

The Special (workshop) meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 393, Shoshone County, Idaho, was held at the Wallace School District Office, 501 Western Ave., Silverton, Idaho at 3:00 PM, on Monday, October 6, 2025.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Anna Berger, Molly McGee, Amy Lynn, Mary Rehnborg
TRUSTEES ABSENT: Amber Valley (EXCUSED)
BOARD OFFICERS PRESENT: Todd Howard, Superintendent, Beatrice Conley, District Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Paige Olsen, Steve Gill (IN PERSON), Allison Marshall, Terri Griffith, Joelle Greenland, Emily Good, and Felicia Cassidy (VIA REMOTE ACCESS)

Workshop Discussion - Civic Auditorium Grant Development

The Board met to discuss the DEQ grant writing process related to the Civic Auditorium and potential application for an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant. Representatives from the Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR), EPA Region 10, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) participated to review project readiness and eligibility.

Joelle Greenland and Emily Good of CCLR provided an overview of Brownfields grant structure, threshold criteria, and the importance of clearly defining the project “why,” community benefits, and funding justification. Terri Griffith, EPA Region 10 Brownfields Coordinator, reviewed eligibility requirements, liability protections, and submission timelines, emphasizing the importance of completing the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) and conducting required public notifications prior to application.

Steve Gill outlined project history, including the 2001 health and safety facility evaluation recommending demolition of the Civic Auditorium’s west wing, subsequent partial demolition, and current structural and environmental assessments performed under the state’s Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program. He confirmed that updated structural engineering and visioning work are underway and that cleanup costs may include demolition activities integral to contamination removal.

Discussion included:

- Federal and state liability distinctions under CERCLA and voluntary cleanup programs.
- The role of qualified environmental professionals and potential use of local contractors.
- Importance of ensuring SAM.gov and Grants.gov registrations and authorized representatives are current prior to submission.
- The upcoming release of the FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and changes to grant scoring and formatting criteria.
- Opportunities for technical assistance from CCLR in reviewing draft applications and ensuring threshold compliance.
- The need for strong community engagement, documentation, and repository maintenance throughout the grant cycle.

Consensus was reached that the district possesses sufficient eligibility documentation, completed environmental assessments, and state coordination to proceed toward preparing a competitive grant submission once FY26 guidelines are released.

The voice recording of this workshop meeting will be available on the district website to support community involvement and transparency.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.