Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

# Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018

# Time: 1:00 pm Meeting

Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS

Alice Wallace, BSWCD Sarah Garcia, BSWCD

Cassie Tauber, BSWCD

Harry Menser, BSWCD

Jim Stevens, BSWCD

Absent: Terry McGuirk, BSWCD: Jennifer Jensen, U of I; Jessica Erikson, PRWC; Brad Shelton, SWCC; John Gaddess, BSWCD/IDL

The meeting was called to order at 1:33p by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alice moved, and Harry seconded, the motion to approve the September minutes, *the motion carried.*

**Financial Report:** Harry moved, and Alice seconded, the motion to approve the September financials, *the motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Boat Station Report:** Sarah reported that the season had been wrapped up successfully & under budget. The Board was informed that we had been required to edit the ledgers to reduce the mileage to match the state allotment vs federal rate. Updated Ledgers were signed by Dale. Sarah also made the board aware that due to this issue our final payment had not been received and we were operating the stations in the Red. The final payment will be processed for the exact amount owed resulting in no carryover for 2019 Boat season.

**IFOA Meeting:** The next IFOA meeting has been scheduled for October 25th @ 2pm.

**Panhandle Seedling Program**: Sarah updated the board on the continued progress made & that our 2020 WWP order had been placed.

**Election Updates:** Upcoming appearances at KPRV radio & Community Forum were announced, Sarah informed the Board that she had received a lot of inquiries regarding candidates Clark & Banks from both community members & media but that she had been unable to provide additional info as she did not have contact info for them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Divison Meeting:** Division 1 meeting on Thursday October 18th at 8am in Hayden. All board members present indicated they would be in attendance. Sarah reminded the Board that there would be a meeting after to discuss seedling program. Posters will be in the office

**60 Day Notice:** Alice moved and Harry seconded that the PSP 60 day notice be sent to the Attorney Generals office for review prior to sending, *the motion carried.*

**Conference Voting Delegate:** Alice moved and Cassie seconded that Dale be our voting delegate, *the motion carried.*

**Civil Rights/EEO:** There are no updates to civil rights at this time.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Greg Becker:** Greg reported that the soil con. Position had been posted and closed but he had not received the candidate pool yet. Due to restructuring there was a likelihood of this being a detail position for a time. Hoping to complete group interviews with Aubrey & Sarah’s participation. Expected position filled within 60 days. Greg made the board aware of possible NRCS restructuring that is anticipated to roll out in the next 12-18months; this would be a supervisor D.C. who would focus on administrative, leadership, and partner relationship building. 2019 EQIP application dates have not been announced. Greg also brought to the Boards attention the opportunity to sign MOU that would allow for reimbursement of District administrators wage when assisting with NRCS administrative items. Board agreed this would be good to move forward with.

**Bonner SWCD by Sarah Garcia:**. September was a very productive month and a great kick off to what is to come!

1. Panhandle Seedling Program-
2. The framework for this program was created
3. We have met with Bob, Stan, and Heather of the KSS Board
4. Western White Pine order for 2020 has been placed.
5. Watershed Poster (Speech) Contest –
   1. We have presented to 250 students in the past week in 4-6th grades at Farmin, Washington, and Sagle elementary schools. We will be presenting to another 150 students at Kootenai & Farmin elementary tomorrow.
   2. We provided the Speech contest information to all area High Schools & hope to receive a few candidates
6. Toured Streambank projects with Greg
   1. Grouse Creek – A new neighbor is interested in completing a stream bank restoration that would continue from the Kerns property that was previously completed. This is slated to be a $25k project and we would administer the funds.

Spring Creek / 319 – We received word that the 2018 Nonpoint Source funding was approved by congress this week as part of the EPA’s budget.  Funding for the East Spring Creek Road project will hopefully be here soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06p.

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District Supervisor Signature Date