

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: November 6, 2012  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD (2:00)  
Harry Menser, Associate  
Erin Mader, POBC  
Mark Hogen, SWC  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
Cornel Rasor, County Commissioner

Absent: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Greg Becker, NRCS; Molly McCahon, LAS

Chairman Collins requested reports until a quorum was reached.

**SWC by Mark Hogen:** Mark reviewed information from the Division I Meeting held October 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Division I appointed positions include Billie Brown as TAWG Representative, Dale Van Stone as Resolutions Representative, and Tom Daniel as DAWG Representative.
- The presentation by Nez Perce District on a Resource Inventory was well received. Mark suggested Bonner district request his help by the March 31, 2013 deadline if they want to start a Resource Inventory.
- 44 districts have paid their IASCD dues, 6 have not.
- TMDLs, the deadlines are nearing and the workload is increasing while personnel have been cut.

**POBC by Erin Mader:**

- Erin reviewed the agenda for the November 15<sup>th</sup> POBC meeting, which will include presentations on the Clark Fork Delta restoration project, BPA's regional mitigation, Kalispell Tribe efforts on the Pend Oreille River, and possible changes to late summer operations of Albeni Falls Dam.
- A group led by University of Idaho researchers has submitted a proposal with the Avista Management Committee to treat Asian Clams in Ellisport Bay with bottom barriers. The bay has around 2 acres infested with the Asian Clams and they want prevent their growth. ISDA is in support of the treatment.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 with a quorum.

### Approval of Minutes:

Cassie moved to approve the October minutes, and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the October financial report and moved that it be approved. Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Cassie moved to approve the \$46,000 transfer from LGIP to PSB for Grouse Creek, Vern seconded, *the motion carried.*

### AGENCY REPORTS continued

**SWC:** Mark Hogen continued to review information from the Division Meeting:

- Mark reviewed the SWC budget request
- The TAWG had 10 meetings leading up to their recommendations, which have been revised and approved
- Terry Hoebelheinrich presented information on the Loan Program. The district will request information from him to be given to landowners who could benefit from a loan. Boundary SCD has a loan at this time. Any loan under \$50,000 can be approved by Terry immediately; anything over \$50,000 goes before the Commission board and can take up to 2 months.

**Lake\*A\*Syst by Molly McCahon:** Molly was unable to attend the meeting – her written report was available.

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

- Boat Inspection Stations: Final payment received. Cassie has information on electronic signs she will share at the next meeting.
- AIS Stickers: After discussion, Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to give \$75 bonuses to the 10 inspectors and to Linda, *the motion carried*.
- Grouse Creek: Gathering of 3000 willows went well, around 30 people volunteered to help. Project has been completed and As Built certification will take place this week. ASAP – Automated Standard Application for Payments – has taken time to get it completed, and payment from USFWS should be received within a week.
- Tree seeding update – 22,230 seedlings have been sold.
- Water Festival: Ruth has submitted 2 grants, and we will know results by the end of this month. Linda submitted an invoice and letter of request to Trout Unlimited for \$2000 from the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement Appendix D, Trout Unlimited component, to be used to support bull trout education at the Pend Oreille Water Festival. Also, requested and received a letter from the IRS stating charitable contributions to governmental units are tax-deductible if made for a public purpose – verifying donations to water festival are tax deductible.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Water Festival Coordinator:** Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to hire Gail Bolin as the Water Festival Coordinator for 2013, if everything falls into place with funding. *The motion carried.*

**Source Water Protection Grant:** The MOA’s with Laclede and Dover were reviewed, Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign them, *the motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pack River Watershed Council:** Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to request funding for the Pack River Watershed Council from Avista for another year, *the motion carried.*

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

**POBC Office Space & Steering Committee:** A draft MOU has been received from NRCS for office space for POBC at no rent. Erin is reviewing the draft with the POBC Chairman. In lieu of monthly rent, POBC would pay for an extra storage unit for POBC and the Sandpoint NRCS field office. Setting up a steering committee for POBC was discussed, but it was agreed that matters having to do with the mission of the POBC should be handled by the POBC board, and matters having to do with administering the grant funds will be handled by the district.

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. The Christmas meeting will be the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have that meeting at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch, *the motion carried.*

**Natural Resource Camp:** The board was treated to a report from scholarship winner Isabella Hauck on her experience attending the Natural Resource Camp at Ketchum, Idaho, last June. She loves the outdoors and thought she was familiar with plants and trees around Sandpoint, but said she learned a great deal in the week she attended the camp. She would like to pursue a career in natural resources.

Under Idaho Code #67-2345(1)(c) Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to go into executive session, *the motion carried.*

Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to leave executive session, *the motion carried.*

Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to increase Linda’s insurance reimbursement from \$159 per month to \$325 per month. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

Approval of October 2012 minutes

Approval of October 2012 financial report

Approval of \$46,000 transfer from LGIP to PSB for Grouse Creek

Approval of \$75 bonuses for boat station attendants

Approval of Gail Bolin as Water Festival Coordinator

Approval of MOAs with Dover and Laclede for SWP Grant

Approval of requesting funding for 2013 for PRWC

Approval of Christmas meeting at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch

Approval of going into executive session

Approval of leaving executive session

Approval of increasing Linda's insurance reimbursement to \$325 per month

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