

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: July 5, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD Erin Mader, POBC
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Molly McCahon, LAS
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Brad Bluemer, Bonner County Weed Agent
Harry Menser, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS (1:30) Guests: James Boyett, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Seth Parker, NRCS Student Trainee

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed both James Boyett and Seth Parker to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Harry moved, seconded by Alice, to approve the June 2016 minutes, *the motion carried.*

Financial Report: Alice reviewed the June financial report and recommended approval. Alice moved, seconded by Harry, to approve the May financials and the paying of \$1800 IASCD dues, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

No-Till Drill: Cassie Tauber was unable to attend the meeting but called with the information that a demonstration of the no-till will be held in September on Hawkins family property.

Ag Tourism – “Incubator Kitchen”: No new progress to report.

Boat Inspection Station Update: As of June 27th, Albeni has completed 1747 inspections, Samuels 947, and Clark Fork 1174. Joel Molander has resigned and we were able to cover that position with existing employees. Sticker sales are up, especially the non-motorized stickers.

Potential 319 Grant Applications: Alice moved, Harry seconded the motion to submit an application for a 319 on stream stabilization on Schweitzer Creek on North Boyer Road. Greg reported that the information necessary to submit the grant is not complete yet, so Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to table this motion to the December meeting, *the motion carried.* Regarding the East Spring Creek Road project and the stream relocation around the old fish hatchery, Bill Lillibridge is working on the engineering design for the stream, and Avista will then need to review it – hopefully in September. This grant application will be postponed until next year.

NEW BUSINESS

POBC FY2017: Dale moved, Harry seconded motion to approve signing the IDEQ Amended Contract for POBC funding for FY2017, *the motion carried.*

2017 Tree Seedling Order Form: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve price increases on the draft order form presented. The nursery raised their prices for 2017, IFOA raised their prices for 2017, and IFOA has designated each of the districts to be in charge of picking up their trees in CdA instead of delivering them. *The motion carried.*

County Building Location Permit: The board discussed the new policy regarding the county building location permit that eliminates the health district and sewer district sign off.

County Sub Division Changes Proposed: The board discussed the proposed changes to Subdivision law. Molly will represent the district at the July 13th public hearing as opposed to the proposed changes.

ISWCC Financial & Match Report: Harry moved, Dale seconded the motion to approve of signing the certification for the Bonner SWCD FY2016 Financial & Match Report, *the motion carried.*

Other Business: 1) There will be no board meeting in August, the next meeting is September 6, 2016. 2) Herman reviewed the IASCD resolution procedures. 3) Herman suggested having Cornel Rasor speak at a board meeting on state control of federal lands, the board decided to invite him to the October meeting. We will invite someone to speak on retaining federal control in November. 4) Harry reported on the 50th Anniversary of the Farm Tour held June 16th. All the farm visits were interesting and worthwhile, and the lunch by the Cattlemen's Association was again wonderful.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker: Greg met with Liz Johnson-Gebhardt and Jeff Connolly on the Panhandle Forest Collaborative which brings together the Forest Service and NRCS to provide consensus recommendations for projects and forest plans on federal and private land that address their goals of pre-commercial thinning, tree planting, and road stabilization. Their next meeting is July 13th.

POBC by Erin Mader: 1) Erin met with the new Planning & Zoning director after her board meeting June 29th and he is looking for suggestions for an advisory board of people from Sagle – if you have any suggestions let Erin know. 2) An expert on water movement in rivers has studied the Priest Lake thoroughfare and is going to present ideas to help with modeling solutions for the sediment deposits that are widening it and decreasing the depth. Department of Water Resources is covering the cost. 3) Erin is working with IDL on a new traveling buoy that will help educate boaters on the 200 ft. no-wake zone. 4) The Idaho Department of Water Resources board meets July 21 and 22 in Sandpoint, and will travel to Priest Lake to study the thoroughfare. 5) The POBC may consider having one evening meeting a year.

LAS by Molly McCahon: Molly is helping Erin with POBC projects, including the AIS activity book. She met with Bob Howard from Emergency Management regarding a mini-training on spill prevention for the marinas. Molly discussed with the board the advantages of having a Facebook page. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to have Molly develop a Facebook page for the conservation district, *the motion carried.*

County Weeds by Brad Bluemer: Brad reviewed the existing treatment they are doing for flowering rush and the complexities of conditions required for effective treatment. Next week they will start a review of all the water type treatments in Bonner County. Also, the first 2 weeks of August Dr. Madsen and Dr. Getsinger will be here to evaluate and do research on the flowering rush treatments – which are so important to the future. Regarding milfoil, Brad would like to see the state fund treatment for areas of concern like Peach Bay on an ongoing basis. Also, Matt Voile at ISDA has resigned. He oversaw both terrestrial and aquatic weed control.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

Herman welcomed both

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of June minutes

Approval of June financial reports and dues of \$1800 to IASCD.

Approval of tabling the 319 grant on Schweitzer Creek to the December meeting

Approval of signing the FY2017 POBC contract amendment

Approval of the 2017 tree seedling order form

Approval of FY2017 Financial & Match report

Approval of developing a Facebook page for the district

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