

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 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
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Mark Hogen, SWCC
Harry Menser, Associate Jessica Erickson, Coordinator, Pack River Watershed Council
Fairy Delay, Associate

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman introduced and welcomed Jessica Erickson, the new Coordinator for the Pack River Watershed Council.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the September financial report and recommended approval. Dale moved the report be approved, Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the \$50 for the Land & Soil Evaluation Event, and \$775 dues to NACD. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- The Clagstone Meadows Development is having a bus tour of the 12,500 acre site on October 18th – anyone wanting to attend needs to sign a waiver at the P&Z office by October 8th. Greg, Herman and Cassie were interested in attending. District and NRCS involvement in the planning and decisions regarding conservation on the development would be beneficial.
- UI is conducting training on Friday for people interested in water quality monitoring. It is similar to the Master Gardner program, and is called IdaH2O. Greg, Molly and Jessica would like to attend. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the \$20 each for them to attend, the *motion carried.*

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

- Due to an infestation of weeds at the Dover Bay BMP site, Molly has implemented Phase II. 50 students from Sandpoint HS along with 7 adults helped plant 80 new plants and apply several different applications of weed control to the 250 lineal feet of shoreline. A combination of plastic, cardboard, mulch, and new soil were implemented in 5 phases to monitor which method is best for weed control.
- The BAG meeting is October 15th, and Molly has been invited to give a 5-10 minute presentation on our FY11 319 grant application. Kody VanDyk from the City of Sandpoint and Mark Taylor from F&G will accompany Molly to answer questions specific to their involvement in the project.
- Molly and Jim Brady from IDL accompanied the creators of the Floating Islands (used for stormwater management and bank stabilization) to the stormwater improvement sites involved in the 319 grant application, as well as the Waterlife Discovery Center. They will donate one of their islands to the pond at the Waterlife Discovery Center! Molly hopes to utilize the islands at the other sites also.

ISWCC: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- Mark reviewed the landowner consent form SWCC employees will now sign in order to work with NRCS contract landowners for privacy protection.
- Mark noted there were 45 319 applications statewide with 22 coming from districts, which he felt was a lower percentage than in the past.
- The District Supervisor Handbook is being updated through a grant by the SWCC.
- Training for ICRMP is being held in Coeur d'Alene on October 20th.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Closing of the boat inspection stations went well, the Greenfield machine is stored at IDL, and the 2 new Hotsy machines are stored at the Forest Service. Herman, Linda & Erin Mader met with Tom Woolf September 22nd to evaluate this year's program and offer suggestions for next year.
 1. 11,895 boats were inspected, with 95 hot washed
 2. 2,609 AIS stickers were sold (1480 motorized, 1129 non-motorized) for a total of \$40,276.68, with a profit to the district for handling of \$3,767.88
 3. Linda's total hours into the program were 515

Tom Woolf announced that Milfoil/AIS grant applications for next year are due the end of October. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion for the district to apply for managing 3 boat inspection stations for 2011. *The motion carried.*

- Linda praised the work of Dan Whatley, the supervisor for the boat inspection program. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to send a thank you to Dan along with a \$50 gift certificate for dinner. *The motion carried.*
- The tree seedling sale is going well so far, and we are already out of the 5" Ponderosa Pine and the 10" Western Larch. Linda sent a second information letter out to potential buyers with this information, and that the bare root variety will be sold in groups of 40 (instead of just bags of 200) to allow for the purchase of Western Larch in smaller quantities.

Pack River Watershed Council: Jessica Erickson gave a very educational PowerPoint presentation on the mission of the Pack River Watershed Council and recent activities, which included:

- Riverbank stabilization training she attended in Montana (along with Molly and Cassie)
- Willow planting project on the Pack River that was also used as a training for local contractors
- Pack River Delta stabilization project by F&G that members of the PRWC have contributed labor to
- Float trip in late June to assess the health of the river, previous stabilization projects and their success, and areas of major bank damage for potential projects
- Water quality testing she completes monthly to establish a base in order to analyze any changes in the future

The Pack River Watershed Council is funded through an Avista grant administered by Bonner SWCD. Herman and Linda will inquire at the ICRMP training regarding liability questions and PRWC activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Division I Meeting: The meeting will be held at Centennial Distributing in Coeur d'Alene. Alice moved to pay for registration for Herman, Dale, Cassie, Alice, Linda, and Vern if he attends. *The motion carried.* Members will meet at 7:45am at the office with Dale driving.

Panhandle Lakes RC&D Representative: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Herman be the representative and Cassie Tauber the alternate to Panhandle Lakes RC&D. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

State Conference: Resolutions were reviewed.

ICRMP:

- Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay \$35 each for Herman and Linda to attend ICRMP Training on October 22nd in Coeur d'Alene. *The motion carried.*

- The board reviewed the nomination process for Region I, and chose not to nominate anyone.
- He board reviewed the Terrorism Coverage effective October 1, 2010, and Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to not augment the existing paid-for coverage. *The motion carried.*

Supervisor’s Handbook Update:

After reviewing options regarding printing new handbooks or utilizing internet training, the board members agreed internet training at board meetings was the better option.

Annual Report: Will be discussed at next meeting.

Voting Representative to Tri-State Meeting on October 7th:

Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Molly McCahon be the voting representative to the October 7th meeting of the Tri-State Water Quality Council. *The motion carried.*

State Allotment Forms:

After the state allotment forms and information were reviewed, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the forms for Herman’s signature. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O’Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of September 2010 meeting minutes
- Approval of September 2010 financial report
- Approval of paying the bills listed
- Approval of paying \$20 each for Greg, Molly & Jessica to attend the IdaH2O training
- Approval of the district applying for a 2011 milfoil fund grant for 3 boat inspection stations
- Approval of paying for a \$50 gift certificate for Dan Whatley
- Approval of paying registration for the division I meeting
- Approval of Herman Collins as representative & Cassie Tauber alternate to Panhandle Lakes RC&D
- Approval of paying \$35 each for Herman and Linda to attend ICRMP training
- Approval of not augmenting the ICRMP Terrorism coverage
- Approval of Molly as the voting representative to the Tri-State meeting
- Approval of signing the state allotment forms

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