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## **PERSI Announces New Trustee -- Celia R. Gould**

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The Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) Retirement Board is proud to announce the appointment of Celia Gould as its newest Trustee. Celia also currently serves as Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA), a post she has held since 2007.

“I’ve been honored to work alongside State of Idaho employees and serve as an agency director for the last eight years,” said Trustee Gould. “I see every day the pride, diligence, and professionalism with which our public employees carry out their work. Now, with the honor of serving on the Retirement Board, I can attempt to serve and safeguard their interests.”

In addition to serving as the ISDA Director, Celia is an owner/operator of a third generation farming and ranching operation, G+ Ranches of Buhl, Idaho. She and her husband also have a beef operation in the Declo area.

Celia served sixteen years as a state legislator representing the western half of Twin Falls County, serving on the Agricultural Affairs, Education, and Revenue and Taxation committees, in addition to serving as the Chairman of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee. She is a graduate of Buhl High School and has a B.A. in Political Science from Boise State University. In December 2008, she earned her master’s degree in Public Administration.

“Trustee Gould brings a combination of legislative, executive, and real-life experience that is very hard to come by,” said Chairman of the Board, Jody Olson. “We are fortunate to have her join the Board.”

Trustee Gould fills the Board position left vacant since former Trustee, Bill Deal retired last December. Her first Board meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Boise PERSI Office. PERSI Retirement Board meetings are open to the public.

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