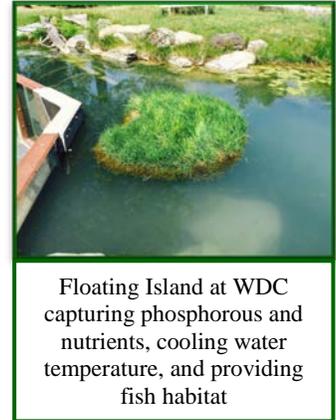


# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4, 2016  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

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### Attendance:

Herman B. Collins, BSWCD	Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, LAS/POBC
Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Harry Menser, BSWCD	

Absent: Erin Mader, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Chairman Herman Collins.

**Approval of Minutes:** Harry moved, seconded by Alice, to approve the September 2016 minutes, *the motion carried.*

**Financial Report:** Alice reviewed the September financials and moved to approve them, seconded by Harry, *the motion carried.* Dale moved to approve buying the going-away gift from Azalia's for Erin, seconded by Cassie, *the motion carried.* Donations from the POBC board and members of the NRCS/district office will offset the price.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**No-Till Drill:** Cassie has completed the arrangements for the aerator demonstration by RanchWorx to be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at a local UI campus on N. Boyer. RanchWorx is sending two representatives to help, one from Canada and one from Texas. Alice volunteered to help with the coffee, Dale and Harry volunteered to help direct traffic and parking. Interest generated by the demonstration will help the board decide if there is a need to write a 319 grant for an aerator in Bonner County. UI has volunteered to store it at this site in their barn. Once the flyer is complete, Jennifer Jensen will use her email distribution list to publicize the demonstration, it will also go out in the district newsletter and other email lists as well as information distributed at the Division I meeting.

**Ag Tourism – "Incubator Kitchen":** After a long discussion, Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to table discussion on the incubator kitchen, *the motion carried.*

**Division I Fall Meeting – October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Molly, Dale, Herman, and Linda will attend the meeting, Dale will drive and leave the office at 8:20 am. The board discussed the tree seedling sale and the options/guidelines presented for discussion at the Division I meeting. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to support Option #1 giving Kootenai and Bonner 38% limit on sales to October 1st and Boundary and Benewah 12% limit on sale to October 1<sup>st</sup>, then utilize the waiting list, then all remaining seedlings go to the first district requesting them. *The motion carried.*

**ICRMP Insurance:** Alice, Harry and Molly will attend the ICRMP training on October 20<sup>th</sup>, Alice will drive. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay the \$1178 ICRMP premium, *the motion carried.* Alice moved, Dale seconded the motion to reject the additional coverage under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, *the motion carried.*

**IASCD State Conference:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay registration and expenses for Alice, Cassie and Linda to attend the state conference, and to pay the \$25 donation for door prizes, *the motion carried.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**POBC:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign the Letter of Agreement providing services to the Pend Oreille Basin Commission board for FY2017, *the motion carried.*

**Civil Rights / EEO:** Greg requested input from the board on targeted outreach in Bonner County.

**Other Business:**

- Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Molly become a Notary Public, *the motion carried.*
- Cassie's invoice and boot camp plans were discussed. Harry moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the invoice for \$3,328.98, which NACD will reimburse the district for after boot camp. *The motion carried.*
- Harry discussed his recent trip to Missoula for the presentation and field trip on the Ice Age Dam.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS by Greg Becker:** 1) Greg will be gone on Friday and James Boyett will be Acting DC, and will attend the Division I meeting. 2) Several people are interested in the Wetland Reserve Easement Program. 3) No deadlines have been set yet for 2017 cost share applications. Greg has already received a record high application numbers.

**POBC & LAS by Molly McCahon:** 1) The September 23<sup>rd</sup> POBC meeting went well. Lake levels are going down up to 4 inches a day, and should be at 2051 by November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no winter fluctuation this year. ACOE discussed fish passage at Albeni for bull trout, more information to be given at the December meeting. An EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is being done on the Columbia River system. Also discussed, altering Priest Lake outlet dam to raise the lake level for year-round flow in Priest River. 2) Molly held the fall county AIS meeting for agencies involved to confer on current treatment and problems. Tom Woolf reported on the funding for Idaho received through Army Corps of Engineers to be used for AIS issues. 3) The Real Estate class will be held in Boundary County this spring. 4) The P&Z Commission meeting regarding subdivision and other changes to code will be held Thursday, October 6, at 5:30. The P&Z Commission will make recommendations to the Commissioners. The proposed changes are listed on the Project 7B website. 4) The next Flowering Rush dig will be October 29<sup>th</sup> or November 4<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather.

**UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen:** 1) Jennifer recently attended the National Small Farm Conference in Virginia Beach and gave a report on the local project comparing plant growth and health at Green Tree Farms between their High Tunnel and their small hoop houses. 2) Jennifer is on the Planning Committee for the Women in Sustainable Agriculture Conference. 3) The first week of November in Boundary Kate Painter will host a forage school on hay & pastures. 4) Jennifer has a USDA Beginning Farmer Grant to teach classes this winter.

**Next Board Meeting:** Both Dale and Cassie will be gone on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of November, so the board meeting has been changed to November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – per Idaho Code 67-2345**

Alice moved, Dale seconded the motion to go into Executive Session, *the motion carried.* Alice moved, Dale seconded the motion to go out of Executive Session, *the motion carried.* Alice moved, Dale seconded the motion to give Linda a \$1.50 an hour raise, *the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

Approval of September minutes

Approval of September financial reports

Approval of buying going-away gift for Erin Mader

Approval of tabling the discussion on the Incubator Kitchen until the next meeting

Approval of Option #1 for guidelines for the tree seedling program

Approval of paying ICRMP premium, & rejecting additional coverage under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act

Approval of paying conference expenses for Alice, Cassie and Linda, and paying \$25 door prize donation

Approval of signing the Letter of Agreement with POBC for FY2017

Approval of going into and coming out of Executive Session

Approval of giving Linda \$1.50 an hour raise

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