

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Hope Peninsula

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD (5:10)  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Kate Wilson, Associate  
Harry Menser, Associate  
Greg Becker, NRCS

Jamie Davis, IASCD  
Dennis Aslett, NRCS ACES (5:20)  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Guests:  
Sara Schmidt, ISCC Administrator  
Mark Hogen, Soil Conservationist, ISCC

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Herman Collins.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the July 2009 minutes as corrected and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Vern reviewed the June and July financial reports on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and recommended they be approved. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve both financial reports, *the motion carried.*

Sara reviewed for the board the current budgeting for the Commission. The Commission has asked for \$800,000 for districts this year, and the base \$5000 and first allotments have been sent out. Dale and Sara both expressed concern that all counties would be able to fulfill their budget intents to districts this year. For FY2011, the Commission has asked for the full 2:1 match from the state.

Sara said during the interview process the Commission expressed the intent to better communicate and support districts. Sara is following through with this. She is looking at the legislative interim committee as a positive to improve the Commission and districts. She encouraged all to get involved and make sure your concerns are addressed. The ISCC is providing facts to the interim committee, but a lot of the partnership relationships aren't defined. They provide them with background information and current operating guidelines, and are looking at things that need to be improved.

Sara said the Commission has good quality technical staff, and Mark Hogen and his 4 colleagues have all been asked to take on new responsibilities. Part of this is due to the Commission being unable to fill 2 full-time vacancies at this time due to lack of personnel funding. Mark is our Division I contact in the Commission, but Sara encouraged anyone to call her directly if they had a question that she could better answer.

When asked about the possibility in the future of the ISCC funding Jamie's water quality position, Sara was understanding, but did not see the state legislature having enough funding unless there was a drastic change in the economy.

### **Transfers:**

Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the transfers listed below, *the motion carried.*

- a. \$729.64 from LGIP to PSB – Balance of FY09 TransCanada LAS on 8-17-09
- b. \$3,000 from LGIP to PSB for LAS POBC Payroll on 6-8-09
- c. \$8,000 from PSB to LGIP for LAS 319 initial disbursement
- d. \$2,500 from PSB to LGIP – FY2010 TransCAN Div I LAS funds
- d. \$8,080.08 from PSB to LGIP – 1<sup>st</sup> state allocation above base \$5000

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

- The former CSP (Conservation Security Program) that had been selected for specific watersheds has become the CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program). There are several changes, including eligibility for all watersheds, and for our area the most attractive change is that even a one-acre forest is eligible for forestry.

**IASCD:** Jamie reported as follows:

- Jamie has accepted another position, and will begin working for the CdA Tribe on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They have agreed to her working four ten-hour days, which would allow her to continue working one day a week for the district. Kent reported to her that around \$2400 remains in the funding from Bonner SWCD and IDEQ. Herman and the whole board expressed to Jamie her value to the district and their disappointment that she won't be working in this office full time. Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Jamie continue working in our office one day a week utilizing the existing \$2400, the \$2000 from USFWS for Grouse Creek, \$2000 from TransCAN, some funding from the Department of Ag for her work with Aquatic Invasive Species, and any other funding we can find. *The motion carried.* Use of Jamie's IASCD pickup will be determined later.
- Jamie handed out her Exit Report which included a list of projects she has been working on. Cassie expressed concern in finding staff to carry on her efforts. Some options include Molly handling projects with the City, Mike and Greg handling Grouse Creek, and Greg handling Fish Creek 319. Jamie will still be involved with S.E.E.P. through the CdA Tribe, and Cassie suggested locally we could involve Jessica Erickson, Coordinator of Pack River Watershed Council – and Molly would be another good candidate for this. Kate said that at the Pend Oreille Basin Commission meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> they could address providing funding to cover some of Jamie's other projects – they have around \$4500 to designate.

**L\*A\*S:** Molly was ill, and Jamie reviewed Molly's written report:

- The site survey form has been revised and is available on the L\*A\*S website to submit online. Molly has also developed a carbon copy site evaluation form that is being printed at Selkirk. She will give the landowner a copy on site, which will be timely and will eliminate the cost of mailing.
- Molly and Gayle Bolin presented the Dover BMP project design to the Dover City Council and it was approved. The plants will be installed in October. They have volunteers and donations for everything other than soil. The project is valued at \$3500.
- T-shirts with the LAS logo on them and "DIG IN" on the back are available, men's are \$10, women's are \$12.
- Molly is continuing the evaluation of the L\*A\*S program through phone surveys.
- The two BMP sites at Priest Lake are progressing and will be installed the first week of September.
- The logo contest announcement for Priest Lake goes out this week.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report for June and July:

- The Boat Wash Station has received most of Linda's attention this summer. The personnel are working out well. They wash an average of 2 boats a day, usually because they are dirty or have plant material on them. The only boat we have had with mussels had been impounded from the Oldtown inspection station and brought to our sheriff's impound area. Arrangements were made for it to be washed on August 14, and Tom Woolf and Dan Safford from Idaho Department of Ag, Bob Steele, a boat mechanic from Sandpoint Marine and Motorsports, Kate Wilson, Greg Becker, 3 of our local boat wash station attendants and I were there to help and learn. The boat had been impounded earlier in Washington and washed on the outside, but the mussels appeared later on the motor intake which indicated they were in the motor hoses or intake, so a much more thorough process is needed to be implemented to rid the boat of all mussels. Kate is working on a protocol to guide future situations.
- Boat wash attendants have sold around \$3450 in AIS stickers.
- Contracts for both 319 grants for LAS and Fish Creek have been received and signed, as well as the IDEQ paperwork for the Source Water Grant.
- Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the TransCanada U.S. Pipelines West MOA. *The motion carried.*
- Kathy Dingman has our new website up and running, it is <http://www.northidahoswcds.org>.

- Fall newsletter is almost complete. Mailing list will be updated.
- Molly and Linda will prepare the fair booth.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Inland Northwest Community Foundation Grant for additional LAS position funding.** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion for Linda and Molly to pursue this grant. *The motion carried.*

**PLRC&D Dues and Representative:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay Panhandle Lakes RC&D dues of \$150. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to have Herman as the representative and Vern as the alternate. *The motion carried.*

**ISCC/IASCD News Update:** The interim committee report was covered by Sara at the beginning of the meeting. Regarding the legality of ISCC funding to IASCD, Sara said they are looking at the nature of the relationship between the Association and the ISCC. Kent found a 1993 appropriation by JFAC to hire an executive director for IASCD, so that is substantiated. They now need to determine a policy objective to have the ISCC pay IASCD. This will be discussed at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Jerome.

**Division I Meeting:** Alice and Kyle Hawley will determine the dates for Division I and II meetings, and Linda will then inform the other districts and board members.

Our next meeting will be September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Linda will pursue having it at Dr. Bird's Museum or at Cassie's.

At 5:45 Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to go to executive session. *The motion carried.*  
Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to return to regular session. *The motion carried.*

Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to give the District Administrator a \$100 a month tax free fuel allotment as well as her regular mileage reimbursement. *The motion carried.*

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 corrected July 2009 minutes
- Approval of June and August financial reports
- Approval of transfers as listed in minutes
- Approval of having Jamie work 1 day a week for BSWCD with existing funding and looking for more
- Approval of MOA with TransCanada
- Approval of pursuing Northwest Community Foundation Grant for LAS funding
- Approval of paying \$150 dues for PLRC&D
- Approval of Herman as PLRC&D representative and Vern as alternate
- Approval of going into executive session
- Approval of going back into regular session
- Approval of \$100/month fuel allotment for District Administrator

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