



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

IGEM Council Meeting
 March 2, 2022
 Idaho Department of Commerce
 Teleconference Meeting Link: MS Team Link
 700 W. State Street – Idaho Commerce Clearwater Conference Room
 Meeting held virtually and meeting location provided for public attendance

IGEM Council Members Present:	Idaho Commerce Staff Present:
Dr. David Hill – Chair	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Tom Kealey	Cathy Perry, Grant Analyst
Rick Stott	
Dr. Christopher Nomura	<u>Project Presenters and University Personnel</u>
Dr. Nancy Glenn	Dr. Amin Mirkouei, University of Idaho
Dr. Marianne Walck	John Swallow, Idaho Strategic Resources
Dr. Donna Lybecker	Dr. Claudio Berti, Idaho Geological Survey
Juan Carlos Duque	Jeremy Tamsen, University of Idaho
	Virginia Gillerman, University of Idaho
	Lee Ostrom, University of Idaho
	John Russell, University of Idaho
	Public:
	Catie Helm-Clark, Idaho Business Review
	Dr. Tom Ozden-Schilling, John Hopkins University

Call to Order – Dr. David Hill - Chair

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Carmen publicly greeted members as they joined the meeting. Membership meets quorum and has sufficient membership to enter executive session. The minutes reflect that this meeting was hosted by Idaho Commerce. The meeting link was published in the public domain and the Clearwater Conference room of Idaho Commerce was retained to provide a location for members of the public who want to attend the meeting. Idaho Commerce Director Tom Kealey was physically present in the public meeting area.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on 11-17-2021.

Moved: Rick Stott

Seconded: Dr. Donna Lybecker

All in favor, no discussion

Minor edit on a date cited on the previous meeting minutes. It should read 06-09-2021.

Motion approved.

Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap – Carmen Achabal

There were 6 applications submitted in Round 2, totaling more than \$1.5 million. Five applications did not advance forward. Carmen provided an explanation on each of the five applications that did not advance forward. Remaining IGEM balance is \$789,643.

Due to the confidential information of project 5135, the Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded: Juan Carlos Duque

A roll call vote was taken at 1:15 p.m.

IGEM Council properly entered into Executive Session.

A separate break out room on the MS Teams platform held all IGEM Council members and project personnel. Members of the public were not in this break out room.

Project Presentation

UI APP #5135 – Development of Idaho-Sourced Rare Earth Elements Drilling and Extraction

Presented by Dr. Amin Mirkouei, University of Idaho and Mr. John Swallow, Idaho Strategic Resources, Dr. Claudio Berti, Idaho Geological Survey.

The Chair entertained a motion to exit out of Executive Session.

Motion moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded: Dr. Donna Lybecker

A roll call vote was taken at 1:52 p.m.

IGEM Council properly exited Executive Session.

Members of the IGEM Council and project team were returned to the virtual public meeting room, where members of the public were awaiting.

The Council returned to the public session. The Chair noted that the Council:

1. Discussed APP# 5135.
2. After discussion concluded, closed the Executive Session with a roll call vote of the Council membership; and
3. No funding decisions were made in Executive Session.

Funding Considerations – Dr. David Hill, Chair

#5135: Development of Idaho-Sourced Rare Earth Elements Drilling and Extraction

Motion: To approve funding in the amount of \$348,241.

Moved by: Juan Carlos Duque

Seconded by: Rick Stott

All in favor, Rick commended the project, the team, and the partnerships.

Dr. Christopher Nomura abstained.

Motion approved.

IGEM Project Updates – Carmen Achabal

Carmen provided information on the next IGEM Investment Subcommittee and IGEM Council meetings. Available balance for round 3 is \$ 441,402.

Public Comments – Dr. David Hill, Chair

Catie Helm-Clark from the Idaho Business Review asked when information on this project would be publicly available. Carmen responded that a news release with a project summary would be made available if not tomorrow, in the next days.

Action Items – Dr. David Hill, Chair

None

Action Item: Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved: Rick Stott

Seconded: Juan Carlos Duque

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. David Hill at 2:03 p.m.