

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2010
Time: 2:00
Place: 224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Molly McCahon, L*A*S
Vern Hollett, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Mark Hogen, SWCC
Harry Menser, Associate Tom Herron, IDEQ
Fairy Delay, Associate Erin Mader, POBC

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman introduced Erin Mader, the new Program Coordinator for the Pend Oreille Basin Commission. Her background experience includes surveying plants, including aquatic invasive species, in Bonner and Kootenai Counties for the past 3 years.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the July 2010 meeting minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

- Herman reviewed the July financial report and Vern reviewed the August financial report and Vern recommended their approval. Cassie moved the report be approved, Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*
- Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve payment of \$150 dues to PLRC&D, and \$850.00 to ICRMP. *The motion carried.*
- Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the following transfers: *Motion carried.*
LGIP LAS to PSB \$2597 (09LASPOBC \$1000, IASCD \$630.15, 07ISCC \$967.04)
LGIP Forestry Contest to PSB \$477.76
LGIP Trans/CAN to PSB \$2,500
PSB to LGIP 3rd allotment from ISWCC \$7853.40
- Linda reported the LGIP interest rates are still very low, around .2%.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reviewed his written report:

- Deadline for EQIP applications is October 1st.
- Visited Fish Creek project with Gordon Bates and has developed plan for graveling.
- Clagstone Development – the developer is interested in putting together conservation plans for part of the acreage. September 8th Skip Vetton, NRCS Urban Conservationist from Boise, will review urban conservation planning for north Idaho District Conservationists, members from Clagstone, and local County officials.
- Greg is working on a WRP with the Kalispell Tribe in Goose Creek, just below Priest Lake.
- There will be a meeting on the lake drawdown on September 27th.
- The number of requests for grazing plans has increased.

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

- After reviewing the L*A*S funding with Linda, there are more hours and dollars than anticipated.
- She will speak on L*A*S at Rotary in September
- She and Erin Mader had a booth at the Priest Lake Gin Fizz – it was well attended

- The fair booth received a red ribbon
- This month Molly will add weed fabric and more plants to the riparian project at Dover Bay
- Molly will use \$500 from Mark Taylor to buy plants for the dock shoreline area at the WaterLife Discovery Center. Sandpoint HS students will help with the planting.
- The 319 grant Molly submitted for 2011 included completing the shoreline project at WDC, as well as working with the City on 3 stormwater management projects.
- A L*A*S Steering Committee meeting has been set for October 20th at 1:00 pm.

ISWCC: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- At the ISWCC meeting in August it was approved to consolidate Mud Lake and Rigby districts.
- The legislature allocated a \$1.4 million budget for ISWCC this year, with \$700,000 designated for districts. Base will be \$8,500, with a 2 to 1 match. The base includes \$1000 for IASCD at the districts discretion.
- There are two vacancies to be filled, one position of WQRC at Idaho Falls, and one Ag Program Manager to be located anywhere in the state.
- WQPA Projects – Lance sent out a spreadsheet report of payment approvals.

Pend Oreille Basin Commission: Erin reported as follows:

- She is requesting permission to attend Level II boat inspection training at Lake Mead, Nevada in November. Out of state travel through IDEQ is not being funded this year, so Erin requested a letter of support from the district. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to send a letter of support from the district for Erin to attend the level II training. *The motion carried.*
- She has been focusing her efforts on the lake level fluctuation for this fall and winter. BPA and ACOE will release an environmental assessment at the end of September, and then there will be a 2 week comment period.

IDEQ: Tom Herron reported as follows:

- Six 319 grants have been received by IDEQ from our region. The Basin Advisory Group meets October 15th, to review them. Molly will present on our 319 grant application at that meeting.
- A couple of water quality complaints in the Priest Lake area were received and investigated by IDEQ.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Linda reviewed the balance of grant funding for L*A*S. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to utilize the balance of 2006-09 funding for current projects. *The motion carried.*
- Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to support AIS education through the LAS program with \$2000 from the Boat Inspection grant. *The motion carried.*
- Boat inspection stations will close right after Labor Day. A final report on this grant will be given at the October meeting.
- Forestry Contest: Fairy Delay asked Linda to check with Ed Robinson regarding around 70 people visiting the Forestry contest this year, and make sure the time frame will work.

OLD BUSINESS

POBC 2010 Grant: Herman signed the grant application and it has been submitted.

County Allocation: \$6,750 has been proposed to be allocated to Bonner SWCD for fiscal year 2011.

Larry Fryberg Memorial: Linda will complete the paperwork for this investment by next meeting.

State Conference: The letter regarding attendance at state conference from Division III Director was included in the board packets for review.

Audit: The audit went smoothly. Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign the letter to Leonard Schulte, CPA, confirming the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Division I Meeting: The meeting has been set for October 7th in Coeur d'Alene, but the location in Coeur d'Alene has not been confirmed. Greg requested Linda check to see if the date could be changed as it conflicts with the Tri-State fall meeting.

Tree Seedling Prices: Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the tree seedling prices for spring of 2011. *The motion carried.*

Boat Inspection Station:

- Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve of releasing one attendant, and hiring Matt Whatley for the remainder of the season. *The motion carried.*
- There was discussion on the \$2800 damage to the Electronic Sign at Samuels Station leased through Arrow Construction Supply. The claim was turned in to ICRMP, and they covered all but the \$500 deductible. Linda was asked to call Arrow regarding waiving the \$500 deductible. Dale moved and Vern seconded to pay Arrow either the \$2300 or \$2800. *The motion carried.*
- The closure schedule for the remainder of the season was reviewed.

University of Idaho Ag Research and Extension Center: Harry Menser reported that the station here in Sandpoint has been closed, other than a caretaker mowing the lawn. Dan Barney is in Palmer, Alaska, working at the USDA Ag Research station there.

Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to move to executive session at 4:10, *motion carried.*

Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to return to regular session, *motion carried.*

Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to increase Linda's hourly rate by \$.50 an hour. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of July 2010 meeting minutes

Approval of July and August 2010 financial report

Approval of paying the bills listed

Approval of the transfers listed

Approval of the district sending a letter of support for Erin Mader to attend Level II training

Approval of 2006-2009 LAS balances being transferred to current projects

Approval of \$2000 from Boat Inspection grant supporting AIS education through LAS program

Approval of audit conformance letter to CPA

Approval of firing one boat inspection attendant and hiring Matt Whatley

Approval of paying Arrow for damage to electronic sign

Approval of moving to executive session and returning to regular session

Approval of payroll increase of \$.50/hour for district employee