

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



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

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Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Harry Menser, BSWCD  
Greg Becker, NRCS

Molly McCahon, LAS  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
Regan Plumb, Kaniksu Land Trust  
Suzanne Tugman, Kaniksu Land Trust

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairman Herman Collins.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Harry moved to approve the February 2016 minutes and Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the February financial report, stepped down as Chairman and moved it be approved. Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**No-Till Drill:** Cassie Tauber reported on her no-till drill presentation at the Cattlemen's Assoc. Mtg. on February 6<sup>th</sup> for both Bonner and Boundary Counties; around 80 people attended. Cassie said 15 good solid producers with good acreage are wanting to know more and would be willing to pay around \$15 an acre for leasing the drill. Another large landowner is interested in buying a no-till drill from the same company, and would like to order at the same time and split the freight costs. Cassie will gather firm intentions from the producers, Linda will look into 319 funding, Molly and Cassie will look into Equinox grant funding; and we will address it again at the next meeting.

**Ag Tourism – “Incubator Kitchen”:** Harry and Cassie reported the North Idaho Specialty Food Association has re-established their 501c3 status. The University of Idaho has stepped to the plate and through local extension agent Jennifer Jensen is pushing forward with utilizing the equipment from the previous kitchen in the facility on Boyer. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to write a letter of support, *the motion carried.*

**Wood's Nordic Trail:** No decision has been made at this time by the Wood family or Nordic Club.

**Kaniksu Land Trust: Bio Blitz:** Regan Plumb and Suzanne Tugman presented information regarding Kaniksu Land Trust's involvement in the 75 acre UI property on Boyer. Harry Menser will work with them on soil baseline analysis for Earth Day, and several people from this office will work with them on the Bio Blitz scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**East Spring Creek Road 319:** Bill Lillibrige will join Greg in early June to survey the hatchery area of this project regarding relocating the stream and decommissioning of the hatchery. They will send this proposal to Avista, and if everyone approves, we would re-work our draft 319 and submit for work in 2017.

**County Land Use Codes:** After our letter was mailed to the Commissioners, Linda received phone calls from Commissioners Bailey and Kelly, and Greg has visited with Commissioners Bailey and Sudick. Greg and Molly attended the Commissioner's meeting of 3/1/2016 where changes to 12-214 (Title 12) were passed. We will continue to communicate and work with the Commissioners to protect private property owners and our natural resources in Bonner County. We will continue to inform them of the potential and real impacts to both through any county planning and land use changes. Also, Greg and Molly will request

Commissioner Sudick's involvement in ongoing conversations and action concerning these changes with a small group of building, real estate, lending institutions, business, and agency representatives.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FY2017 Annual Plan, Five-Year Plan, SWC Requests for Assistance, and SWC Project/Program Needs:** The board reviewed the updated. After review, Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the FY2017 Annual Plan and Five-Year Plan, *the motion carried*. After review, Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the Requests for Assistance and the Project/Program Needs, *the motion carried*.

**2016 Boat Inspection Station:** Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve re-hiring the 14 employees who want to return for the 2016 season, *the motion carried*. Advertising is currently in the newspaper and online at IdahoWorks for the 2 remaining positions. Interviews will be March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS by Greg Becker:** Greg reported on the flood damage in December on Schweitzer Creek. In response to the flooding, the County excavated a 15 x 4 foot trench approximately 300 yards to a designated point on private property and cleaned out a culvert to restore flow. Greg and NRCS Engineer Mike Durham evaluated the situation after being called by the three private landowners involved. The three main components of the stabilization plan will be channel stabilization structures in the excavated channel reach, flood plain relief, and structural protection through a simple levee system around the 2 residences. Since then and in a joint effort to address the resource concerns, Greg met with the County – Bob Howard, Don Hutson, and Todd Sudick. Greg told the conservation district board that a full plan for stabilization, and flood control is needed. Greg will give the landowner's and the County copies of the plans. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to proceed with writing a 319 grant proposal provided the plan is approved by the landowners, the county, and the board. *The motion carried*. The BSWCD board understands the increased vulnerability to catastrophic flood damage due to the new level of instability of the excavated channel. They want to proceed with awareness and caution in order to prevent liability to themselves

**POBC by Erin Mader:** Erin was traveling and unable to attend.

**LAS by Molly McCahon:** Molly submitted her written report which is included with the minutes.

**BSWCD by Linda O'Hare:** Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes. Harry has some Colorado blue spruce plants he would be willing to sell, and will work with Linda on this for the tree sale.

Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve giving Erin a \$200 SEP IRA, *the motion carried*.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

### **Recap of Motions:**

Approval of February minutes

Approval of February financial reports

Approval of writing a support letter to UI regarding the "Incubator Kitchen"

Approval of Annual Plan, 5-Year Plan

Approval of SWC Requests for Assistance, and Program/Project Needs

Approval of re-hiring 14 boat inspection attendants from the 2015 season

Approval of writing 319 grant for flood blowout on Schweitzer Creek if full plan for stabilization and flood control is approved by the landowners, the county, and the board

Approval of \$200 SEP IRA for Erin

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