

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave Ste. 101, Sandpoint, ID * Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Jim Stevens, BSWCD; Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Austin Terrell, GOSC; Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC, Kyle Lundsford, NRCS

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

Call to Order

Revised Agenda: Jeff moved seconded by Harry to accept the revised agenda for the August Board Meeting, *the motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes: Harry moved, seconded by Rick to approve the July Minutes. *the motion carried.*

Financial Reports: Rick moved, seconded by Jeff to approve the June 2023 financial reports, *the motion carried.*

IASCD Dues: Harry moved, seconded by Rick to approve the payment of \$1,800.00 in Dues. *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Cindy notified the group that her team was still actively contracting items. Cindy outlined how her time was split between the Districts during July. Cindy updated on hiring as well as the challenges to get entry level employees in the expensive housing market locally. NRCS team will be out of the office at a State meeting August 14th-18th.

Idaho SWC. -The Districts WQPA grant was approved, and a site visit was completed by Sarah, Bill & Jenna. A no rise permit may be an issue for the completion of the grant due to the limited in water construction window. Getting equipment to the project area & down on the bank will be an additional challenge. Harry moved, seconded by Rick for the District to sign the WQPA agreement document. *The motion carried.*

Gov. office of Species Conservation: The Livestock carcass pickup program is moving forward, and the dump trailer has been purchased waiting for the winch to be attached. September 30th grizzly day with Fish & Game tentatively scheduled for Boundary county to include education outreach, pepper spray training, and apple press. Discussion was had regarding recent resolution introduced at national level to delist Grizzly Bears in the lower 48 over the next 2 years.

Boat Stations: The group reviewed the written report provided by Glenn Kibbey on station operations for the month. Arrangements were made for the Board to complete interviews for the Program Manager position for the 2024 Boating season.

ISWCC: Jenna provided a brief review of her & the commission work in the previous month. Concerns were discussed as to whether the WQPA grant would go through due to the work window and unexpected permitting requirement.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Grant Updates: Sarah updated on the status of the current grants including purchase of enviroscares for the source water grant as well as new rack cards.

District Logo: Sarah presented versions of the top 3 logos. Jeff moved seconded by Rick to adopt logo#4 which depicts pine trees, mountains, and water in a circular design. *The motion carried.*

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Conference: Sarah notified the Board that to date the District had received only the dates of the conference but no agenda or registration information. Currently the Conference is scheduled November 7-9th in Boise.

Fair: Sarah reminded the Board that the Fair was coming up and highlighting the Districts display highlights as well as discussed booth schedule.


District Report: Sarah updated the board on work that had been completed in July. Reviewed that she would be working minimum hours the week after fair to accommodate for her overtime.

Jeff moved, seconded by Harry to enter executive session per Idaho code 74-206 (b). Roll Call: Dale, aye; Harry, aye, Rick, aye; Jeff, aye. No minutes were taken.

Harry moved, seconded by Jeff to exit executive session. The motion carried.

The Board thanked Sarah Garcia, District Administrator for her 5 years of service as the District Administrator. Jeff moved, seconded by Rick to increase Sarah's hourly wage as of September 1, 2023. The motion carried.

Harry moved, seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

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District Supervisor Signature Date

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