

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID



Attendance:

Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Terry McGuirk, BSWCD
Jim Stevens, BSWCD
Jessica Erikson, PRWC

Greg Becker, NRCS
Amanda Abajian, BSWCD
Brad Shelton, SWCC

Absent: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Molly McCahon, POBC; Jennifer Jensen, U of I

Guest: John Gaddess

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 by vice Chairwoman Alice Wallace. Alice welcomed our guest John Gaddess to the board meeting. John Gaddess is a forester with the Idaho Department of Lands.

There was not a complete quorum present at the board meeting, but Chairman Dale Van Stone was contacted by phone at the end of the meeting for completing the necessary motions.

Approval of Minutes: Terry moved, seconded by Dale, to approve the March 2018 minutes, *the motion carried.*

Financial Report: Dale moved, and Terry seconded, the motion to approve the February and March financials, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

New Boat Station Supervisor: Amanda advised the group that due to unfortunate circumstances the original manager hired for the Bonner County boat wash stations had to be let go before the season truly began. Board Chairman Dale Van Stone recommended to contact and offer the position to Glenn Kibbey who was second in line for the manager position after the interviews were conducted. Terry moved, and Dale seconded, the motion to approve Glenn Kibbey as the new boat wash station manager for the 2018 season, *the motion carried.*

Amanda also advised the board that due to losing multiple individuals that had previously committed to work as attendants it was necessary to conduct interviews to fill 3 open positions at the boat wash stations. 5 interviews will be conducted on the 5th and 6th of April. Terry McGuirk, Dale Van Stone and Greg Becker will help conduct the boat station attendant interviews.

Division I Meeting Report: Alice reported that there was a great turnout for the Division I meeting in Bonners Ferry at the Kootenai Wildlife Refuge on March 23rd. Molly McCahon with the Lakes Commission provided a great presentation on the current issue of the Columbia River Treaty and a local movie “Outdoor Idaho” was shown. Delwyne presented with the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission about available resources to district board supervisors.

Fly Fishing Film Tour: Amanda reported that the 2018 Fly Fishing Film tour was a huge success with an almost full house. Ticket sales have not yet been confirmed, but there was a profit of \$3,300 made from raffle ticket sales. Final profit numbers will be confirmed by the May meeting.

Tree Sale Pickup: Amanda advised the board that tree seedlings will be ready for pickup on April 4th at the Funk property in Coeur d'Alene. Greg Becker, Dale Van Stone and James Boyett will be assisting with the seedling pickup and sorting for the district this year.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2019 Annual Plan of Work and Update of 5 Year Plan: Amanda advised the board that she completed the necessary updates to the annual and five year plan and submitted to the ISWCC by the deadline of March 31st.

Caribou and Hellroaring Habitat Prioritization Assessments: Jessica presented to the board that there is an opportunity for the district to administer funding for the contract labor portion of the Caribou and Hellroaring Habitat Prioritization Assessments project for \$5k. The board advised they would like to determine if Avista would be in agreement with a 15% administration fee for administering the funding. Jessica will contact Ken Bouwens to discuss if this would be an option.

Forestry Contest: The 36th annual Forestry Contest will be held on May 10th at the Delay Farm.

Water Festival: The 2018 Water Festival will be held on May 17th & 18th at the Riley Creek Campground in Laclede.

Funding Meeting with County Commissioners: Amanda presented to the board that the annual funding meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at 2pm with the county commissioners at the county administration building. Dale moved, and Terry seconded, the motion to request an additional \$2,000 in funding from the commissioners for FY2019, *the motion carried.*

2018 Conference Planning: Amanda advised the board that there will be a walk-through of Templins Hotel in Post Falls on April 19th to review the planning needed for the upcoming IASCD conference in November. Alice Wallace and Terry McGuirk agreed to accompany Amanda on this planning meeting.

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

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Greg Becker: Greg reported 1. All applications have been approved for funding through the EQIP and there are around 60 for both Bonner and Boundary County 2. There is a need for a supervisor from Bonner SWCD to fill the position as district representative for NRCS agreements, and 3. Reviewed the potential re-organization of the NRCS, but at this time there is not a concrete timeline in place. The overall goal is to reduce the number of employees in the state through retirements, and the biggest change will be seen through the ratio of supervisors to employees.

PRWC Jessica Erikson: Jessica reported 1. She is learning how a "statement of work" is created by working with Avista 2. Working with Gail on the upcoming water festival, and 3. Planning on helping Molly with classes at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

SWCC Brad Shelton: Brad advised the board that the SWCC is interested in having their annual meeting in one of the northern counties, and wanted to know if Cassie from Boundary was going to plan the location. Amanda advised she will touch base with Cassie and let him know.

Bonner SWCD by Amanda Abajian: Amanda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of March minutes

Approval of February and March financials

Approval of Glenn Kibbey as the boat station manager

Approval of requesting an additional \$2k from county commissioners

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