



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

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Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 (May Meeting)  
Time: 12:00 noon  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Jamie Davis, IASCD  
Gary Parker, L\*A\*S  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Fairy Delay, BSWCD Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

### **URBAN CONSERVATION – Noon to 2:00**

Jamie led the board in a brainstorming session on their role in Urban Conservation from 12:30 to 2:00. Jamie compiled their ideas throughout the session, and the board will determine their mission statement and strategy further at the next meeting.

The regular meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the April 2008 minutes as presented. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

#### **Financial Report:**

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

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reviewed his written report:

- Potential septic program: Greg has talked to Bob Hansen with Water Systems Management, IDEQ, Panhandle Health and has received very positive feedback. He meets with IDEQ on Thursday and Tri-State on Monday.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> is the 2009 EQIP application deadline. A mailing regarding the program was sent out on April 17<sup>th</sup> to a hundred agricultural landowners – and we have already received 14 applications.
- Staff is completing prescribed grazing plans, forestry specs, seeding plans and some engineering on the 2008 EQIPs.
- Reviewed 1 new subdivision
- Working on Fish Creek 319 with Jamie – engineers will be here on May 6<sup>th</sup>

- Meetings attended: Nearshore committee, Division I LAS, Pack River Watershed Council, Bonner County code revision ad hoc; Taught Master Gardener class on soils and fertilizers
- Met on MOU with Duane Syth at North Side Bridge
- Smith Creek snow course on Friday
- Worked with contractor on willow jet stinger and willow driver
- Cut and delivered dogwood for additional plantings at sewer land application site

**IASCD:** Jamie reviewed her activities:

- Taught S.E.E.P. in Boundary County – 14 students, 5 from Bonner County. Kootenai County had 15 in their class last week.
- Presentations: Both S.E.E.P. and L\*A\*S at Soil & Water Conservation Society meeting in CdA., LAS at Assoc. of Idaho Cities, LAS at Hayden Homeowners Assoc., SEEP at One Call conference,
- Tri-State Conference in Butte – Basin Plan was updated, they are moving from educational coordination towards addressing growth and development impacts. They will initially focus on septics and scientific data.
- Bonner County code revision ad hoc: Prof. Wilhelm from UI to present on buffers on May 29<sup>th</sup>, the meeting is open to the public – held at the Federal Building at 5 p.m.
- Pack River Watershed Council meeting with IDEQ – coordinating monitoring
- Jamie and Tom Herron of CdA IDEQ assessed problems at Cocolalla Lake
- The EPA regional grant application Jamie started writing was found to be better funneled through Tri-State with BSWCD as sub grantee. The award is \$150,000 over 3 years. The grant application included 6500 LAS books to be printed and distributed from Flathead in Montana to Coeur d’Alene.
- Requesting funds from Trans Canada for SEEP workshops for LAS re silt fence installation.
- DEQ source water grant for \$20,000 is due May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Herron worked with Jamie on putting together a Rathdrum Prairie Lake Watershed Council, and wants Bonner SWCD to partner with IDEQ to administer the funds and coordinate the council. \$1200 would be available for administration, and \$20,000 would be applied for projects. Cassie moved we request \$1200 to conduct the survey, depending on whether enough lake communities commit to being a part of this Council. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* After further discussion, Cassie moved to amend her motion to request the \$1200 plus the \$20,000 offered for projects. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*
- Jamie and Greg will visit Tibbetts the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May to work on their WQPA requirements.

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

- Earth Day was April 20<sup>th</sup>, had around 400 people attend, was very successful
- Arbor Day was April 25<sup>th</sup>, and had around 300 students and adults attend. Gary took around 20 people to tour the BMP sites. The Ray Delay memorial tree dedication by Bill Love was very well done, and had a good crowd. (The board requested Linda write thank you’s to Bill and Tom Johnson for their work on the dedication.)
- Site visits are going OK, form is working well.

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

- Lake\*A\*Syst Pend Oreille Basin Commission check for \$15,000 has been received. Linda will send the first allotment for Gary's salary to IASCD.
- Forestry Contest: April newsletter and registration sent, display at Intermountain Logging Conf. in Spokane went well – received a \$200 donation from it; new Rookie Division will have around 90 contestants, we have ordered awards for it; the new cross-cut saw awards are nearly ready, one of the original cross-cut saw awards will be hung in the IDL office and the other at our office; we have around 630 people expected at the contest this year.
- Tree seedling pickup day on April 11<sup>th</sup> went well. Final count was 26,645 seedlings sold, profit at \$4,345.43. Bill Love was there most of the morning and answered a lot of questions and demonstrated how to use the hoe dad to plant trees. It was great to have him there.
- Linda revised the budget after Kathie Shea reminded me to include the whole 2:1 state match.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Boater Survey.** Kate Wilson has received a verbal commitment on the funds, will let us know as soon as she knows more.

### **Ray Delay Memorial.**

- A 25 year old Douglas Fir tree was transplanted from the original Forestry Contest site to Lakeview Park for an Arbor Day dedication, and a good crowd attended. Bill Love spoke, and Fairy, Ray Jr. and his wife Linda attended, as well as neighbors and friends, members of the Forestry Contest Steering Committee, and Herman and Vern were there from our board, as well as Greg, Gary and Linda. Bill Love did a wonderful job, and everyone mentioned put a shovel of dirt on the tree.
- The second memorial will be at the Forestry Contest site and will be dedicated at the Contest on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Tri-State Conference Report:** Included in Jamie's report.

**EPA Tri-State/BSWCD Grant Application for Regional L\*A\*S:** As detailed in Jamie's report, the application was submitted by Tri-State with Bonner SWCD as sub grantee. Alice signed a letter of support from the board that was submitted with the application.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOA with Tom Brunner of Ideas to Objects for Water jet Stinger & Willow Pounder:** The MOA was reviewed and Dale moved it be approved. Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

**MOA with Duane Syth for Northside Bridge Project:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the MOA with Duane Syth to eliminate any liability for the District dealing with Duane's property by the Northside Bridge. *The motion carried.*

**IASCD Alternative Funding Task Force – FY10 Special Project Funding Survey:** Some of the ideas that were discussed during the Urban Conservation brainstorming session today would work well for this Special Project Funding. Linda will work with Greg and Jamie to determine a

few of the best choices, then email this information to the board. Linda will request IASCD to allow us to submit this information on June 4<sup>th</sup>, after our June 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting.

**NRCS Forestry Contest Grant for 2008:** NRCS was able to fund a \$500 grant for the Forestry Contest this year. The paper work had already been approved and submitted at a prior board meeting, so Herman signed the contract.

**Avista 2008 Grant for Pack River Watershed Council:** We received \$1690 from Avista for the Pack River Watershed Council for 2008. Herman signed the letter of agreement.

**Farm Tour 2008:** The first stop on the Farm Tour is the BMP site at Memorial Field. Herman requested Linda give Kristen the correct information so the flyers handed out on June 18<sup>th</sup> reflect the funding sources for the BMP project.

**Idaho State Forestry Contest:** The contest is next Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Everything is going well, and we expect around 620 people. Herman and Alice have volunteered to help.

**Pend Oreille Water Festival:** The set up date for the festival is Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Greg has a crew to help set up the tents and canopies. They will meet at the storage site at 8:30 a.m. Herman will help, and there is a possibility Dale may get his crew to help take down on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> beginning around 12:30.

Correspondence was reviewed: Jamie will be presenting on Division I LAS at the RC&D meeting in CdA on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

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 April 2008 Minutes

Approval of April 2008 financial report

Approval of administering grant with IDEQ for Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Group

Approval of MOA with Ideas to Objects

Approval of MOA with Tom Syth on Northside Bridge Project

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