

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Place: New Office, 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Fairy Delay, Associate  
Cassie Tauber, Associate  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Jamie Davis, IASCD  
Gary Parker, LAS  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Herman Collins, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Ray Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dale Van Stone.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Alice moved to approve the July 2007 minutes as presented. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## **Financial Report:**

Vern reviewed the financial records for July and August 2007 and moved they be approved. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the following transfers:

- \$5000 - LGIP (LAS) to PSB – Salary dollars to send to IASCD for Gary
- \$12,458 – LGIP (LWB WQPA) to PSB – Payment for Tibbitts
- \$48,520 – PSB to LGIP (Hellroaring) – Avista funds less culvert pre-payment
- \$1,500 – LGIP (LAS ISCC) to PSB – LAS admin. fee for IASCD and BSWCD
- \$244 – LGIP (LAS IASCD) to PSB – LAS Memorial Project
- \$782.02 – PSB to LGIP Forestry Contest Acct – close out Forestry Cont. Savings Acct.
- \$10,000 – PSB to LGIP (Hellroaring) – County funds

*The motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reviewed his written report which included the following:

- Technical assistance was provided on Hellroaring construction and completion; began developing 319 plan for Fish Creek; develop plan and organize volunteer time and materials for North Side Bridge 4x4 barrier
- EQIP/WQPA/WRP: EQIP Field visits and applications on '08; '07 work continues; 1996-2006 field visits and cleaning up of existing contracts are ongoing. WRP Bismark Meadows planting inspection and modification for additional plantings. CRP monitoring fence building north of Priest River.
- Small Acreage Program: Ongoing subdivision reviews.
- Training: Dealing with Difficult People, and Wetlands training

- Forestry practices spot checks
- Ag Forestry Fair Booth
- Office move

**IASCD:** Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- SVAP in Cocolalla watershed on 7-10 miles for development of Ag Implementation Plan
- Attended watershed meetings; attended SEEP exam subcommittee to review exams; 319 training (to utilize on Fish Creek project)
- Collected water samples for State Dept. of Ag on Lake Pend Oreille at the same sites as the contractor hired to treat the milfoil was testing. They tested the day after treatment then again 2 weeks after treatment near the water intake sites at Sand Creek and Dover Bay. The first round of testing came back good.
- Is in Boise next week with Tony Bennett and Mark Hogen. They are shifting from ag to more urban conservation, and will see if she can get all the ag plans done in the area by the end of the year.
- Jamie left the meeting early to attend a Land Use Code Workshop in Priest Lake.

**LAKE\*A\*SYST:** Gary reported as follows:

- Invasive Species Task Force: Treatment of milfoil continues – Gary has noticed a significant improvement on the amount of milfoil attached to boats coming out of the Lake at Memorial boat launch – so the herbicide treatment is working. Gary helped with a meeting sponsored by the Dept. of Ag at the Federal Building where 4 professionals on milfoil from across the nation spoke – meeting was well attended (around 120) and Gary filmed it.
- Memorial Park: Gary has been disappointed in the amount of weeds in the top soil from Peak – has cut them, pulled them, will spread more grass seed this fall and next spring to help take over. We will postpone the dedication until next spring when the grass looks good. The sign is in and looks great.
- UI Survey for Pend Oreille Nearshore TMDL Committee: 500 surveys were mailed to lakeshore landowners, and two teams have completed the 40 onsite landowner surveys. Gary teamed up with a UI student to complete 20 of those surveys.
- LAS site visits: Gary spent a couple days doing site visits with a volunteer from the Palouse Clearwater Institute. Talina Gossen is an Americorps volunteer interested in job shadowing with Gary.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- **Lake\*A\*Syst** final report to NRCS for the \$5000 Memorial Project was completed.
- **Hellroaring:** The contractor has completed the project, and Rob Sampson, NRCS Engineer, will be here on September 24<sup>th</sup> for the final walk through.
- **Willow Nursery:** Final report completed.
- **Pack River Watershed Council:** Flyers sent re August 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting with presentations by Greg Becker on NRCS Programs and conservation funding, and by Ruth Watkins on Final Pack River Watershed Management Plan. Second quarter grant report was completed.
- **Centennial Booth & Fair Booth & Natural Resource Contest:** Typed up summary of information from Ed Nurmi on history of agriculture in Bonner County, and used this plus old photos for both booths. Attendance the last 2 years has been very low on the Natural Resource Contest held the last Saturday of the Fair. Linda will work with Fair Chairperson Rhonda, the Ag/Forestry Committee, and Tri-State to conduct this contest out of the Bonner SWCD booth next year.

- **Tree Seedling Sale:** Mailed 80 letters to all tree buyers from the last couple years and sent public service announcement to Daily Bee. There was no increase in RC&D's prices for trees this year, so Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to keep the district's prices the same. *The motion carried.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Division I Meeting October 19, 2007:** Attendance will be decided at the next meeting.

**FY07 Financial Review:** Darcy is still working on financial review – hopefully will finish it at the beginning of next week.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Cocolalla Lake Association Fish Creek Road 319 Grant Application:** Jamie and Greg reviewed the road and bank stabilization project on Fish Creek that the CLA is requesting our help with. The pre-application is due in November, and if approved the funds would be available in 2009. The board's involvement would include a letter of support, grant administration and education through the district, and help from Jamie and Greg. The County would help with the construction. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to sponsor this 319 grant application. *The motion carried.*

**NRCS EQIP Contracts and WOPA Contracts:**  
The board will review these at the October meeting.

**2007 Report of Accomplishments:** Linda will complete this for board review in October.

**IASCD State Conference** We will address this at our October meeting.

**Panhandle Lakes RC&D Dues:** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the \$150 dues for RC&D. *The motion carried.*

**Innovative Grant Review:** The board had no more suggestions.

**IASCD 5 Year Plan Comments:** The board members had copies of the plan and if they had any suggestions before October 1<sup>st</sup> will let Linda know. Alice reported the division directors worked hard to make the proposed plan as good as possible.

**Lake\*A\*Syst Funding:** We are out of the \$30,000 ISCC funding for Gary's salary. ISCC found an additional \$10,689 that will carry the program through November. Gary suggested he would work on site visits until the weather turns bad in November, and then start working again in March. The board agreed with this and directed Linda to look for grant funding as soon as possible and report to them at the next meeting. Ruth Watkins could help with reviewing our grant, and then may be available to look for further funding and write a grant after January 2008. The Inland NW Land Use Group was suggested to contact.

**NRCS/Conservation Districts Cooperative Working Agreement:** The board will review this and make suggestions at the October meeting.

The next meeting will be October 9th at 4:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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 July 2007 Minutes

Approval of July 2007 Financial Reports

Approval of transfers listed

Approved of keeping tree seedling prices the same as last year

Approved of sponsoring the 319 Grant for Fish Creek road and bank stabilization

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