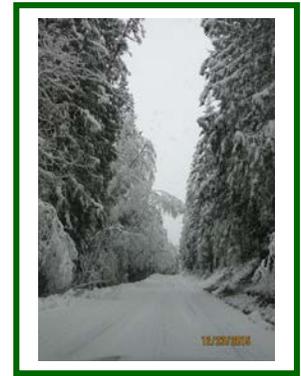


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: January 5, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD Molly McCahon, LAS
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Erin Mader, POBC
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Brad Bluemer, Bonner County Weeds
Harry Menser, BSWCD Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension
Greg Becker, NRCS Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the December 2015 minutes and Harry seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the December financial report and moved it be approved. Harry seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the transfers from checking to LGIP for \$35,000 POBC, \$2,837 Water Festival, and \$15,000 general funds. *The motion carried.* Harry moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the IDEA dues of \$50, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Panhandle Lakes RC&D Dissolution: The dissolution distribution check for \$3,545.81 was received. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to request a final accounting from the time the dissolution was first voted on, *the motion carried.*

Grants: Molly detailed two grants she is working on. The Walmart grant would be for supplies and bus transportation for the Water Festival for \$750. The grant with IDL is for forest hazard mitigation and landscape scale forest health management related activities on a watershed scale. Jasper Mountain area and the Priest River watershed currently have USFS and NRCS projects that this grant could augment. Harry moved and Alice seconded the motion to submit applications for each of these two grants, *the motion carried.*

Christmas Dinner: Cassie moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the total bill at Connie's Café for the Christmas dinner, including spouses, since the bill was so low, *the motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to retain last year's officers, *the motion carried.* Herman Collins will continue to be Chairman, Dale Van Stone Vice-Chairman, and Alice Wallace Secretary/Treasurer.

Supervisors Election: Alice Wallace, Cassie Tauber, and Harry Menser will be up for re-election in November of 2016. Petitions are due September 1st.

Legislative Days: Cassie Tauber has volunteered to go to Boise on January 26th for Conservation District Legislative Days at the state capitol. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay Cassie's expenses, *the motion carried*. Linda will have a Division I display ready for Cassie to take, and IASCD will supply a display board.

Human Resource Training: Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay \$198 for HR legal primer training for Linda and Molly through CareerTrack in Spokane on January 26th, *the motion carried*.

Change in State Per Diem Rates: Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to increase the district per diem rates to match the state, *the motion carried*. Reimbursement for meals has increased to \$11.25 for breakfast, \$15.75 for lunch, and \$24.75 for dinner.

Certificate of Appreciation: Harry moved and Cassie seconded the motion to present Senator Shawn Keough with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work for conservation in the state of Idaho over her many years of service, *the motion carried*. Cassie will present it to her at Legislative Days on January 26th.

County Building Code Changes: Recent building code changes approved by the county commissioners were discussed. Harry moved and Alice seconded the motion to draft a letter to the Commissioners approved by board members to use as a reference for a meeting with the Commissioners regarding code changes, and the success stories our office has experienced from the Comprehensive Plan and existing Building Codes, *the motion carried*.

No-Till Drill: Cassie Tauber distributed information she has researched regarding a 10' x 42" RanchWorx Aerator with optional spreader for \$24,300. The district could write a grant to purchase it and rent it out to local farmers. This will be discussed again at the next board meeting after more data is acquired regarding the number of farmers who would use it in Bonner County and the cost of insurance on it.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker: Greg reported that Sean's position of Soil Conservationist in our office has been advertised and they hope to be interviewing by the end of February. Also the current snow survey report is average.

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

LAS by Molly McCahon: Molly reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

Bonner County Weeds by Brad Bluemer: Brad and Cody will attend the state weed conference and superintendents meetings in Boise the last week of January. Brad is working to put Scotch Broom genus on the state weed list, which would eliminate the possibility of local stores selling it. Brad plans to retire in October.

UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen: Jennifer shared two upcoming UI programs: Forest Stewardship - the Turf, Tree and Landscape Conference on February 18th; and Starting your Sustainable Idaho Small Farm January 14-March 31, 2016. Also, Jennifer will be on maternity leave starting January 21st for four to six weeks.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes. The Eager Beavers 4-H team that took 1st place at the Idaho State Forestry Contest in 2015 is planning on competing at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational in Weston, West Virginia in July, and is beginning to raise funds to make the trip.

Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to go into Executive Session, as per Idaho Code 67-2345, *the motion carried*. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to go out of Executive Session, *the motion carried*.

Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to give Linda a raise to \$18.50 an hour, Molly a raise to \$17.00 an hour, increase Linda's Retirement Allotment to equal \$500 net, and to give Molly a Retirement Allotment of \$200 net starting in 2016, *the motion carried*. Linda will make changes in the Personnel Policy as designated by the board and present it at the February meeting for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of December minutes

Approval of December financial reports

Approval of LGIP transfers

Approval of IDEA dues of \$50

Approval of requesting an accounting for 2 years from RC&D

Approval of applying for a Walmart grant for Water Festival and an IDL grant

Approval of paying entire Christmas dinner bill at Connie's Cafe

Approval of retaining the same officers for BSWCD

Approval of paying Cassie's expenses to attend Legislative Days in Boise on Jan. 26th

Approval of paying \$198 for HR training for Linda and Molly on Jan. 26th in Spokane

Approval of increasing the district's per diem meal rates to the recently increased state rates

Approval of giving Senator Shawn Keough a Certificate of Appreciation

Approval of letter to County Commissioners regarding land use code changes

Approval of going into Executive Session

Approval of going out of Executive Session

Approval of giving Linda a raise to \$18.50, Molly a raise to \$17.00, increasing Linda's retirement allotment to a net \$500 with a retroactive \$150 for 2015, and adding a retirement allotment to Molly of a net \$200.

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