Board Report Christine Ketterling Federal Programs Director April 3, 2018

Agricultural Literacy

I have been collaborating with Jon Beals, a technical support provider with the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The Owyhee Conservation District along with many other districts have a growing concern that there is becoming a greater disconnect between local agricultural communities and the products they produce. It is our hope that we can acquire funds through a grant process that would enable us to provide stipends to a few local teachers that have an agricultural and education background and could develop some Ag. Literacy curriculum for our K-3 students.

Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application (CFSGA)

I will attend the CFSGA workshops on April 25 in which the director of each federal program will present information and any programmatic or guidance changes. I am hoping to have preliminary allocation numbers before this time. The plan is due June 30 with the anticipated approval date being mid-August.