



Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Jamie Davis, IASCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Ray Delay, Associate; Fairy Delay, Associate; Gary Parker, LAS

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the December 2007 minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the December financial report and recommended it be approved. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the December financial report. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the checking account to the Local Government Investment Pool. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Beck submitted his written report and covered some of the highlights:

- 9 EQIP contracts are ready for 2008 for a total of \$134,000 – and that funding for Bonner County for that amount has been approved. At the Division I meeting we had learned that Bonner had been allotted \$29,000 for EQIP, but they were able to come up with enough money to fund all our EQIP contracts.
- Working on preliminary plans and budget for fish passage project at Cascade Creek.
- Potential for a new WRP application.
- Reviewed 2 new subdivisions for Planning & Zoning.
- Forestry and engineering spot checks were completed.
- Greg presented the last EQIP-WQPA application for board approval. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve Triple L Angus as a Division I EQIP-WQPA contract. *The motion carried.*

IASCD: Jamie reported as follows:

- Fish Creek Road and Pend Oreille Lake*A*Syst 319 Proposals: More funding needed to accomplish everything for Fish Creek Road - if funding not found project

- may need to be done in stages. Budget is \$170,000 – they have match for \$59,000 and need \$72,000 more. Jamie and Greg will talk to the County about the match they can provide. Alice suggested including in the grant request the cost of an educational sign – and doing this in all our projects. We will do this in the future. The Lake*A*Syst proposal is ready to submit online, with the exception of the reduction estimates. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to move forward with the final applications in the same amounts as the pre-applications. *The motion carried.* Jamie is still working on an estimate of sediment reductions, the timelines, and what will happen if we don't get the match for Fish Creek. Jamie and Herman will meet on the 22nd to review the Fish Creek proposal – both are due on February 5th.
- Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore TMDL Committee: Meeting Friday to receive preliminary report on marketing campaign. They will pursue further input on the survey from local leaders.
 - Bonner County Land Use Code Revisions: Jamie and Greg each submitted letters with proposed solutions to the Commissioners, and will take part in the open meeting on January 17th.
 - S.E.E.P.: Bonner County class was canceled - only 2 contractors signed up. Instead, a train-the-trainer session was held in Coeur d'Alene on adult education principles, and work began on the Advanced Class which will include requirements for and the development of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans.
 - Weed Conference in Boise: Jamie travels to Boise at the end of the month to finalize her 2008 work plan with Tony Bennett, and to attend the Weed Conference. Her role is expanding to include disseminating information on North Idaho Weed Campaign. The Commission will receive funding from the Department of Ag to help pay for operating expenses in return.
 - Pack River TMDL Implementation Plan for Agriculture: Jamie reviewed her Draft of the Plan with the board and some minor tweaking was suggested. Dale moved to approve the Draft Pack River TMDL Implementation Plan for Agriculture. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Tony Bennett is also reviewing the Plan, and Jamie will talk to new supervisor Cassie Tauber for her input.
 - Jamie will report on the woody debris project for the Upper Pack at the next meeting.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- Lake*A*Syst: Working on final report for 2007 319 grant.
- EQIP-WQPA: Completed Bonner County's first landowner payment.
- Tree Seedling Sale: Going well – Sold 23,840 trees so far with 34 orders. Last year we sold a total of 23,280 with 54 orders. Profit at \$3,459.20.
- Forestry Contest: Working on donation letters.
- Water Festival: Meeting morning of January 9th.
- Pack River Watershed Council: Coordinator Erickson is beginning work on newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to re-elect Herman Collins as President, Dale Van-Stone as Vice-President, and Vern Hollett as Secretary/Treasurer. *The motion carried.*

Hellroaring Sign: County road access only allows road signs, unless a variance is sought from the County Commissioners. Linda has received permission from Everett Martin to put an educational sign on his property. The board agreed they did want an educational. Linda will get estimates for the next meeting.

NRCS/DISTRICTS Cooperative Working Agreement: After discussion, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Herman sign the NRCS/District Cooperative Working Agreement. *The motion carried.* Greg will call Rich Sims and verify the space we use for the LAS part-time position will not require rent.

NEW BUSINESS

State Mileage Rate Change: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion Bonner SWCD will pay the new Idaho mileage rate increase as of January 1, 2008, for \$.505. *The motion carried.*

Unemployment Rate Change: The board reviewed the information from the state regarding the decrease in the unemployment rate. Bonner SWCD's rate decreased by .219%.

Envirothon 2008 Donation: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve a \$50 donation to the 2008 Envirothon. *The motion carried.*

IDEA Dues: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve paying \$35 dues for IDEA. *The motion carried.*

Miscellaneous: There will be a BAG meeting March 12th in Coeur d'Alene at the F&G building to review the 319 proposals. Jamie suggested having a board member there to answer questions and support our proposals (Lake*A*Syst and Fish Creek) would be beneficial.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5th, at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of December 2007 Minutes

Approval of December financial report

Approval of transferring \$15,000 from PSB to LGIP

Approval of Triple L Angus as Division I EQIP-WQPA proposal

Approval of submitting final proposals of Fish Creek & Lake*A*Syst 319 grants at same amounts as the pre-applications

Approval of Draft Pack River TMDL Implementation Plan for Agriculture

Approval of election of Herman Collins as President, Dale Van Stone as Vice-President, and Vernon Hollett as Secretary/Treasurer for 2008

Approval of NRCS/BSWCD Cooperative Working Agreement

Approval of \$.505 as 2008 mileage reimbursement rate

Approval of \$50 for Envirothon 2008

Approval of \$35 for IDEA dues for 2008

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