

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: December 4, 2012
Time: 1:30 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Associate
Mark Hogen, SWC

Molly McCahon, LAS
Erin Mader, POBC
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Cornel Rasor, County Commissioner
Asa Gray, Student, Priest River HS

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Greg Becker, NRCS;

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 1:35, and welcomed Asa Gray, a student from Priest River High School, who was shadowing Commissioner Rasor for the day.

Approval of Minutes:

Vern moved to approve the November minutes, and Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Herman reviewed the suggestions on taking minutes from NACD and from the Idaho State Code, and Linda will utilize these suggestions in the future.

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the November financial report and moved that it be approved. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Dale moved to not renew the Daily Bee subscription and revisit it in 2 months, Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the \$775 NACD dues, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker is a part of the Idaho Leadership Ag training this year, and will be gone for the first week of every month until the class is completed. Two items from NRCS, (1) they would like the board members to fill out the demographics survey form; and (2) Shawn Johnson has been hired by NRCS as a Soil Conservationist and he will be stationed in the Sandpoint office – he will start at the end of December.

Lake*A*Syst by Molly McCahon: Molly's written report is included with the minutes.

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin's written report is included with the minutes.

SWC by Mark Hogen:

- Pamela Johnson has been hired Tuesdays through Thursdays as an administrative assistant, this is not a new position.
- Skillport: Call Jan Webster to get this set up.
- Matching funds have been determined and mailed out. Four districts did not receive their county distributions within the funding period set out by SWC, and they will not receive matching funds this year.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda's written report is included with the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Performance Report: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the FY2012 Performance Report and have Herman sign the certification, *the motion carried.*

Source Water Protection Grant MOA's: The MOA with Dover was approved by the Council after updating the hold-harmless. Molly will work with Laclede on their MOA.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party has been set for December 13th at 5:00 pm.

Audit: The supervisors were given copies of the audit to review for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Camp: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to fund a student to attend the Natural Resource Camp at Ketchum, Idaho, for \$235, *the motion carried*. Linda will get the information out.

Terminate MOA with Idaho Fish & Game for POBC Office Space: Erin Mader will now be utilizing office space in the Sandpoint NRCS field office. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to terminate the MOA with Fish & Game regarding Erin's office space at the Waterlife Discovery Center, *the motion carried*.

Stewardship Trail at Round Lake: Idaho Department of Lands is requesting partners to help with the design and construction of updates on the kiosks and trail that are a part of the Stewardship Trail at Round Lake. Vern Hollett will attend their initial meeting in January.

Resource Inventory: Tabled until the January meeting.

NRCS Forestry Contest Agreement: Tabled until the January meeting.

Panhandle Lakes RC&D Forestry Committee Meeting: The Committee decided to keep their prices to districts the same for the 2014 sales as they are for 2013, so the board made no motion to change their prices.

IASCD State Conference and Dues Increase of \$500: Bonner SWCD would like to have had this significant increase discussed at Division meetings prior to the state conference, as it affects all districts, many of which could not attend the conference in Idaho Falls this year. Also a prospective budget which includes this extra income and an accounting of where the money would go is necessary. Billie Brown is working to get some kind of modification on the dues increase.

Skillsoft Classes: Linda will let Jan Webster know that she and Herman would like to enroll.

Workman's Compensation Renewal: The board reviewed the new premium.

Caribou Critical Habitat update: Commissioner Cornel Rasor updated the board on the coordination process with USFWS on this issue.

POBC/Water Festival Storage Unit: Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to have the district sign the paperwork for leasing this storage unit and paying for it through POBC funds, *the motion carried*.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.
Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of November 2012 minutes
- Approval of November 2012 financial report
- Approval to not renew the Daily Bee subscription and revisit renewal in 2 months.
- Approval of \$775 NACD dues
- Approval of FY2012 Performance Report
- Approval of Natural Resource Camp scholarship for \$235
- Approval of terminating MOA with Idaho F&G for POBC office space
- Approval of leasing storage unit and paying \$65/month rent through POBC funding

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