

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2010
Time: 2:00
Place: 1224 Washington Ave, Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Fairy Delay, Associate
Vern Hollett, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Molly McCahon, L*A*S
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Associate Guest: Dan Whatley
Kate Wilson, Associate

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; 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 May 2010 meeting minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the April financial report. Alive moved the report be approved, Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- August 27 is the deadline for sign up for NRCS programs. We have 14 signed EQIP contracts for 2010, and most of them are 3-year contracts.
- The SCEP student hired for this summer is Kirk Sehlmeier from Ohio, and he will start June 14.
- The Local Work Group meeting will be June 10th at 1:00 in the conference room to set priorities on Forest and Ag Land.

Boat Inspection Stations: Dan Whatley, newly hired Supervisor for the 3 inspection stations, reported the 3 stations opened on Thursday, May 27th with just a few minor issues that are being resolved. Around 80 AIS stickers have been sold for a total of \$1100, and 250 boats have been inspected. A lot of people have stopped to give encouragement and thanks to the employees. Dan said all the attendants have shown great enthusiasm and knowledge in educating the public, a credit to hiring the right people and to the training they received.

L*A*S: Molly had another meeting to attend, but left her written report which the board reviewed:

- Priest Lake Guidebooks printed - will try to distribute at meetings and door to door, but will divide my time between Priest and Pend Oreille. Submitted a basket for Annual Priest Lake Silent Auction put on by Priest Lake People Helping People – marketing tool.
- Joint Permit Packet – working with IDL and Jamie Davis on updating permit packet and websites with useful information to discourage rip rap and encourage bio-engineering.
- Dover Demo – would like to improve with more groundcovers and wildflowers. Wildflower seeds did not seem to germinate. I propose spending \$350 out of 319 Demo \$ for plants. Gail Bolin received a grant for signage, so that is covered. John Hastings has weeded once with his class.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Boat Wash Station: MOA signed by IASCD for payroll.
- L*A*S: Working on updating all grants and reports.
- Fish Creek 319: Working with Greg the next 2 weeks to complete final proposal re county and gravel work.
- Pack River Watershed Council: Received \$3,391 funding for 2010.
- Forestry Contest: Attendance at 700 on a perfect day. Thanks to Herman and Vern for their help.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival went well – students were great, weather wasn't as bad as expected.

- Farm Tour: Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay \$25 each for SCEP student Kirk, Harry, Kate, Herman and Linda to attend June 16th Farm Tour. *The motion carried.*
- Kent Foster's Retirement: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to donate \$50 to Kent Foster's retirement. *The motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Forestry Contest and Water Festival: Herman thanked all involved for their help in making these 2 events a success.

ISCC Nominations: The process that has taken place for Division I nominations to the Governor for positions on the ISCC board was reviewed. Nominations from Division I were Kyle Wilson, Billie Brown, and Dale Van Stone.

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Inspection/Wash Stations 2010: The addendum sent by ISDA was reviewed with no action taken. The board is happy with the original contract. Linda reviewed the financial requests submitted. Thanks were extended to Kate for her leadership in training the attendants. Thanks was expressed to the board for their hours of commitment involved in hiring.

FY2009-10 Audit: A quote has been received from Leonard Schulte for a maximum of \$4500. Linda will get quotes from Brad Williams, Brian Jensen, and Williams & Parsons.

IASCD Dues: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the \$400 dues to IASCD.

July & August Meetings: Discussion was held regarding a going away party for Kate Wilson at the summer barbecue meeting. Since Kate will be leaving for her masters program at the University of Florida by August 1st, the barbecue was set for July 13th at Linda's. The meeting will be from 4:00 to 5:30 with the barbecue to follow.

Miscellaneous Business:

- UI Agriculture & Research: Harry reported the Sandpoint office for UI Ag & Research Extension will be closed June 1st. The UI is hiring a person to take care of the grounds.
- Kate Wilson reported on the lack of publicity regarding the recent BOA public meeting held on winter lake level fluctuation. BPA had been encouraged at the last meeting to notify the stakeholders involved for input at public meetings, and BPA failed to contact any of those people for this meeting. The Pend Oreille Basin Commission has written a letter to the Governor regarding this that Kate shared with the board.

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 May 2010 meeting minutes
- Approval of May 2010 financial report
- Approval of paying registration for Farm Tour of \$25 each
- Approval of paying \$50 to Kent Foster for retirement
- Approval of paying \$400 IASCD dues