

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Friday, December 10, 2010  
Time: 2:00  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Harry Menser, Associate  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Dennis Aslett, NRCS ACES  
Nick Studebaker, NRCS

Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S  
Erin Mader, POBC  
Tom Herron, IDEQ  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 2:20 when a quorum was reached. Prior to that Greg introduced Nick Studebaker, the new NRCS Soil Conservationist hired for the Sandpoint field office. Nick is from Spokane, a recent graduate of UI, and has family in this area. Herman extended a welcome to Nick from the board. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked them for all their help in 2010.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Alice moved to approve the November 2010 minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Vern reviewed the November financial report and moved that it be approved. Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reported as follows:

- Greg presented the letter suggested by Sara Schmidt and requested by the board at the last meeting regarding WQPA projects needing an extension of one year on the existing June 30, 2011 deadline. All the other districts have approved of requesting the extension, and Kootenai-Shoshone has added two projects to be included in the request. The board approved of sending the letter to Billie as Division I Director for her signature. (There is enough money in the Division I program to cover the contracts, but not enough time to finish the projects by the deadline.)
- The residents near the Clagstone Development are developing a watershed council to oversee issues such as the Beaver Creek/Kelso Lake minimum flow. Residents are concerned about water table and well issues, as well as wetlands flooding causing nutrient issues in lower water bodies. The board requests Greg develop a letter of support to be addressed at the January board meeting.

**L\*A\*S:** Molly McCahon reported as follows:

- Molly reported on attending the Chamber meeting on fiber optics, and the SCWMA meeting on 2011 cost share applications, one from Cocolalla Lake Association for 30 acres of curly leaf pond weed.
- The 2011 319 application was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 at the local BAG, and this particular year only the top 50% are being considered at the state BAG, which was held last week. Molly provided pertinent information for our local BAG coordinator to take with him to Boise, but she had not heard anything yet re its funding. Tom Herron with IDEQ said she should receive funding for L\*A\*S as she is doing a dang good job. She is looking into other funding, but may need to reserve the funding we have for the work season in 2011.

**POBC:** Erin Mader reported as follows:

- Testing has been done on veligers found at Flathead Lake, some tests have been positive and some have been negative. DNA testing has just been completed and they are awaiting results.
- Erin found what she thought was a milfoil hybrid in several areas of the lower Pend Oreille River, and after testing it has been concluded that it is a Eurasian/Native Watermilfoil hybrid.
- Waterlife Discovery Center: Erin and Molly have been working with Mark Taylor and Tom Whelan regarding the most effective educational outreach for the WDC. Mark and Tom will put together an active educational committee to pursue this.
- Erin is going to develop a letter to marina owners to update them on expenses Lake Mead has incurred before and after the occurrence there of mussels. Erin will organize a committee to review what can be done in the late fall to early spring to prevent AIS from getting into our local waterbodies before the inspection stations are in effect.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report which included the following:

- Final 2010 Boat Inspection report submitted to ISDA - \$1375.51 of the grant funding was returned. Submitted waste water report to IDEQ.
- ISDA is standardizing the inspection stations for 2011, and will set the pay at \$12/hour for attendants and \$14/hour for the station foreman. This is a \$2 decrease from the BSWCD stations last year. Our attendants were the only ones last year who also sold AIS stickers at the inspection stations. The board supported their original 2011 proposal.
- Tree Seedlings: 20,025 have been sold so far, profit around \$1716.
- Submitted year-end report for Pack River Watershed Council – and requested funding for 2011 at \$3679.
- L\*A\*S: Working on funding and reporting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**IASCD State Conference Report:** Herman and Linda reported on the passed motion at state conference regarding combining the \$1100 for the executive director and the \$400 dues into one state dues requirement of \$1500. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the \$1100 balance of the \$1500 dues. *The motion carried.* Regarding the Supervisor's Handbook, Herman feels the old one is still worthwhile. The final vote on the resolutions was included in the board packet information.

**IDEQ BURP Funding:** A copy of the Governor's reply to our letter requesting his support of BURP funding was reviewed.

**Performance Report for FY2010:** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Herman sign the accuracy certification for the FY2010 Performance Report. *The motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**QuickBooks:** Linda presented the most recent cost information on the Desktop and Online versions of QuickBooks. The board members will review this information for the January meeting.

### **Division I Meeting in March in Sandpoint:**

At the October 2010 Division Meeting, a motion passed to have the Spring 2011 meeting concentrate on supervisor training. At state conference Herman visited with Jim McNall with ICRMP about presenting that training at our division meeting, and Jim agreed the he or someone from ICRMP would do that. Alice will look into a suitable meeting place for the Division I Spring meeting. Linda will set up the date with Billie and IASCD, contact ICRMP re training, and notify the districts of the importance of all the supervisors attending.

**Funding for L\*A\*S:** Linda and Molly are reviewing the balances in the existing grants for funding next year, and looking for other grants to supplement.

**Mileage:** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the supervisors mileage for the past 6 months. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 to attend the pot-luck Christmas dinner.  
Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.  
Approved by:

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

Approval of November 2010 meeting minutes  
Approval of November 2010 financial report  
Approval of paying \$1100 IASCD balance of dues  
Approval of signing and approving FY2010 Performance Report  
Approval of paying supervisor mileage for July – December 2010

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