

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: December 1, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD Molly McCahon, LAS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Mark Hogen, SWC
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Brad Bluemer, Bonner County Weeds
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Harry Menser, BSWCD

Absent: Greg Becker, NRCS; Fairy Delay, Associate; Erin Mader, POBC

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the November 2015 minutes and Harry seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the November financial report and moved it be approved. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

State Conference Update: Herman, Cassie and Linda reported on the state IASCD conference held in Boise November 15-18. Highlights were the tour of the Capitol, presentation on soil health by Marlin Winger with NRCS, information on the status of Waters of the US, and progress made by people who "show up".

Panhandle Lakes RC&D Update: The final disbursement check has not been received. The board requested Linda to contact Nina Eckberg and Laura Laumatia regarding an update.

Round Lake Donation and Signage: A draft of the farming kiosk sign created by Karen Lamb with IDL was shared. Cassie had made some suggestions that Karen was going to incorporate.

Christmas Party: The menu from Connie's was shared, and Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion for the board to pay for supervisor's and office staff's orders off the menu, *the motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Sick Leave Policy: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to change the Personnel Policy sick leave clause from 4 hours per month to 8 hours per month, with a limit of 100 hours accumulated. *The motion carried.* Molly's insurance premiums have gone from \$40 to \$118. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to cover \$100 of Molly's insurance per month, *the motion carried.* Linda will look into Molly's benefits being allocated to both BSWCD and POBC, and into Erin receiving holiday leave.

Boat Inspection Stations 2016: Tom Woolf thought the new contracts would be available at the January meeting.

Audit Approval: Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the audit and sign the representation letter to CPA Leonard Schulte, *the motion carried.* The board will study the audit and take into consideration suggestions from the auditor.

Pack River Watershed Council 2016 Request / Temperature Monitoring 2016 Request: Harry moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve requesting \$2069 from Avista for the Pack River Watershed Council under the 2016 Watershed Council Program (Appendix E), and \$1178 from Avista for Pack River Temperature Monitoring under the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement (Appendix A), *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

POBC by Molly McCahon: Molly reported the next POBC meeting will be held at Dover City Hall on December 15th at 9am. (Erin was on vacation.)

LAS by Molly McCahon: Molly will monitor the Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) recycling program for the County for a while by picking up the Avista boxes and getting them mailed to the Mercury Recycling Plant in Portland or Seattle. There are 13 solid waste transfer stations in Bonner County, and Molly has now visited with all those sites and the attendants now understand the whole process with the Avista recycling boxes. Each box can contain up to 100 CFL bulbs. After Molly mails a box she will order more boxes from Avista. The goal is after doing this a few times the County will take over this recycling process.

SWC by Mark Hogen: The status of the potential 319 East Spring Creek Road improvement project Mark helped the district write the grant for was discussed. F&G Ken Bouwen is proceeding with the Master Plan to decommission the fish hatchery near the road improvement project. If the plan is not confirmed by September, he recommended the district submit the grant as is, if Ken has a plan worked out, he would request we modify our grant and submit it. Mark has also written a 319 grant for Benewah for submission in 2016.

Bonner County Weeds by Brad Bluemer: Brad updated the board on his flowering rush plots at the drift yard and Sunnyside, and is still working closely with Dr. Mattson from UC Davis, Dr. Getsinger from ACOE, and Professor Ryan from the University of Montana who is doing experimental plots at Flathead Lake. Brad was commended for his work in this area.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of November minutes
- Approval of November financial reports
- Approval of paying supervisor and office staff dinners off the menu at Connie’s
- Approval of sick leave policy revision from 4 hours per month to 8 hours per month
- Approval of increasing Molly’s health insurance coverage from \$40 to \$100 per month
- Approval of FY2015 audit and signing representation letter
- Approval of requesting from Avista \$2069 for PRWC and \$1178 for Temp Monitoring for 2016