appraisal and how we look at what can be determined by one person as the disguised sale. Have you any thoughts, other Board members? I am saying approve it with the caveat that we are going to look at those two areas.

**Secretary of State Denney:** Governor, my thought on that is we go through that process before we allow them authority to go through the due diligence process. I think we can cover it in that.

**Governor Little:** When I look at this, you are saying in essence one person can determine whether it is a disguised sale rather than us collectively determining it as a disguised sale. I agree with you, but I think that is why we ought to come back and maybe refine it further. I am delighted that the staff went out and got us this far down the road because we need the policy, but these appraisals, you get a friendly appraisal and...there is a reason that all our VAFO sales go flying through, it is because of the way we appraise them. If we can put that in the minutes, those conditions in the minutes, then I am okay. Any other comments or questions? All in favor say aye.

**10. Cottage Site Leasing: 2025 Plan – Presented by Jason Laney, Section Manager-Endowment Leasing**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the 2025 Cottage Site Leasing Plan

**Discussion:**

**Governor Little:** Jason, is there a possibility that people will sign up for the 4%, what would preclude them from coming to the Board early and say I want to go through the VAFO process and buy? Is this embedded in stone that they are on the hook for 15 years, 5 years, or whatever the number is?

**Jason Laney:** Governor, members of the Board, with the way we wrote the plan, there would be that option to enter a VAFO auction, if we were offering it early.

**Governor Little:** Really, what are we doing here?

**Mr. Laney:** Well, I think that fulfills the goal to unify the estate and gives an opportunity to get those off the books even sooner by leaving that open.

**Controller Woolf:** Governor, just a comment. I appreciate the Department trying to bring it down, shorten the time frame from 30 years down to 15 years, 10, and 5 and putting some more

boxes around this. I appreciate you doing that and putting where you have the rent it gives direction and a plan and a vision for us and the cottage lessees.

**Governor Little:** My only issue is...I have already thrown the appraisal industry under the bus once...*[laughter]*. It depends upon whose appraiser it is, about that value.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt the 2025 Cottage Site Leasing Plan as approved and recommended by the Department. Secretary of State Denney seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

**11. Land Board Meetings Policy – Presented by Scott Phillips, Policy and Communications Chief – Presented by Scott Phillips, Policy and Communications Chief**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the proposed changes to the Guidelines for Regular and Special Meetings of the State Board of Land Commissioners, superseding prior decisions pertaining to meeting administration.

**Discussion:** Governor Little commented that Townhall Idaho is pretty special; Mr. Phillips agreed.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt the Department's recommendation and the proposed changes to the guidelines for the regular and special meetings of the State Board of Land Commissioners superseding the prior decisions pertaining to the meeting administration. Governor Little seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**12. Stakeholder Proposed Recreation Legislation – Presented by Scott Phillips, Policy and Communications Chief**

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Department to support the stakeholder legislation that addresses recreational impacts on endowment land.

**Discussion:**

**Controller Woolf:** Thanks, Mr. Phillips. Any impact or insight from the law enforcement side on this bill and the coordination that way, any feedback from them?

**Mr. Phillips:** Under the MOA with Fish and Game the Department has, we contract for the services of two FTEs of senior conservation officers. We have been talking to them about this and we think this is going to be received very favorably because it is actually a tool that prosecuting attorneys are, we believe, willing to employ. In the past when we have alerted law enforcement upon instances of damage on endowment land, given the fact that criminal trespass was the only choice, sheriffs did not want to write tickets on it. We think this is a straightforward, more simple approach to it. We do not anticipate a lot of tickets will be written under this statute. What we do see, though, is the educational value of it. If someone goes out and does something he should not be doing on endowment land, and he is held accountable with this statute, it allows us to tell that story of what happens when you do things that are prohibited on endowment land. At the end of the day, our goal with this legislation is to curb the damage so we can keep endowment



land open for public access. Unfortunately, when we have cases of severe damage to endowment land, the only recourse is to close it down and that is really the last thing that we want to do. We are hoping this legislation will help give us another tool.

**Governor Little:** Scott, or Dustin, this is not going to be Department legislation. I mean, whose name is going to be on the statement of purpose.

**Mr. Phillips:** Mr. Chairman, that is correct, this will not be IDL legislation. David Claiborne from the Idaho State ATV Association will be the primary sponsor of it. We have also received interest from a handful of legislators to be behind the bill as well.

**Governor Little:** It is not Department or Land Board legislation?

**Mr. Phillips:** That is correct, sir. We are just seeking approval because of Board policy that says we cannot get in front of or behind legislation without your permission.

**Governor Little:** What does behind legislation mean?

**Mr. Phillips:** That is my Clearwater-ese, sir [*laughter*]. To support or oppose.

**Governor Little:** Our name will be on the SOP?

**Mr. Phillips:** No, our name will not be on the SOP, but this will free me to talk to legislators in a positive way about the bill and to let them know that this is something that the Department wants.

**Governor Little:** Are you going to hunt out legislators or are you going to respond to inquiries?

**Mr. Phillips:** Both, sir.

**Governor Little:** Sounds like you are supporting the legislation...

**Director Miller:** Governor, the question is, is the Land Board supportive of this concept and wanting the Department to advocate for this particular piece of legislation, which has not been, obviously, drafted yet, but shortly after the session we expect it to be. We are not the driver behind it, we are just then supporting the groups with technical information as to the need for something like this.

**Superintendent Ybarra:** Governor, I am just super uncomfortable. I like the concept, but I have been around long enough to know that until I see it, I am a little uncomfortable.

**Mr. Phillips:** I think to clarify what the Director said, we have a draft bill. It is included in attachment 1 of your materials. We have had multiple meetings with the stakeholders listed in your briefing materials. They have all agreed in principle that this is what they want to do. I do not foresee the legislation as it is written in draft format in your briefing materials changing at all, or even in a minor way, until it is introduced. Again, it is a long way until the session starts even though it is just around the corner. There are things that could be changed, but there has been no discussion among the stakeholders to make other changes to the bill.

**Superintendent Ybarra:** Governor, much like earlier when you put some stipulations on our other vote, could we put in the minutes if there are any changes, that would need to come forward? Even though I am not going to be here, I am uncomfortable voting for something that I am not going to see or know what those changes are moving forward. It is a little ambiguous for me.

**Governor Little:** I think we all agree we are in favor of the concept of more fair administration of how we do law enforcement. It actually depends a lot of times upon what county you are in. You have a county with a big prosecutor staff, they do all kinds of things. You go to some of these rural counties, and you tell them you got anything that is going to go into the misdemeanor category, they just do not have time to do it. But it is the concept that we want better compliance with the laws on endowment lands. I am uncomfortable about here is an RS and we support it without all the duly elected constitutional officers. If it is something administrative for the Department, that is totally different, but you have a lot of players in this one. I do not think anybody would have a problem with us supporting the concept.

**Controller Woolf:** Governor, maybe as an opportunity once this does become RS'd or becomes a bill, that could come again, based on timing, to fit within our schedule when we meet again, whether it is January, February, March. That would be presented again, and we could have more details based on these comments.

**Mr. Phillips:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, our understanding is that a January meeting at this point is unlikely for the Board, at least that is the direction we have been going towards. If that occurs, that would create some compression issues and timing to get this before you before it starts to work its way through the system. My preference would have been to bring this to you next month, that was actually the original thought, once there was a bill introduced.

**Governor Little:** All we are saying is we sure as heck do not oppose it; we are for the concept. There is a pretty good list of supporters there, no disrespect to the Department of Lands, but I think this baby is going to have legs under it with or without the Department of Lands. We are saying we are sure not opposed to the concept that is here; if there is a big change you just send it to us individually and if we have to, we will have an emergency meeting.

**Mr. Phillips:** We could do that, sir.

**Secretary of State Denney:** Governor, you made a comment that, or you asked if they were actually going to lobby the bill, I think that is a little bit different. I would feel more comfortable if you were not actively lobbying for the bill. I would appreciate you to be there and if you are asked a question to give your position on it, rather than going out and meeting individual legislators and trying to twist their arm to support it.

**Superintendent Ybarra:** Governor, are you having a Land Board meeting in January? Did I hear you are, or you are not? Is that the direction?

**Governor Little:** We may not. We have some rookie Board members, and we are talking about doing Board 101 and we may. Regardless, if it is substantive, we can have an emergency meeting. In fact, each one of the constitutional officers can support it individually rather than collectively if they so choose.

**Controller Woolf:** Is a motion even necessary?

**Governor Little:** You tell me, Director Miller.

**Director Miller:** Governor, what we will do since there likely will not be a meeting in January, we can table this and continue to have conversations about this as the bill develops. I like your idea, Governor, about potentially, if need be, get the Board together to make a vote. We can certainly do that over a Zoom call on this particular item, and I misspoke, and Scott thank you for clarifying. There is draft language and it is in your binder. Certainly, I can support coming together if we need to, a special meeting to discuss this piece of legislation.

**Governor Little:** I think I am with all four of us...we appreciate the concept, but to start taking legislation that is a little out of our field and actively lobbying for it is maybe a stretch of what we have done in the past. I think it is good that you brought it up, but I am guessing this thing is going to fly off the floor whether you are there or not.

**Director Miller:** Governor, if I might, and to the Secretary's statement, is there comfort in the Department being there in committee, if and when it does get introduced, to offer technical advice?

**Governor Little:** The issue is being there, you say the Board looked at the draft language, they have no problems with it. I think that will go a long way. I just do not think you need to be chasing people down those halls out there.

**Director Miller:** Understand.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf to hold this agenda item. Superintendent Ybarra seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

## Information

*Background information was provided by the presenter(s) indicated below. No Land Board action is required on the Information Agenda.*

### **13. Idaho Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement –** *Presented by Josh Harvey, Bureau Chief-Fire Management*

#### **Discussion:**

**Governor Little:** Josh, we did not think we were going to get there. When do you think this thing will be finalized? Is it going to be toward the end of the year, next year?

**Mr. Harvey:** I am going to say that full implementation will start taking place in '24. There are still details to work through. Still need to see what resources...

**Governor Little:** Fiscal year '24, or calendar year?

**Mr. Harvey:** Calendar year '24. Need to see what resources make it through the legislature. That is going to determine what our response looks like.

**Governor Little:** You got to my next question. If we do not have a full-blown Board meeting in January, in February can you give us your best estimate of the highest this is going to cost, the lowest, and what you think it might be so that we know, not only for the Department of Lands but for the whole state, what we do for fire reimbursement. How it has changed our exposure and the positive effects of more certainty and the negative effects of more responsibility in the urban interface.

**Mr. Harvey:** My best answer is that I cannot give you a hard number. We spent the last two years, Scott Hayes, my Plans Chief, worked with the federal staff trying to determine what the fiscal impacts of these changes are going to be. All I can say is that there is a potential that it is going to cost the state more. Firefighting, as we have seen over the last ten years, has just gotten nothing but more expensive. In slower years where we have more temperate weather, and we have more smaller fires, say this year for example, it is possible that we could see a slight reduction in costs. But I think you need to ask me that question in five years, Governor.

**Governor Little:** Well, I am going to ask you now. I am obligated to do a five-year forecast of what the bottom line is, and we know we are going to have years where we are going to have a 40-, 50-, 60-, 70-million-dollar fire year. And we may have years where it is going to be way below what we thought. But, prior to signing this agreement, were those years under normal circumstances, were they going to be, instead of 40, 50, 60, were they going to be 80, 100, 120 million dollars. The Department spends the money, and the legislature writes them a blank check afterwards. I think we have an obligation as we are working through this, and do not get me wrong, I think you guys are doing a great job on this, but I do think there should be some level of expectation about what this is going to cost us in the future. You said a hard answer, I know full well there is not any hard answers but give us a range in the next month or two so we have an idea.

**Mr. Harvey:** I will get with my staff, and we will work on that, and I will bring that back to you. I cannot do that today, I am sorry.

**Governor Little:** I cannot either, but we really owe it to the people of Idaho to make a stab at it.

**Controller Woolf:** I just want to make a comment and thank the Director, Josh, Craig all the team at the Department of Lands, BLM, and Forest Service. I know there was a lot of work. I know you got involved, I know that our federal delegation was involved in this. Again, probably the best is when everyone hurts a little bit, and everyone gives a little bit. But I just want to thank the team for all your work on this agreement, appreciate the coordination to get here.

**Governor Little:** The Forest Service has come miles from where they were. The new chief was very understanding, but it was because you guys were doing a lot of yeomen's work, congratulations.

**Director Miller:** Thank you all for the help, Governor, and Land Board.

## Executive Session

None

**Controller Woolf:** Governor, before we adjourn, I would just like to publicly extend my thanks to Sherri, Lawrence, and Lawrence for all your years of service and work for Idaho and partnerships. I call you friends, thank you for all you do and wish you guys the best in your next chapter of life.

**Governor Little:** I would echo that, Controller Woolf. Having been the newbie on the Board, Lawrence and Brandon in particular, and then Sherri, we got a lot of work done. We are going to have to do 101 for the new Board members, and they might have to call you occasionally about what takes place here, but I have appreciated your service to the people of Idaho. You are friends, and we sure appreciate it.

**Superintendent Ybarra:** Governor, just want to say thank you. My time on the Board has been awesome and it has been an honor to represent Idaho's school children. Thanks to the staff and to the Director for taking good care of us. Really appreciate it, thank you.

**Secretary of State Denney:** I have to say what a privilege it has been to serve with you guys on this Board and how much I appreciate the Department of Lands and the professionalism that they bring to every meeting. Also, Chris and the Endowment Fund Investment Board, what a difficult job in volatile times; how easy it was two years ago and how hard it is now. I really appreciate all of your friendship and all the work that you do for the people of the state of Idaho. We appreciate you. God bless you until we meet again.

There being no further business before the Land Board, at 10:41 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Controller Woolf. Superintendent Ybarra seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

