

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID



Attendance:

Herman B. Collins, BSWCD	Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, LAS/POBC
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD	Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension
Harry Menser, BSWCD	
Erin Mader, Associate	

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD, Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 by Chairman Herman Collins.

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

Financial Report: Dale moved to table the October financials until the December 6th meeting, seconded by Cassie, *the motion carried.* Harry moved, seconded by Cassie, to pay 2017 NACD dues of \$775, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

RanchWorx Aerator Demo:

Greg provided a summary based off email feedback from NRCS employees in attendance and Fran Hughes from KSSWCD. If you would like a copy of those comments, they are available. Cassie felt like the best use would be for property with drainage issues and standing water and where there is dense root growth. Discussion took place on lighter versions and how that may be more useful. Harry would like to see data from other districts who have done something similar. Greg suggested monitoring the work by Hawkins.

Ag Tourism – “Incubator Kitchen”: Harry announced the good news that Paul Kusche with the Bonner County Economic Development Corp has secured funding to build the originally proposed building at the fairgrounds. It is possible that building will be up by March.

ICRMP: Molly and Harry reported it was a good meeting to attend. Molly reported that she has learned most from the Supervisors she works with every day at BSWCD.

NACD/NRCS Boot Camp Report: Cassie reported that it was an excellent learning experience. She complemented NRCS on hiring James Boyett. She shared that she learning how to take the info from at site evaluation and put it onto paper in reporting format. She commented on the many different ways NRCS and Districts interact throughout the county and showed how many different forms of partnership exist. Cassie wants to encourage FSA to have more of a presence in Bonner County. Greg Becker advised her to contact Randy with FSA before moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2016 Performance Report: Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign and approve the performance report certification, *the motion carried.*

Water Festival Coordinator Agreement: Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve of Gail Bolin's 2017 contract for Water Festival Coordinator with increased hours in order to free up Linda's time for other events, *the motion carried.*

Pack River Watershed Council 2017 Funding Request Letter: Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the 2017 Funding Request Letter for Pack River Watershed Council and Temperature Monitoring to Avista, *the motion carried.* Discussion took place on how it would be nice to have Jessica's valuable input and maybe she could attend more meetings.

Civil Rights / EEO: Greg didn't have anything.

Other Business:

- Remove Erin Mader's name on agenda under POBC.
- NRCS/Local Working Group – Cassie moved and Harry seconded the motion to accept LWG minutes and sign NRCS LWG form, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker: Greg reported that the WRP has 4 applications this fall which is more than usual. EQIP deadline is December 16th. LWG meeting went well. Group choose to leave ranking questions broad. Discussion took place on creating a NRCS flier and we are going to move forward with that.

POBC & LAS by Molly McCahon: The next Lakes Commission meeting will be on January 27th at the Columbia Bank/Tango from 9-12. Molly discussed the Hecla stewardship meeting she attended in Trout Creek on October 15th. Case studies from Stillwater Mine in Montana were presented. A legislator from Montana discussed Montana's Hard Rock Mining Impact Act. Montana is the only state with one, and it requires the state receive a percentage of profit and a thorough socioeconomic study is completed. Hecla anticipates a third of their workforce will come from Bonner County. The HRMIA does not cross state line. Molly also reminded group of the Columbia River Systems Operations EIS and a discussion took place on how changes in operations downstream might affect our lake levels.

Dale reported that IDWR purchased a new water gauge for Priest Lake near Outlet Dam.

UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen: Jennifer reported there will be a High Tunnel Workshop on Saturday Nov 19th. She also told the group that she will be sending out a survey regarding her position to help her determine what services the community needs.

Next Board Meeting: December 6th

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of October minutes
- Approval of tabling the October financial report to December meeting
- Approval of paying \$775 NACD 2017 membership dues
- Approval of FY2016 Performance Report
- Approval of Water Festival Coordinator 2017 contract for Gail Bolin
- Approval of Pack River Watershed Council/Temp Monitoring funding letter to Avista
- Approval of signing NRCS LWG form and minutes