

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: October 2, 2012
Time: 1:30 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101
Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Mark Hogen, SWC
Absent: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser, Associate; Molly McCahon, LAS; Erin Mader, POBC

The meeting was called to order at 1:35.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the September 4, 2012, minutes, and Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the September financial report and recommended it be approved. Cassie moved and Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker:

- Over 400 letters were mailed to landowners in the Priest River area regarding NRCS Farm Bill and cost share funding for 2013. The Priest area is a TMDL priority.
- **Grouse Creek Update:** This Saturday, October 6th at 8am, folks involved in the Grouse Creek streambank stabilization project are gathering at the Willow Nursery to cut and bundle 3000 willows and deliver them to the Grouse Creek site.

Lake*A*Syst by Molly McCahon:

- Molly did not attend the meeting, but her written report was distributed.

Pend Oreille Basin Commission by Erin Mader:

- Erin Mader did not attend the meeting, but sent a copy of the agenda for the POBC meeting on Friday, October 5th at 10 am at Panhandle Health. A report will be given by IDFG on "Research on Winter Lake Level Impacts on Kokanee Spawning".

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission by Mark Hogen:

- Mark reviewed the TAWG Recommendations adopted by the SWC at their September meeting.
- Mark share the new organization chart for the SWC, and said Mary Tipps is a new Administrative Assistant II.

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

- Boat Inspection Stations: Stations were closed and everything put in storage on September 11th. Statistics for this season include:
 - Samuels had 2840 inspections, up 200 from last year. Two boats were hot washed.
 - Oldtown had 7614 inspections, up 1000 from last year. Four boats were hot washed.
 - No zebra/quagga mussels were found
 - Statewide in Idaho: 41,000 boats were inspected, 57 zebra/quagga mussel fouled vessels were found.
- AIS Stickers: Sales totaled \$49,121 this year, up \$7800 from last year. A total of 3,351 stickers were sold.
- Linda and Molly worked on L*A*S grant spreadsheets and deliverables. Molly plans on working full time during October and November on L*A*S grants.
- Our tree seeding sale has gone well so far -- 19,315 seedlings have been sold.
- The grant spreadsheets for the auditor have been completed, and he will pick up the paperwork he needs today.

OLD BUSINESS

Division I Fall Meeting: Alice and Herman and Greg are tentatively scheduled to attend the October 26th meeting, which will be at Centennial Plaza. They will leave from the office at 8am. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay for registration, *the motion carried.*

IASCD State Conference: Cassie plans to be in the Idaho Falls area for vacation around November 14-17, and may attend conference for one day. No one else from our district plans to attend.

Water Festival: At the last board meeting the board voted to coordinate the Water Festival if enough funding is found and a coordinator is hired. Ruth Watkins and Reg Crawford are working on funding and it looks positive at this time. A coordinator still needs to be found.

Boat Inspection Station Electronic Signs: Linda researched information on electronic signs, and a portable solar sign on a trailer runs around \$30,000. Tom Woolf said ISDA will not purchase the electronic signs, but will continue to fund renting them. Neither the county nor the city has access to any electronic signs, and Linda will check with ITD to see if they do. The board members will look into the cost of a locally made portable solar sign and report back at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

District Employee Insurance: Linda reported on Health Savings Accounts (HSA's), and the eligibility to participate. Panhandle State Bank is an HSA trustee. Policies with AARP or Blue Cross of Idaho range from \$200 to \$400 a month with deductibles ranging from \$10,000 to \$1,000. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.

MOA for Source Water Grant: Molly will gather more information at her next meeting with Dover and Leclède, and present an MOA at the November meeting.

L*A*S EPA Grant: Molly and Linda are still going over possibilities for this grant, and will report more at the November meeting.

In order to keep abreast of where our agriculture community is heading in the next 5 to 10 years, Cassie suggested inviting young farmers to be associate members of our district. Greg suggested Farmers Market has very viable members of the agriculture community. It would also be beneficial to have someone from the Forest Service and Idaho Department of Lands attend our meetings.

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 6th.

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 September 2012 minutes

Approval of September 2012 financial report

Approval of paying registration for members attending the Division Fall meeting

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