



Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
 Alice Wallace, BSWCD Jamie Davis, IASCD
 Vern Hollett, BSWCD Gary Parker, L*A*S
 Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
 Fairy Delay, BSWCD Associate
Absent: Herman Collins, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate

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 March 2008 minutes as presented. Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the March financial report and recommended it be approved. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the March financial report, as well as pay the \$100 Chamber of Commerce dues and transfer \$3000 from the LGIP to Panhandle State Bank. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reviewed his activities:

- The deadline for NRCS program applications is July 15th
- He will prepare a handout for Cassie to present at the Beef School this Saturday for the Cattlemen's Association
- Greg & Mike and Dennis have been working on prescribed grazing plans for '07 & '08
- Dennis and Mike completed the snow survey at 4th of July Pass and Greg completed the snow survey at Smith Creek. Snow at Smith Creek was 15 feet deep, 180% snowpack, 110% moisture content
- Greg presented information on the possibility of a Septic Program to the Nearshore Committee, and the feedback was positive, especially from DEQ. The next step is to discuss it with Panhandle Health.

IASCD: Jamie reviewed her activities:

- Her new work plan includes TMDLs; North Idaho Lake*A*Syst for Pend Oreille, Cocolalla, Hayden, Hauser, Twin Lakes, Cda Lake, Priest Lake; Noxious Weed Support in North Idaho; and Urban Conservation Development in Bonner and Boundary County

- Grant potential for L*A*S activities, an EPA grant for education for \$30-180 thousand, and a DEQ regional drinking water protection grant for \$20,000. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion for Jamie to pursue both grants as Division I proposals. *The motion carried.*
- April 2nd will be the first Division I L*A*S meeting in CdA
- April 3rd - Boundary Co. Call Before You Dig Contractors breakfast, SEEP presentation; DEQ Groundwater meeting in CdA at 2:00, L*A*S presentation; Bonner County Ad Hoc meeting in evening
- April 15th – Association of Idaho Cities meeting in CdA, L*A*S display
- April 25th – Inland Empire SWCS meeting in CdA, Jamie will give L*A*S presentation and help with a SEEP presentation.
- At 319 BAG meeting in March, Jamie reviewed both our district's 319 proposals, Fish Creek and L*A*S. Fish Creek ranked 3rd – the top three are recommended for funding to Boise. L*A*S was ranked 4th, so probably will not receive funding for it. At this meeting Jamie also asked for clarification on Cocolalla Lake Assoc. and Pack River Watershed Council being designated as official WAGs – they will look into this
- Dr. Falter's replacement at UI, Dr. Wilhelm, will present at the County Ad Hoc code revision meeting on Lake Pend Oreille water quality issues. Jamie, Greg, and the County Commissioners and staff will meet with Dr. Wilhelm on April 11th to coordinate the details.

Jamie met with Scott Koberg from Ada County on Urban Planning. She said our first step should be to develop a strategic plan on BSWCD's role with urban development in Bonner County. The board decided to meet at noon on April 29th to go over the board's ideas and develop a strategic plan on urban development, then have the regular board meeting at 2:00. Jamie said Ada SWCD identified potential partners, then visited them regarding potential joint projects. They then ranked the projects, and their first included conservation easements with developers for open space. The sale of each home in a development contributes 2% to a fund that takes care of the open space. Their district manages this fund. Jamie asked each board member to think of 3 urban issues to discuss. The top one that came up in discussion was stormwater, and the situation at Dog Beach with the mountains of snow due to snow removal over the winter. They recommended testing it for water quality before they look at alternatives.

Lake*A*Syst: Gary Parker reported he is glad to be back and ready to begin. He attended the meeting with the County Commissioners Monday and taught at Master Gardeners training on Tuesday morning with Greg. He has attended the Invasive Species Task Force meetings January through March, and reported 3 other aquatic weeds have arrived in Lake Pend Oreille. Hydrilla is known to be harder to kill than milfoil if established. Gary will present at Earth Day on April 20th and Arbor Day on April 25th, he will help at Water Festival May 25th. He will help plan the dedication at Memorial Field BMP sites on May 30th and ready them for the Farm Tour on June 18th, where the BMP sites will be the first stop. The site looks good right now.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- Lake*A*Syst Pend Oreille Basin Commission \$15,000 grant: IDEQ is still working on the contract and funding – should receive contract from them by Thursday.
- Forestry Contest: April newsletter and registration will go out this week, as well as the second request for donations. Funding is coming in, one new source is Forest Owners Association for \$100.
- Tree seedlings: 26,220 seedlings sold, profit at \$4,238.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with the Commissioners: The meeting went well with the County Commissioners on Monday. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to request \$13,500 from the County for FY2009. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

MOA with IASCD for Lake*A*Syst Payroll: The MOA was reviewed and suggestions made. IASCD will receive 5% of the total payroll paid out, which is estimated at \$12,276. Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the new MOA with IASCD for administering the Lake*A*Syst payroll for Gary Parker in 2008. *The motion carried.*

Tri-State Water Quality Council Semi-Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held in Butte, Montana, April 16-17. If Herman is unable to attend, the board approved of Cassie attending. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the expenses for one board member to attend. *The motion carried.*

2008 Bonner County Boat Survey Project: Kate Wilson from the Pend Oreille Basin Commission requested the BSWCD board's help in administering this program in 2008. Jamie and Linda spoke with Kent Foster (IASCD), Janet Hohle (ISCC), and Kathie Shea (ISCC), and received positive input on hiring someone either as a district employee or an IASCD employee to work weekends July through September plus the 4th of July and Labor Day. The individual would survey boaters re if they would use a boat wash station, boater practices, and general awareness of aquatic invasive species. The board reviewed the information given, then Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to proceed with supporting this project proposal. *The motion carried.* Kate will now secure funding with the District as administrator.

JUP Engineers request re Southside Water & Sewer District Improvements: Greg Becker will review the sections requested in JUP's environmental review process.

Dedication Ceremony at Memorial Field L*A*S BMP: The board supported pursuing the Friday, May 30th date for a dedication ceremony at Memorial Field for the two Lake*A*Syst BMPs. Gary will be in charge of the arrangements.

Delay Memorial: Linda reviewed the email from Bill Love regarding planting a tree in Lakeview Park with a small plaque recognizing it as a memorial tree to Ray Delay. Ray was president of Panhandle Lakes RC&D Council and a supervisor for Bonner SWCD when both organizations provided grants and technical assistance in the development of Lakeview Park in the early 1980's. A tree could be transplanted from the Delay Farm in Careywood. The tree needs to be a native species, and one that would survive many years – a larch was suggested. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to support this proposal. *The motion carried.* Further discussion was held on a memorial at the meadow on the Delay Farm where the Forestry Contest is held. Consensus was a cedar would be good in the middle of the meadow. Karen Robinson had suggested a grove of trees native to that area and the board liked that idea also. Further discussion on this will be held at the next Forestry Contest meeting. Greg will talk to Bill Love regarding species of trees.

Forestry Contest display at Intermountain Logging Conference in Spokane April 10-12:

Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Linda prepare the display board that Bill Love and Tom Johnson will take to Spokane next week for the Intermountain Logging Conference. *The motion carried.*

USFWS \$3255 for Bonner County project: Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion for the district to proceed with a proposal to USFWS to pay for a water jet stinger and 2 hole pounders to be purchased with the remaining funds from the Granite Creek project. *The motion carried.*

Fair Booth: Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to reserve and pay for a \$40 single booth at the fair this summer. *The motion carried.* The theme of the fair is “Ewe Bee There for the 80th Fair”.

Next Meeting:

- The board will meet on Tuesday, April 29th at noon to develop a strategic plan for the district’s role in Urban Conservation. Linda will arrange for lunch.
- The regular board meeting will begin at 2:00 that same day. The reason the board is meeting on April 29th instead of May 6th is due to the Forestry Contest being held on May 8th and the preparations necessary prior to the contest.

Correspondence was reviewed, including a letter from Biff Burleigh re temporary suspension of WQPA payment approval requests and the letter re Richard Sims Going Away Party on June 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O’Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of March 2008 Minutes

Approval of March 2008 financial report, \$100 Chamber Dues, and \$3000 Transfer from LGIP

Approval of Jamie pursuing EPA grant and IDEQ grant for Division I Lake*A*Syst

Approval of MOA with IASCD for 2008 L*A*S payroll

Approval of paying expenses for 1 board member to attend Tri-State Conference

Approval of supporting County Boat Survey Project

Approval of supporting Memorial for Ray Delay at Lakeview Park

Approval of display booth at Intermountain Logging Conference in Spokane

Approval of proposal to buy water stinger and 2 pounders with \$3255 USFWS funds remaining

Approval of paying for single fair booth at \$40

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