

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, March 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
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Fairy Delay, Associate Kim Golden, PLRC&D
Harry Menser, Associate

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Alice Wallace; Kate Wilson, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the February 2010 minutes and Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the February financial report on Wednesday, February 24th, and recommended it be approved. Dale moved to approve the February financial report, Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Linda reviewed the budget with the board, and it is projected to be in the black for FY2010.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- 41 EQIP applications have been received, and ranking will take place in a week.
- Tuesday, March 9th they will cut willows at the willow nursery in Ponderay for restoration projects. March 19th they will plant willows and dogwood at a stream restoration project on the Pack River, and have invited around 20 contractors and landscapers. Greg will demonstrate the waterjet stinger and the pounders.
- Sandpoint Park Plan: They met and picked priorities 1-3 at each park, hoping to get #1 done in 2010. They also listed ideas to accomplish the other priorities – the most common was invasive species.
- Reviewed the Clagstone Meadows subdivision proposal. It borders the Delay Farm and the Forestry Contest.
- Hiring 1 SCEP (Student Career Experience Program) student for our office this summer. Three very qualified candidates are in the running.

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- Chamber luncheon presentation on LAS and Aquatic Invasive Species is Thursday, March 11th. Molly will cover water quality efforts and why they are in existence, what the pollutants are and what the solutions are.
- For the Native Plant Society book, Molly is writing the information on ferns and ground cover.
- She shadowed her final SEEP class and is now ready to assist the two Bonner classes in April.
- In Montana, SEEP wants to do a class including streambank or shoreline protection, so Molly, Greg, Kate and Jamie are going to help write the section.
- Still working on LAS books
- Molly submitted an idea to Sandpoint Magazine for an article on the 7 water quality groups in north Idaho – and it was accepted. The article will help people understand the focus of each group.
- At the NPS meeting on Saturday Molly and Gail Bolin are presenting on the Dover BMP project.

ISCC: Mark Hogen was unable to attend, but reported the following by phone:

- JFAC has recommended funding for the ISCC for next year, but at a reduction of almost 50%.
- He will submit a landowner letter to the board next month for approval

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- The Montana Lower Clark Fork Group that is sponsoring the Stream Restoration Project Design Symposium on April 22-23 is now requiring a \$100 registration fee which includes meals for 2 days. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to sponsor Linda, Cassie and Molly to attend in Trout Creek. *The motion carried.*
- Tree seedling sale: Have sold 16,912 seedlings so far, profit of \$2,252.79.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival's new location this year will be at Samowen Campground May 20-21.
- Forestry Contest: February newsletter has gone out, as well as donation letters. Donations have begun to come in, and we have heard from many volunteers.
- The Farm Tour will be June 16th with sites south of Sandpoint.
- With Herman's support, emails from our district were sent to the House Ag Committee in support of HO576 – which was in support of districts and the ISCC.

OLD BUSINESS

RC&D Project Proposal for Priest Lake Milfoil Treatment: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion for BSWCD to sponsor the RC&D project proposal, "Priest Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Outreach Project". *The motion carried.* The proposal will be presented also to the AIS Task Force, and if approved will be submitted to the County to also be a project proposal sponsor to RC&D. Kim Golden emphasized the importance of all entities working together for the best in cooperation and expertise. Herman, Greg, Kate, Commissioner Rich and Commissioner Rasor plan to attend the March 11th RC&D meeting to support the proposal. Tom Woolf from the Idaho Department of Ag will also attend.

Boat Wash Station Grant for 2010: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to call a special meeting on Monday, March 8th at 1:00, to review and finalize the 2010 Boat Wash Station proposal with Tom Woolf. *The motion carried.* MOA's will need to be worked out for site locations. Greg has talked to Mark Dunkel at Samuel's Station and he is glad to work with us.

Liability Insurance: The ISCC voted to support the ICRMP proposal, and has cancelled the other liability insurance as of April 30th. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve of BSWCD contracting with ICRMP for their liability insurance. *The motion carried.* The board recommended taking the time in the future to check out other possibilities.

Waterjet Stinger Loan or Rental: Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to require a \$100 deposit for contractor's to use the waterjet stinger. *The motion carried.* The board wants to encourage use of the stinger, but also wants to cover any repairs or damage. Linda will develop the Use Form.

Division I Meeting: The following people plan to attend – Herman, Dale, Cassie, Alice, Harry, Greg and Linda. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay for registration. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Booth: Dale requested tabling either a \$40 or \$80 booth until next meeting.

Potential Grants: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to submit applications for a 319 Grant and a Source Water Protection grant for L*A*S funding for 2011. *The motion carried.*

Correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of February 2010 minutes

Approval of February 2010 financial report

Approval of sponsoring Linda, Cassie and Molly to attend Montana streambank symposium at \$100 each

Approval of sponsoring RC&D project proposal for Priest Lake treatment and outreach

Approval of holding a special meeting Monday, March 8th re boat wash station

Approval of accepting contract with ICRMP for liability insurance

Approval of requiring \$100 deposit on waterjet stinger use

Approval of paying registration for those attending Division I meeting in Bonners Ferry

Approval of submitting applications for 319 and SWP for L*A*S in 2011

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