

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: June 5, 2012
Time: 1:30 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Molly McCahon, LAS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Erin Mader, POBC
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD (2:05) Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD (2:15) Guests: Randy Stolz, (2:00)
Greg Becker, NRCS

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser, Associate

As there was not a quorum to start the meeting, at 1:45 the following reports were given.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- Two WRP's are in focus for this spring. One is an 8 acre parcel adjoining the Bismark Meadows WRP and US Forest Service land, and it will tie the entire piece together. The other WRP is by Spirit Lake cutoff, a section of land between 100 and 120 acres, which they will be working on for at least a year.
- The Division I WQPA final project will be complete in a couple weeks.

POBC: Erin Mader reviewed her written report:

- The 6 WaterLife Discovery Center field trips were very successful. Around 300 students participated ranging in age from first through fourth grades. Around 50 adults attended as chaperones. Everything went well, but Erin would like to limit the ages to 2nd – 4th graders next year, and a total of 4 field trips. It is a huge commitment for volunteers to participate more than 4 days. Their wrap-up meeting is Friday.
- Erin is working on promoting the mission of the POBC. She recently presented at Rotary, and earlier this week was on the public radio station along with board member Linda Mitchell.
- The Avista grant for FY2012 will end June 30th, and Erin is working on wrapping up the funding and finishing a final report. The Idaho state legislature has funded POBC for FY2013, and she is working with Linda to complete the paperwork for that.
- The next Quarterly POBC meeting is June 6th, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 pm at Panhandle Health, with many important topics.
- The State of Idaho did sign an agreement with BPA regarding lake level fluctuation and five years free of legal action against BPA.
- The City's plan for controlling flowering rush includes no chemical treatment at City Beach, just the use of bottom barriers or digging.
- Molly and Erin reported that the AIS Task Force discussed the Memorial Boat Launch grid to control milfoil and other blown in aquatic invasive species, and considered the costs of the grid, the buoys, and the night lighting for the buoys, plus the cost of a Biological Assessment. They were ready to drop the whole thing, but a few people argued to investigate it further. They recommended both the Task Force and Bonner SWCD write letters to the City of Sandpoint stressing the reasons we want something done, and that we would work together to accomplish this. The board decided to have Linda and Molly prepare the letter to the City.

SWC: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- There is a Commission meeting today in Boise. One of the items on the agenda was the final distribution of the capacity building funds to districts. Linda received word that \$1230 was being given to Bonner SWCD for the Forestry Contest and newsletter development.

- Personnel Changes: Kristin Magruder resigned, and is working full-time for an educational organization. Also Erin Seaman resigned; she was doing the loans in the RCRDP Program. They will rehire to replace her position, but Teri Murrison, Delwyne Trefsv, and Jan Webster will cover Kristin's duties.
- Tyson Clyne, Watershed Coordinator with IDEQ has changed jobs, and his position is now open at DEQ.

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- Molly helped teach the 6 field trip classes at the WDC, and agreed they went very well.
- The Master Naturalists received a grant for a riparian buffer at the WDC, and Molly through the LAS 319 grant helped with those plantings – bundles of willows, dogwood, and some rushes and sedges. The F&G has hired people to mow and weed every Thursday, and other volunteers are putting in an irrigation system.
- Through the Priest River Source Water Protection grant, Molly has an article in the local WISE Guide regarding not flushing your medications. She will be putting up a water quality poster on launch sites on Priest River, and will hire someone to help her put that together by June 30th.
- Molly gave a presentation at the Building Contractors Association last week on permitting. It went well, and they were glad to know all the pertinent information.
- The L*A*S CdA Manual is almost done; the final meeting is June 18th. All sections have been revised and edited, the index, introduction and cover will probably be done by DEQ and then the whole manual reviewed by DEQ one last time.
- Molly announced that the IDEQ Source Water Protection grant she applied for was approved for \$19,996.28. She will be working with the communities of Dover and Leclde on public outreach regarding source water.
- Idaho DEQ has also offered Molly another L*A*S grant for \$4,000, for June through December of 2012.

At 2:15 a quorum had been reached, and Herman called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the May 2, 2012, minutes, and Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

- Herman reviewed the May financial report and recommended it be approved. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the financial report, *the motion carried.*
- Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve transfers of \$17,000 from PSB to PSB/Personnel Account, and \$8,000 from LGIP to the Avista POBC 2012 account, *the motion carried.*

RETURN TO AGENCY REPORTS

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report which included the following:

- Boat Stations: The training went well with Tom Woolf, and both stations opened on May 24th. We're still ironing out a few glitches, but for the most part things are going well. The total of mussel boats last season was 27, and as of last Friday this year Idaho inspections stations have encountered 41 mussel boats.
- Fish Creek Road 319: Have not had time yet to submit amendment to the grant for Cocolalla Loop Road.
- Division I WQPA: The final project will be completed in 2 weeks, and the account closed out and final report sent to SWC after June 30th.
- Pack River Watershed Council: Jessica and Linda will begin work on the district newsletter next week.
- L*A*S: Working on spreadsheets for various grants, CdA Manual grant ends June 30th. Submitted DEQ grant proposal for \$4000 for June-December 2012.
- Avista POBC: Worked with Erin on contract information for FY2013, and financials for FY 2012.
- Grouse Creek: Submitted USFWS Form 242, which was an updated form. Still reviewing design costs and grant dollars and landowner contribution.
- Tree Seedlings: Attended evaluation meeting in CdA. The 5.5 Ponderosa Pine received by Bonner SWCD were marginal this year, although K-S had some that were fine – the same IDL person certified plantings for both and questioned the difference. Ed Schneider was going to check to see if there was a bad seed source. There will be no Plug + One seedlings next year, and the RC&D will keep the all seedling prices the same as this year. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to keep Bonner SWCD's seedling prices the same as last season, *the motion carried.*
- The Forestry Contest was very successful this year at its 30th Anniversary. The Jr/Sr Division had great scores, and the Rookie Division had a good bell curve. There were 321 contestants, 87 Novices, 185 volunteers, and 50 coaches/bus drivers at this year's contest. The evaluation meeting was held May 30th, and all aspects of the Contest were discussed. Expenses due to the anniversary celebration were higher this year, Alice moved and

Dale seconded the motion to transfer \$1672.76 from the Larry Fryberg Memorial LGIP account to cover the difference in expenditures, *the motion carried*.

- Water Festival was also very successful, and also had good weather. Diane Williams has resigned her position with Tri-State, and will begin her new job after the Water Festival. Linda and Reg Crawford learned aspects of the coordinator positions for next year's Water Festival.
- Copies of the Personnel Handbook adopted at the May meeting were distributed to the supervisors.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Boat Launch: Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Bonner SWCD write a letter to the Sandpoint City Council regarding our desire to help eliminate the aquatic weeds going off-site. *The motion carried.*

Farm Tour: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the \$30 registration for those attending the Farm Tour on June 21st, *the motion carried*. At this time, Herman, Harry, and Linda plan on attending.

NEW BUSINESS

POBC Contract for FY2013 through DEQ: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Herman sign the Letter of Agreement between Bonner SWCD and the POBC regarding Erin's employment and duties for FY2013 through the Idaho State Legislature funding that has been approved, *the motion carried*. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to sign the contract with IDEQ regarding administering the funding for Erin's position, *the motion carried*.

L*A*S Grant with IDEQ for June-December 2012: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the IDEQ Grant contract for \$4000 for L*A*S for June through December, 2012, *the motion carried*.

ICRMP Premium: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the premium for ICRMP, which has increased from \$850 to \$930 this year, *the motion carried*.

There will be no board meeting in July. Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th, and the summer BBQ will be at Alice and Lloyd's house on Friday, August 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of May 2012 minutes

Approval of May 2012 financial report

Approval of transferring \$17,000 into PSB Payroll Account, and \$8,000 from LGIP to Avista POBC 2012.

Approval of keeping seedling prices the same as last season

Approval of transferring \$1672.76 from Larry Fryberg Memorial to PSB Forestry Account

Approval of letter to City Council regarding Memorial Boat Launch

Approval of paying \$30 registration for Farm Tour

Approval of Letter of Agreement between BSWCD and POBC

Approval of contract between BSWCD and DEQ regarding administering POBC funding

Approval of \$4000 DEQ contract for L*A*S June-December 2012

Approval of paying \$930 for ICRMP premium