



Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the January 2008 minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the January financial report and recommended it be approved. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the January financial report. *The motion carried.*
Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the transfers of \$8,929.41 state allotment and \$2,620 Lower West Branch WQPA from the checking account to the Local Government Investment Pool. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay the following bills: \$400 IASCD dues, \$775 NACD dues, \$56 Nieman's for flowers, \$186 Idaho State Insurance Fund, and \$500 Pend Oreille Water Festival. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

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

- Snotel reports 17% over average, 117% of normal, 13' snow at top of Schweitzer
- 9 EQIP contracts fully executed, 1 left to complete
- Reviewed 2 new subdivisions
- Fish Creek 319 – met with Commissioners and County Road & Bridge people
- Selected to Bonner County Code Revision Committee, will meet in January
- WRP – collecting program information from Bismark Meadows landowners
- L*A*S: Assisting with Work Plan, MOU, and Site Visit Form
- Worked on NRCS District Cooperative Agreement, Vehicle Use Agreement, and NRCS Grant for Forestry Contest

IASCD: Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- Plan of Work for 2008: Tony Bennett is finalizing the Work Plan. It will include 4-5 days a month to support the statewide weed strategies for the Department of Ag.

Cassie suggested Jamie work with Brad Bluemer and the County to give Brad names of people interested in learning how to use the spray equipment. Dale also suggested working with the County on the information sheet on weeds sent with the property tax statements.

- The first week of March Jamie will be in Tahoe for a weed conference – Western Aquatic Plant Management Society.
- Fish Creek Road 319 Proposal: Jamie reviewed the 2 separate 319 Proposals for Fish Creek. DEQ had suggested Jamie do 2 separate Fish Creek proposals, one funding the entire project and one funding everything except the work on private land. DEQ then can choose which one will receive funding. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve and submit both proposals. *The motion carried.* Discussion followed regarding the awareness of the cost benefit of doing the entire project. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Jamie write a cover letter pointing out the cost benefit of the larger project. *The motion carried.*
- Lake*A*Syst 319 Proposal: Jamie reviewed this proposal on the projector also. The funding would include \$18,270 for Gary's salary from March through November 2009, \$8,000 for a demonstration project, and \$1,500 for an educational sign. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve this proposal. *The motion carried.*

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- Lake*A*Syst 2007 319: Final invoice submitted.
- Lake*A*Syst Pend Oreille Basin Commission \$15,000 grant:
 - Met twice re MOA
 - Rough draft of Gary's Work Plan completed – copy in board packet
 - Greg prepared a rough draft of site evaluation form – copy in board packet
- Forestry Contest: Working on donation letters and newsletter.
- Water Festival: Changing Lewis & Clark station to David Thompson station this year, as it is the 200th anniversary of David Thompson's exploration in this area. Army Corps delegate Ashley Jones is spearheading this.
- Tree Seedling Sale: Going well – Sold 24,560 trees so far with 36 orders. Last year we sold a total of 23,280 with 54 orders. Profit at \$3,661.80.
- Tree Seedling Pick-Up Date set for April 11th.
- FY09 Annual Plan of Work rough draft completed
- 2008 IASCD State Conference 1st planning meeting on Jan. 22nd at CdA Resort – working on theme and speakers

OLD BUSINESS

Hellroaring Sign: Cost estimates range to \$1500. Linda will get more information.

Lower West Branch Priest River WOPA Status: Greg and Jamie talked to LWB 05-01 cooperator re being out of compliance. The cooperator still wants to do the corral portion, so Jamie and Greg will modify their plan in April or May. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to continue working with LWB 05-01 to get into compliance by modifying their plan, and if no conservation is achieved after putting in the well, the board will need to decide if cost-share funding needs to be returned. *The motion carried.*

NRCS/DISTRICTS Cooperative Working Agreement: Greg modified the Agreement to take out the portion where the district would share in the phone expense.

NRCS Vehicle Use Agreement: Greg has drafted a Vehicle Use Agreement to fit our needs. Bob Tribelhorn will set guidelines by the end of February, then that document will be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Cocolalla TMDL Implementation Plan for Agriculture: Jamie reviewed the Plan using the projector. Upper Cocolalla Creek and Westmond Creek are priority areas. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the Cocolalla TMDL Implementation Plan for Agriculture and present it to the Cocolalla Lake Association. *The motion carried.* \$260,000 more dollars are needed to do the recommended BMPs. There is a possibility EQIP-WQPA funds from Division I could be used, plus 319 funds.

Meeting Date with County Commissioners: Linda will pursue an April meeting date. At the March board meeting the budget request will be determined – at this point the suggestion was \$13,500.

FY09 Plan of Work: Draft copies were given to the board members for review. We will finalize the Plan at the March meeting.

MOA between Pend Oreille Basin Commission and BSWCD for Lake*A*Syst Grant: A rough draft was reviewed. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the final MOA with input from DEQ. *The motion carried.*

Privacy Act and NRCS Files: Information was distributed.

Forestry Contest 5-Year Grant with NRCS: Greg reviewed the proposed 5-Year Grant for the Forestry Contest funding from NRCS. This will streamline the process of receiving the NRCS donation so a new request only needs to be done every 5 years.

Miscellaneous:

- Alice reported on the audit discussion at her January Director's Meeting. The Commission had asked for \$60,000 in funding to help with district audits, and received \$18,000. They are studying how to revise the audit process.
- Division I meeting will be March 14th in Bonners Ferry.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

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 January 2008 Minutes

Approval of January 2008 financial report

Approval of transferring \$8,929.41 state allotment and \$2,620 LWB admin to LGIP

Approval of paying 5 bills listed

Approval of Fish Creek Road 319 Proposal for 2009

Approval of cover letter for Fish Creek Road 319 explaining cost benefits of larger proposal

Approval of Lake*A*Syst 319 Proposal for 2009

Approval of MOA between Pend Oreille Basin Commission and BSWCD for LAS grant

Approval of motion to continue working with the LWP 05-01 re compliance on LWBPR WQPA

Approval of the Cocolalla TMDL Implementation Plan for Agriculture

Approval of the final MOA (after input from DEQ) between Pend Oreille Basin Commission and BSWCD for the Lake*A*Syst \$15,000 grant for 2008

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