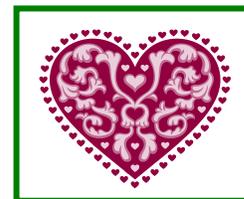


# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD                      Greg Becker, NRCS  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD                      Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD                      Mark Hogen, ISCC  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD                      Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Kate Wilson, Associate  
Harry Menser, Associate

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the January 2010 minutes and Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

- Vern reviewed the January financial report and moved that it be approved. Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*
- Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve paying \$221 to Jessica Erickson, Pack River Watershed Council Coordinator, for the purchase of the Horibu Water Quality Tester, and paying \$174 for Workman's Comp insurance. *The motion carried.*

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reported as follows:

- We have approximately 40 EQIP applications – February 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applications.
- He is working with the Kalispell Tribe on a WRP Application.
- Fish Creek: 3 private landowner agreements have been signed, 2 more will be done this spring.
- Sandpoint Park Plan: Last year Greg and Jamie helped brainstorm with the City on a City Park Management Plan. This week he will help the City prioritize the projects to help with stormwater and erosion control.
- Continue to explore possible Grouse Creek projects.
- Greg reviewed his 2009 Applied Practices Report with the board. Herman and the board complimented Greg, Mike, Dennis and Adria for the exceptional year they had.

**L\*A\*S:** Molly reported as follows:

- POBC 2009 Grant: Molly is almost done with the rewriting of the L\*A\*S for Priest Lake.
- Ruth is helping Molly write a Five-Star Grant for bank stabilization at the Waterlife Discovery Center. Mark Taylor with Idaho Fish & Game has applied for a grant to complete the handicap-accessible sidewalk from the classroom down the bank to the dock. When that is finished, through L\*A\*S and this Five-Star Grant, Molly will stabilize the bank with a combination of riprap, erosion control blankets, and a variety of native plants. The project will be supported by SEEP and the horticulture and landscape classes at Sandpoint High School. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve of applying for the Five-Star Grant. *The motion carried.*
- Molly will also participate in the Parks Management Plan prioritization on Friday.
- Molly resigned from the Sandpoint Planning & Zoning Committee – the time commitment was too much.

**ISCC:** Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- Mark participated in the conference call this morning regarding ICRMP's insurance proposal – they covered a lot and it was good information. Linda also was a part of the call, and the information was shared with the board. Herman will participate in the conference call Thursday afternoon. The board will decide on the policy at the next meeting.
- Mark distributed information on the Division I WQPA and said with the projects underway there is a possibility we will need to apply for an extension to complete them. The close out date is June 30, 2011.
- The Clark Fork and tributaries TMDL Ag Plan was begun years ago, but with the priority of other water bodies it was never completed. Mark is going to begin working on that again, and shared maps with the board on designated ag areas. Mark will coordinate with Greg on this.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Boat Wash Station 2010: Received draft of proposal – under Old Business.
- L\*A\*S POBC 2010: Invoiced the \$5000. Spreadsheet of 2010 deliverables for all L\*A\*S grants completed. Helped Ruth with information for WDC grant. LAS Steering Committee met Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Helping proofread chapters for Priest Lake materials update.
- Pack River Watershed Council (PRWC): Met January 11<sup>th</sup> with Jessica Erickson, PRWC Coordinator, Joe Dos Santos from Avista; Rob Ryan, Fish & Game representative to North Idaho; Herman, Cassie, Molly, Kate, Greg and Linda and reviewed potential and existing projects for 2010, as well as the task priorities from the TMDL Management/Implementation Plan. Mike Miller, Coordinator of the Montana Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group, has invited our office to a Stream Restoration Project Design Symposium that is scheduled for April 22-23. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to support attendance for Linda, Molly, & Kate and any board members who wanted to attend. *The motion carried.*
- Tree seedling sale: Have sold 16,882 seedlings so far, profit of \$2,292.29.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival's new location this year will probably be the Fairgrounds.
- Forestry Contest: The Steering Committee meets February 3<sup>rd</sup> to determine feasibility of a one or two day contest this year, whether enough schools can afford to attend to make it viable, and whether IDL and the Forest Service can spare enough personnel to put the contest on. Linda has heard back from the schools, and 20 of the 22 schools attending last year have committed to this year's contest. Finding enough volunteers to help will be an issue this year with the cutbacks in agency personnel. Donor letters and the February newsletter will be sent after plans are finalized tomorrow.
- Water Jet Stinger and Pounders: The board will discuss the loaning, renting or leasing of these at the next meeting.
- Legislative Displays: Sherry will be in Boise for an IDEA meeting at the same time Legislative Displays are taking place. The board supported participating in a Division I display board at no expense.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Boat Wash Station Grant for 2010:** Tom Woolf requested the board review his proposal and send comments and suggestions for his review – he would like both parties to be comfortable with the proposal. Kate reviewed the proposal for the board. After a long discussion and several concerns, the board requested that Linda contact Tom regarding attending their March board meeting - or any time that was convenient for Tom - to finalize the proposal.

**Idaho Ag in the Classroom:** Linda had received no input from teachers regarding attending classes this summer. The board declined to donate.

**Lake Level Fluctuation and State of the Lake Meeting:** The board thanked Kate and her board for their efforts regarding postponing the BPA's request to fluctuate the lake level over the winter until more research has been completed to determine the effects it will have on fish populations, local marinas, and bank erosion. The State of the Lake meeting will be held Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to noon at the Ponderay Events Center. Kate reported on attending a meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Rathdrum Aquifer in Hayden last Friday, and has a concern that Lake Pend Oreille needs more representation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pend Oreille Water Festival Donation Request:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to give a \$500 donation to the Pend Oreille Water Festival again this year. *The motion carried.*

**IASCD Ford Pickup:** Molly checked the Blue Book value of the pickup, and in good condition it is \$9875. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to decline from buying the pickup. *The motion carried.*

**Division I Spring Meeting:** The Spring Division I meeting will be in Boundary County either March 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a conflict with the RC&D meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and trading the date with Division II is in progress.

The next meeting will be held in the office at 2:00 on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O’Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

Approval of January 2010 minutes

Approval of January 2010 financial report

Approval of bills presented

Approval of applying for \$12,500 Five-Star Grant for the L\*A\*S WDC project

Approval of office staff attending the Ap.22-23 River Bank Symposium in Trout Creek

Approval of \$500 donation to Pend Oreille Water Festival

Approval of NOT buying IASCD pickup

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