

Custer County Commissioners
Special Meeting – Challis Creek Site Visit
August 25th, 2026

The Custer County Commissioners Special Meeting was called to order 9:00am in the road and bridge department office. Attending the meeting were Commissioners Will Naillon and Gordon Vaden, Brandon Jones, Shane Yarrington / Forest Service, Carma Brag, Sirenia Corrigan, and Executive Assistant George Cecil.

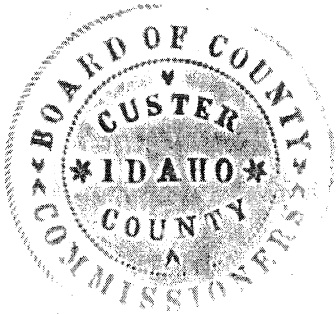
The meeting was opened with discussion led by Brandon Jones regarding a map of the land and the boundaries of the current road in place. Brandon also mentioned that the Forest Service Purchased the right of way for the road many years ago from the landowners. Further discussion took place regarding the structure that would be placed on the land and the current state of the road. The Commissioners asked various questions addressing the concerns of the landowners and getting up to speed on the history of the property.

At approximately 10:00am everyone arrived at the property and began surveying the site to see where a future structure could be placed. Commissioner Naillon inquired about the amount of dirt that would be required to fill in the riverbed to secure the structure, how the road would be expanded to meet legal requirements, and approximately where the structure would be placed over the river. Further discussion took place regarding what kind of structure would be placed over the creek, including the logistics of using a culvert compared to a bridge. Both Commissioners expressed that they liked the idea of using a culvert compared to a bridge because it was more cost efficient.

At 11:00am the group surveyed the far side of the property to see where the road would branch off a different existing roadway. The drainage situation was discussed and how inserting a bridge may affect the waterway. Carma answered questions from the Commissioners about the possibility of fish living in the creek and the impact of placing a structure over the water. Further discussion took place regarding the requests of the landowners for placing speed bumps and more signage on the road. Will mentioned that he really liked the road project because it would be more efficient for citizens in the long run.

At 11:30am the group met with Chuck and Alicia Wunsch, and Sandy Thomas at their house. Chuck began the discussion by mentioning that most people who drive on the roadway are respectful but there are always a few people that drive recklessly. Sandy mentioned that they did some research on purchasing speed bumps for the road and they found four speed bumps online for \$763. The Commissioners discussed the new road with them including what the structure would look like and the logistics of creating a new road. Chuck mentioned that he liked the idea and thought it would be a good long-term fix for the problem. Will spoke about how the schedule A would help the community and how the funding for all departments was reduced because of statewide mandates, however they would do what they could to fix the situation. Sandy mentioned that speed bumps were used many years ago on the road but have not been used recently. Brandon expressed that if speed bumps were implemented that the care and up-keep of them would fall on the landowners and not the Road and Bridge crew. Going forward, the Commissioners and Brandon agreed to investigate more signage as well as speed bumps for the road, with the possibility of changing the road in the future, however none of this was guaranteed.

With no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.



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Attest: Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Will Naillon".

Vice Chairman, Will Naillon