

# Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm Meeting  
**Place:** UI Extension - 4205 N Boyer Ave, Sandpoint ID 83864  
\* Zoom info at bottom of agenda

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### Attendance

*Board members:* Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Chris Elliot, BSWCD.

*Others:* Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Julie Lakatos, BSWCD; Jenna Ditzel, SWCC; Megan Parnell, Farm Bureau.

*via Zoom:* Jim Stevens, BSWCD; Bill Lillibridge, SWCC.

A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

### A) Call to Order

1. **Action Item: February 2025 Meeting Minutes**  
Motion to approve February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes: Jeff Second: Rick
2. **Action Item: January 2025 Financial Reports**  
Motion to approve January 2025 Financial Reports: Rick Second: Harry

### B) Agency/Grant & Guest Reports

1. **Farm Bureau - Megan Parnell** - Farm Bureau has a legislative conference in Boise. Met with other advisory groups. National Ag Day - March 18th Tuesday at Yokes.
2. **Lakes Commission - Molly McCahon** - Invasive species presentation by ISDA, Thursday, March 13th at Bonner County Administrative building.
3. **NRCS Report - Cindy Lewis** - Cindy provided written notes. See attached.
4. **SWCC Report - Jenna Ditzel/Bill Lillibridge** - Jenna will be leaving SWCC, but working remotely through to the end of June. WQPA (state funding) will likely get funded. 319 funding is currently partially funded. Pack River went through SLOPES program; water resources to go through their permit process; just waiting until July for funding.
5. **UI Extension - Jennifer Jensen (via Chris Elliott)** - Farm Tour June 12th.
6. **Water Festival - Gail Bolin (via Julie Lakatos)** - next meeting Tuesday, March 25th at CREC.

### C) District Business

1. **New office location:** Community Resource Envision Center (CREC) - Partners and employees of the office have been notified of the new location. Gail has given comments regarding the move. Will be keeping LincPass access to be able to submit grants. Refrigerator at NRCS - Cindy would like to pay for it and wants to know how much.
2. **PSP meeting report** - Some confusion still on how the funding is working by another district's board. There was an understanding that each District will submit their order

for 2027 along with payment of 70% of that grow cost in alignment with K&C Silviculture's presented contract by the end of 2025 (Fall).


3. **Tree seedling update** - delivery: Wednesday, April 2nd will be there at around 7-7:30am. Volunteers are welcomed to assist on the day of pick up. Forklift to be rented for pallets.
  - a. **Action Item:** Appreciation Dinner for the Delay's - Hydra. *Motion to get a \$150 gift card by Rick, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.*
4. **Division I Meeting** - Hosted by Kootenai-Shoshone, April 17th at 9am  
Scheffelmaier Country Barn  
18500 S. Old Lane Road  
Cataldo, ID 83810  
The PSP meeting will be held directly after the Division meeting.
5. **Forestry Contest** - Steering meeting March 17th, 11am. Currently 140 contestants registered. South Side Elementary (1st STEM school) to bring 5th & 6th graders.
6. **Action Item: AIS Boat Stations MOU** - ISDA will not have any pay increases for inspectors. No MOU as of today available; not expecting any changes. Clark Fork will open April 11th and run through October this year. *Motion to approve MOU once received and reviewed by Sarah for any significant or actionable changes. If no changes to the MOU, Dale will sign MOU as presented by Jeff, seconded by Rick. Chairman and all board members to review. Motion carried.*
7. **Action Item: Fair 2025 application.** *Motion to approve paying the vendor fee and submitting fair application by Rick, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.*
8. **Annual Plan of Work/5-year Plan** - due March 31st. Meeting of board members on Thursday, March 13th at 10:30am, lunch to be provided.

#### D) District Update

1. BSWCD Report – Sarah Garcia
  - Grants update - Working with Bill and Jenna on future grants. Source water is closed out. NRCS Umbrella grant re-submitted (multiple times).

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm by Harry, seconded by Chris.

Minutes submitted by Julie Lakatos, District Administrator.

  
District Supervisor Signature

  
Date