

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Time: 2:00
Place: 1224 Washington Ave, Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
 Vern Hollett, BSWCD Molly McCahon, L*A*S
 Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
 Fairy Delay, Associate Mark Hogen, ISCC
 Harry Menser, Associate
 Kate Wilson, Associate

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Dale Van Stone; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Cassie moved to approve the March 2010 regular and special meeting minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the March financial report and recommended it be approved. Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay the \$50 to Envirothon and the Chamber of Commerce dues for \$110. *The motion carried.*



Planting 9 tree species at the Delay Memorial Grove

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- 18 EQIP applications were approved in the ranking
- Greg has received verbal permission for the private drive work at Fish Creek – the work will take place the 1st of May
- 1,100 willows were cut from the willow nursery and planted at various landowners for streambank protection
- Snow Survey – Smith Creek has more snowpack than previous years, 1 foot more than last year and 2% more moisture content.

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- Two SEEP classes are coming up in April, one for the county road crew funded through the Fish Creek 319 grant. Molly will help at both of them.
- The material for the Priest L*A*S books has been taken to the printer
- Molly's AIS funding was cut from the Department of Ag proposal. Diane Williams with Tri-State is partnering with L*A*S to write a grant proposal to INWC's Eqinox Program to continue with the same Lake Campaign for education on water quality and Molly's part of that request is \$7500. Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to proceed with this grant request. *The motion carried.*
- Molly and Jamie are working on a 319 grant for funding for the L*A*S program on City Stormwater Issues and AIS prevention. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to proceed with the 319 grant application. *The motion carried.* Another possibility for Molly's funding this summer is the balance in the TranCanada funding for Division I L*A*S.
- The Chamber presentation on LAS and Aquatic Invasive Species on March 11th was well received, and Molly was asked to give the same presentation at Rotary. Linda complimented Molly on the program – it was extremely well done. There were around 100 people in attendance.

ISCC: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- Mark attended the Boundary meeting in the morning, then spent time investigating the Sand Creek area for potential projects. Jamie had suggested a TMDL Management Plan needed to be done on Sand Creek – Mark will look into that.
- Mark has current supervisor's books, and will get one to the Bonner board.
- Mark had recently been at NRCS training regarding the Privacy Act – the training should be coming to districts soon.
- Mark has worked at getting names of ag landowners in the Clark Fork area from the records at the Bonner County Court House, but will wait until after the 319 meeting tomorrow and check with DEQ on proceeding with the Ag Plan.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Linda asked permission to attend the 319 meeting in CdA on April 7th, and the RC&D Forestry Committee meeting the morning of April 22nd, and the NRCS Project Management training the afternoon of April 22nd in CdA. Vern moved that Linda attend all of these events, Cassie seconded the motion, and the *motion carried*.
- Tree seedling sale: Trees arrive Wednesday night, sorting is Thursday, and pickup day is Ap 9th 9am - noon.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival: Priest River 5th graders will not be attending so attendance will be down.
- Forestry Contest: March newsletter has gone out, promo items have been ordered and received, saw blades for awards have been sent to Spokane for chroming, awards have been ordered, invitations for legislators and school board have been completed. The display has been prepared for 3 conferences. We still need more donations, but volunteer signup has been great. CONGRATULATIONS TO HERMAN – he has been selected as this year's Honorary Chairman!
- H576 support letters were OK'd by Herman and emailed to the Senate Ag Committee – and the Committee passed it unanimously.
- The lease agreement for the waterjet stinger is complete and a copy included in the board packets.
- Information for obtaining our insurance with ICRMP has been sent.

OLD BUSINESS

Boat Wash Station Grant for 2010: The Department of Ag has given the district their final proposal which changes the admin fee back to 5% and has dropped the \$10,000 funding for AIS support through our L*A*S program – the Department of Ag stated these two points are not negotiable at this point – but they also increased the workmen's compensation insurance allowance. The board discussed our original requests with the Dept. of Ag last October for 10% admin fee, and to have a contract by December for review with a final contract in January so we could move forward with all the preparation details of running 3 boat wash stations. Also discussed were the amount of time everyone on the board and in the office has into this grant with reviewing all the different proposals, and Linda's time is around \$3000. After much discussion, Vern moved to write the Department of Ag emphasizing that the district believes strongly in the AIS program and would love to participate, and when the Department of Ag gets their program organized and can offer us 10% admin we would love to be a part of it, and that we request \$3000 from them for the time we already have put into this project. Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

RC&D Proposal for Priest Lake Herbicide Treatment: Herman received an email that the Department of Ag will be taking care of treatment at Priest Lake this summer.

Fair Booth: Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to do the smaller booth this year for \$40. *The motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS

IASCD Strategic Plan Goals: The board reviewed the goals and decided they were in good order. Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to suggest to IASCD that the goals remain in the same order, *the motion carried*.

Division I Financial Support for Legislative Days: Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to Pay \$100 to Boundary SCD for Tom Daniels expenses to participate in Boise in Legislative Days at our Division I booth and to support H576 which was being discussed in the Senate Ag Committee. *The motion carried.*

Farm Tour Attendance: This was tabled until the next meeting.

Funding Meeting with County Commissioners: Linda will try to schedule this funding request meeting for the last week of April.

Five-Year Resource Plan: Our May 4th meeting will include time for the five-year resource plan.

Miscellaneous Business:

Herman, Greg, and Kate met with the County Commissioners and Brad and Leslie from the Weed Department on April 1st to review the background for the Proposal for Priest Lake treatment between the RCD and the Dept. of Ag. They wanted to be able to reassure the RCD that both the conservation district and county were fully supportive partners of the proposed Priest Lake project this summer. The meeting went very well. Four days after that meeting we found out the Department of Ag was going to do that particular project.

Cassie brought up the concern of closing the UI Ag Research and Extension Center in Sandpoint on June 1st and suggested that it would be a great opportunity for us to partner with them to keep it open. Herman asked Cassie to present something at our next meeting as far as a letter requesting how to lease the 60 acre property. It would be a good shovel ready project for funding.

Fairy brought up her concern about the 13,000 acre Clagstone development and the changes that have been planed for Beaver Lake. Greg encouraged everyone to contact the county regarding their concerns.

Correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of regular and special March 2010 meeting minutes

Approval of March 2010 financial report

Approval of \$100 Chamber dues and \$50 Envirothon donation

Approval of partnering with Tri- State and pursuing \$7500 funding for L*A*S through Equinox & INCF

Approval of pursuing 319 funding for L*A*S

Approval of Linda attending April 7th and April 22nd meetings in CdA

Approval of not accepting Department of Ag's last proposal for boat wash station and collecting \$3000

Approval of paying \$40 for single fair booth

Approval of the existing order of IASCD Strategic Plan goals

Approval of contributing \$100 toward expenses of Boundary SCD for Division I participation in Legislative Days

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