



The Idaho Potato Commission met at Idaho Potato Commission in Eagle, ID on December 22, 2025. This meeting was also held by video conference.

Daren Bitter, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Jemmett
Brian Jones
Scott Mickelsen
Mark Darrington
Brad Russell
Brian Lundquist
Mike Telford
Jamey Higham, President/CEO
Sam Eaton, VP Legal/Government Affairs
Ross Johnson, VP Retail
Travis Blacker, VP Industry Relations
Jeweldean Hull, Managing Director
Grayson Waldie, Accounting/Finance Manager
Dusti Zimmerman, Finance/Legal Assistant

EXCUSED: Doug Ruff

VISITORS: Dana Valikai, Alex Reed, John Russell, Rachael Bickerton

VIDEO CONFERENCE: Jessica Stampe, Bri Payan, Brad Carlson, Patxi Lorrocea Phillips

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting convened at 7:00 a.m., with Chairman Bitter presiding. He welcomed everyone and went over the anti-trust agreement.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Commissioner Jemmett made a motion to approve October 22, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Telford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Waldie discussed receipts and expenditures for November financials. For the month of November, Fresh revenue is at \$322k, down \$23k compared to last year. Processed is at \$1.7 mil, up \$162k. Total for the month of November is \$2 mil, up \$139k compared to last year. Expenditures for November are \$1.4 mil versus a budget of \$1.4 mil. Expenditures YTD are \$3.7 mil versus \$3.6 mil. Currently the reserve is currently \$4.4 mil. Chairman Bitter asked for a motion to approve the November financials as presented if there were no further questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Lundquist made a motion to approve the November financials. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Darrington made a motion to accept the FY2025 Idaho Potato Commission's Audit report as presented by Russell. Commissioner Jemmett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE: Chairman Bitter called upon Mr. Eaton, who presented the following: A) IPC Authorities and Idaho code; B) 2025 Listening Sessions on redistricting, nominations, assessment and referendum, main feedback provided was on redistricting, see motion; C) Potato Variety, motion; D) Regulatory Matters.

MOTION: Commissioner Jones made a motion, If necessary, IPC staff is authorized to negotiate legislative amendments consistent with the staff proposal for redistricting and consistent with the proposed Alternative B for a referendum. Any IPC legislative amendments are subject to final approval of the Commission. Commissioner Darrington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Darrington made a motion to have IPC staff begin negotiated rulemaking and start informal processes. Commissioner Telford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Higham reported the following: A) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl/Idaho Potato Drop update; B) January 2026 Calendar items: Potato Expo, Potato School, Legislative Dinner; C) PR Report by Dana Valikai; D) Industry Discussion; E) 2025 Audit Report presented by John Russell from Zwygart, John & Associates.

RESEARCH & EDUCATION: Commissioner Jemmett turned the time over to Travis Blacker who reported the following: A) R&E meeting will be held on



January 20th at 2:30 pm; B) PNW Consortium meeting, February 10-11 in Boise, ID; C) University of Idaho still looking to hire and replace several positions.

INDUSTRY RELATIONS: Commissioner Telford turned the time over to Travis Blacker who reported the next cost of production meeting will be held January 20th at 1pm

LIASON REPORTS:

SIPCO: Commissioner Darrington reported that negotiations with growers will start in January.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.