



## Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2008  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD                      Jamie Davis, IASCD  
                 Vern Hollett, BSWCD                      Gary Parker, L\*A\*S  
                 Alice Wallace, BSWCD                      Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
                 Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
                 Fairy Delay, BSWCD Associate              Pat, Fairy's companion & driver

Absent: Herman Collins, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Greg Becker, NRCS

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Dale Van Stone.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Alice moved to approve the May 2008 minutes as presented. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Vern reviewed the April financial report and moved it be approved. Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to donate \$25 to Idaho Ag in the Classroom. *The motion carried.*

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker was at training in Plummer and will report next month. Linda said he has been very busy with EQIP applications.

**IASCD:** Jamie reviewed her activities:

- Applied for the Trans-Canada \$2500 and received a verbal commitment from Terry Wolverton. The money would be used to buy a screen for presentations on S.E.E.P. to Lake\*A\*Syst groups, and to pay for the presentations. The first workshop is scheduled for the Hauser Lake Association in August.
- Jamie submitted the IDEQ Source Water Grant application for \$20,000.
- Jamie received a verbal affirmative on the Fish Creek 319 grant. On the L\*A\*S 319, they have a couple grants they are waiting for more information on before turning those down and considering LAS.
- Jamie has received word through IDEQ that Division I L\*A\*S will receive the assistance of a UI Graduate Assistant this summer.
- Next S.E.E.P. Class is Jun3 18 & 19 in Coeur d'Alene. Jamie will be the apprentice lead trainer.
- Completed the L\*A\*S train-the-trainer workshop for the Hauser Lake Association.

- Greg and Jamie visited Tibbetts regarding their WQPA contract requirements, and they want to do what they can to complete their contract.

**Lake\*A\*Syst:** Gary Parker reported on his May activities:

- Continues with door-to-door site visits.
- Educational signs have been installed at Memorial for Phase I and Phase II – the city dug the holes and secured them with concrete. The Memorial dedication ceremony was attended by around 25 people and went well. We were grateful to have three community people add their expertise and affirmation to the projects and the dedication: Philip Fredilino, one of the contractors for the projects, added his expertise to the tour of the two sites; Mayor Gretchen Hellar and Commissioner Todd Crossett spoke on the need for these projects and their important use as demonstration sites.

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

- Received \$1690 to renew Pack River Watershed Council Avista Grant
- L\*A\*S dedication – prepared and mailed 60 invitations, 26 attended. Beautiful day!
- USFWS Grant for Waterjet Stinger: Tom Brunner with Ideas to Objects signed.
- Forestry Contest: Went well other than mixup in Awards – Post Falls Middle School coach had registered one of his Junior Division teams in Senior Division, where they took third. After refiguring, they took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Division. We had 250 competitors, 110 novices, and around 135 volunteers – 495 total. The Steering Committee has their final meeting tomorrow.
- Water Festival: Over 400 students over the 2-day Festival – the weather was perfect. Greg and his crew did a terrific job on tent set-up and take-down. The new David Thompson station went very well.
- Herman, who is on vacation in Hawaii, sent a note to include a big thank you to Greg, Mike, Dennis, Jamie and Linda for all their work on Water Festival and Forestry Contest.
- Tree Seedlings: Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Linda attend the PLRC&D Forestry Committee meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> in CdA to review this year's tree sale and talk about a new nursery for 2010, as Jim at North Woods Nursery in Elk River is retiring after the 2009 seedling season.
- Taught Tree ID in Mrs. Hahn's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class in Oldtown – great class of 29.
- Attended Zero-Based Budgeting meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> in CdA presented by Jerry Nicolescu and Kathie Shea – new budgets for 2010 due July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Boater Survey.** No more progress – Kate may talk to Leslie Marshall regarding combining this position with someone to help the County with the wash station at Priest Lake.

**Ray Delay Memorial.** Dedication of Delay Grove took place at the Forestry Contest.

**Farm Tour:** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay for anyone attending farm tour on June 18, *the motion carried*. Linda is the only one at this time who can attend.

**IASCD Alternative Funding Task Force – FY10 Special Project Funding Survey:** Linda will email information to board members re project options, and after receiving that information, will email top 3 projects to Steve Miller.

**Urban Conservation Mission Statement and Plan of Work for Bonner SWCD:** We will continue with our mission statement and plan of work as they are now, but develop a list of priorities for projects to accomplish as we obtain funding – either through our partners or through other sources. We need to know what our priorities are. Cassie suggested each board member bring one project idea for each priority area on the list to the next board meeting, and then work on the project priority list. After discussion, Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to table it until the next board meeting when everyone would bring their ideas. *The motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FY08 Audit:** Darcy Schropshire will not be able to do the audit this year. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pursue Leonard Shulte, a CPA in Bonners Ferry. *The motion carried.*

**July and August Board Meetings:** It was decided to cancel the July board meeting and have a barbecue meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> – Jamie volunteered to have it. Linda will include information regarding the pot luck with the board packet information sent on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandpoint Lions Club Holiday Flag Program:** No action was taken.

**ISCC Survey for Strategic Plan:** All the board members received these survey forms, and it was decided to fill them out separately.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vern moved and Alice seconded the motion to go into Executive Session and have Linda and Greg attend. *The motion carried.*

Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to leave Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dale discussed the Performance Improvement Plan with Gary, and Gary agreed to sign it. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Dale sign the P.I.P. *The motion carried.* Gary signed the Plan, and then Dale signed it.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

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 May 2008 Minutes

Approval of May 2008 financial report

Approval of paying \$25 to Idaho Ag in the Classroom

Approval of paying registration for Farm Tour for anyone attending from the office

Approval of tabling the Urban Conservation project list until the next meeting and bring 1 idea per priority area

Approval of requesting Leonard Shulte as auditor for FY2008

Approval of entering Executive Session

Approval of exiting Executive Session

Approval of P.I.P. for Gary

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