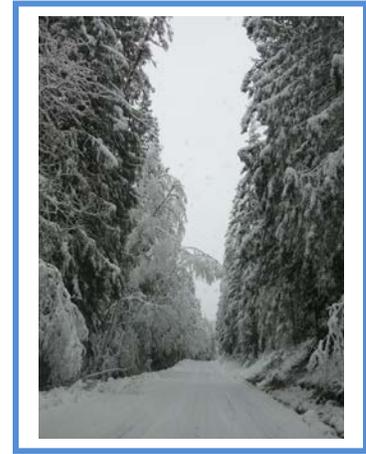


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2017
Time: 1:35 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID



Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	James Boyett, NRCS
Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, LAS/POBC
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Guest: Nathan Dyk
Jessica Erickson, PRWC	

Absent: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD; Erin Mader, Associate

Before the board meeting Cassie talked about the possibility of UI property for growing indigenous seed. She is checking into the demand, the number of growers in our area, and what the existing supply is.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Vice-Chairman Dale Van Stone. Dale welcomed guest Nathan Dyk to his second meeting.

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

Financial Report: Dale reviewed the December financials and recommended to approve them. Harry moved to approve the financials, seconded by Alice, *the motion carried.* Harry moved, seconded by Alice to approve transferring \$2062.64 to the LGIP, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

NRCS Special Project Grant – Lightning Creek Large Woody Debris: Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Dale sign the proposal supporting this NRCS project, *the motion carried.*

Pacific Northwest Seed Association – Jan 10 – Kennewick WA: Due to our snow and ice conditions Monday, Cassie was unable to attend this year, but is looking into having her registration transferred to next year.

AIS Letter to Legislators: Dale read the proposed AIS letter to the board that was voted on at the December meeting, and all the supervisors signed it.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Due to Chairman Collins' absence, this was tabled until the February meeting.

Supervisor's Oaths of Office: Harry Menser, Cassie Tauber, and Alice M. Wallace signed their Oaths of Office for their newly elected 4-year terms as supervisors.

Legislative Days – Jan 16th and 17th: Tom Daniel from Boundary SCD will attend this meeting, and also set up our Division I display in Boise. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to share his expenses, *the motion carried.* Dale will also visit with legislators next week while attending the January Water Resources meeting. Linda will contact them and let them know about the display, and also the board's concerns regarding mussels found in Montana, and Idaho's readiness to deter mussels coming to Idaho. Nate suggested looking to other sources of funding directly tied to water quality, like BPA and irrigation districts working off dams.

FY2017 Budget: Linda presented the board with updated figures on the present FY2017 budget. Alice moved, Harry seconded the motion to approve the FY2017 Budget updates, *motion carried.*

FY2018 Proposed Budget: Linda presented the board with two separate proposed budgets for FY2018, the first one using figures that included boat stations open dawn to dusk. The second budget had figures indicative of ISDA and the legislature cutting their budgets on boat stations to 12 hours per day, and ISDA providing the electronic signs and not including them in our district contract. Harry moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the budget encompassing the ISDA cuts. After discussion, this motion was defeated. Cassie moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the net zero budget using the 2016 boat station estimates at dawn to dusk as a separate line item. *The motion carried.* This budget is sent to the legislative portal in February, and the board felt the legislature needed to know how much money the district needed to operate with the boat stations at full capacity.

FY2018 Annual Plan of Work and Updated Five-Year Plan – Due in March: Copies of the FY2017 Annual Plan of Work were given to staff and supervisors to review for the February meeting. Also Linda passed out an NACD Conservation District Evaluation Guide for everyone to fill out before the February meeting. This should help guide us in developing the Annual Plan of Work.

Civil Rights/EEO: James reminded everyone, “Treat everybody with respect.”

AGENCY REPORTS

POBC by Molly McCahon: Molly reviewed her written report regarding: 1) POBC is preparing an EIS comment letter on the Columbia River Operations System; 2) Sandpoint is requesting Molly’s support in CFL recycling program as Stoneway Electrical is ready to be the hub; 3) copy of Idaho Parks and Rec Boating Study was shared stating that \$335 million comes into our state because of motor boats; 4) County Planning has a Facebook page and updated website announcing the next sub-area comprehensive planning meetings - Selle Valley and Sagle will be holding meetings on January 17th and 24th; 5) next Lakes Commission meeting is January 7th, 9am at Columbia Bank.

NRCS by James Boyett: Personnel changes include Ree Brannon, the DC from Boundary, selected for the DC position in Benewah County, which will leave that DC position open in Boundary. Greg Becker will be acting DC in Boundary until that position is filled, and Kirk Sehlmeier will be acting DC in the Bonner office during that time. The Sandpoint Field Office has 65 EQIP applications and 2 Wetland Reserve Easement Applications.

SWC by Linda O’Hare: Out of 16 applicants for Mark Hogen’s position, 5 will be interviewed on January 23rd.

Bonner SWCD by Linda O’Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

Pack River Watershed Council by Jessica Erickson: Jessica reported on the recent Nearshore TMDL meeting, and that she will update members on Temperature Monitoring at the February meeting.

Harry moved, Alice seconded motion to go into Executive Session, *motion carried.* Harry moved, Alice seconded motion to return to regular session, *motion carried.* Personnel information will be discussed at the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of December minutes

Approval of December financial reports & transferring \$2062.64 to LGIP account

Approval of signing district’s support for Lightning Creek special NRCS project

Approval of splitting cost of Division I delegate to Legislative Days

Approval of updating FY2017 budget

Approval of proposed FY2018 budget

Approval of moving into and out of Executive Session