



Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101 – Sandpoint Field Office

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Fairy Delay, Associate
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Kate Wilson, Associate-Elect
Vern Hollett, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Jamie Davis, IASCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Ed Nurmi, Associate

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins, and he welcomed Kate Wilson.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the October 2008 minutes and Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the October financial report and found it in order. Dale moved the October financial report be approved, seconded by Alice. *The motion carried.*

Alice moved to approve the transfer of \$7,500 from the LGIP to Panhandle State Bank, \$1300 for TransCanada LAS Division I to purchase a laminator and a public address system, and \$6200 for conference expenses and year-end expenses in November and December. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay \$775 dues to NACD. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay Bob Hanson \$300 for fuel for the 2-day shoreline photo survey for Lake*A*Syst. The information is used for Lake*A*Syst and the Pend Oreille Nearshore Committee. Bob is a member of the Nearshore Committee and donated his boat and services when this photo documentation was done two years ago. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- We have a record number of 2009 EQIP applications at 27. We will know by the end of winter how many will be funded.
- Working Kim Golden & RC&D on a brown field cleanup north of Priest River – it drains right down to river.
- Used the new waterjet stinger to plant willows on a Pack River project and it works well. Plan to use it again on a Division I L*A*S project.

IASCD: Jamie reported as follows:

- After the cancellation of a Lower West Branch Priest River WQPA contract, the state wants to know if the district wants to cancel the funding or to use the remaining funding for other

projects in that area. The board would like to find another project to utilize that funding - Jamie and Greg will report on their findings at the next meeting.

- Land Use Code public hearing: The ad hoc committee has completed their work, and a public hearing on the land use code changes is scheduled for Monday at 6 pm at Community Hall. Jamie drafted a comment letter she wrote for the board to support the proposed land use code changes. Jamie will make the changes suggested by the board, and Dale will try to attend the meeting and submit the letter. Dale moved to approve the revised letter, Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.
- Sewage Disposal Rules: Jamie suggested sending a letter of support to Senator Joyce Broadsword, who is on the Septic Rules committee which is reviewing the rule change requiring larger drain fields. It was decided to wait until Dale will meet with Panhandle Health and legislators on November 15th, and will report at our December meeting.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- L*A*S: The Steering Committee met October 22nd – they will help screen applicants in January. We are working on the job description and application form, and will finalize some of this at November 5th L*A*S POBC meeting.
- 2008 Conference: Rene and Sherry were here last week to compile packets and work on conference details. Conference planning has been the focus this past month.
- Tree seedling sale: 6,640 tree seedlings sold so far.

OLD BUSINESS

2008 Report of Accomplishments: Copies of the final report were distributed.

L*A*S Coordinator for 2009: A copy of the position announcement was reviewed. Herman, Dale and Alice volunteered to help with screening and interviewing in January.

2008 Conference: Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve Herman as the voting delegate and Dale as the alternate for state conference. *The motion carried*. Raffle tickets were made available. Regarding the Eagle Tour, the boat will depart at 2:00, so they want people there by 1:30. Linda will email Kent with that information.

Pack River Watershed Council Coordinator Position: A copy of the Job Description for the Pack River Watershed Council Coordinator was reviewed. Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the Job Description. *The motion carried*. Jessica Erickson's invoice for 3rd quarter was reviewed. Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the invoice. *The motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS

Pack River Watershed 2009 Letter of Request for Avista Funding: This Avista grant to fund the Pack River Watershed Council initially was for \$4000, and each year Bonner SWCD requests funding to replace what was expended the previous year. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to submit a letter of requests for \$1205 plus 4th quarter expenses. *The motion carried*.

Tri-State Dues Schedule: Herman explained that Tri-State is moving toward supporting their funding through dues/donations, similar to RC&D or IASCD, etc. He will keep us updated.

Supervisor Election for 2009: Congratulations to Alice Wallace, Cassie Tauber, and Vern Hollett for being elected as supervisors. Their oaths of office were distributed, and are to be returned after their

signatures are notarized, and copies sent to Kathie Shea. After a discussion on notaries, Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Linda become a notary. *The motion carried.*

Draft of ISCC Strategic Plan for FY2010-2014: The board will receive more information on the draft at the state conference, and continue discussion at the December meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

RC&D Meeting on November 13th at 1:00: Herman reported that position of RC&D Assistant has been eliminated from RC&Ds in Idaho, so Kathy Dingman will no longer be funded for that position. She will be full-time NRCS. She hopes to continue some of her RC&D duties independently. At the November 13th meeting FC&D will be discuss how they are going to continue with Kathy's RC&D responsibilities.

New Associate: Kate Wilson accepted the invitation from the board to be an Associate. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to confirm Kate Wilson as an Associate of Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District. *The motion carried.*

December Meeting: The December meeting will be held at the home of Dale and JoAnn Van Stone on December 13th. Linda will send out information regarding time and what to bring.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of October 2008 minutes

Approval of October financial report

Approval of transfer of \$7500 from LGIP to PSB

Approval of paying NACD dues of \$775

Approval of paying Bob Hanson \$300 for boat fuel

Approval of comment letter to Commissioners on Land Use Code Revisions

Approval of Herman as voting delegate, Dale as alternate, at state conference

Approval of Pack River Watershed Council Coordinator job description

Approval of paying Jessica Erickson, PRWC Coordinator, \$440.73 for 3rd quarter

Approval of Letter of Request to Avista for 2009 Pack River Watershed Council funding

Approval of Linda to apply for notary public certification

Approval of confirmation of Kate Wilson as a Bonner SWCD Associate

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