

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: April 3, 2012
Time: 1:30 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber (1:55)
Harry Menser, Associate
Fairy Delay, Associate

Greg Becker, NRCS
Mark Hogen, SWC
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Cornel Rasor, Bonner County (2:00 – 3:00)
Guest: Randy Stolz, River Journal

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Molly McCahon, L*A*S; Erin Mader, POBC

The meeting was called to order at 1:35. Chairman Collins introduced and welcomed Randy Stolz from the River Journal to the group.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the March 5, 2012, minutes, and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

- Vern reviewed the March financial report and moved it be approved. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*
- The board reviewed the status of the new CD.
- Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion **to sign the paperwork** for a new payroll account at Panhandle State Bank with the signatories being Herman B. Collins, Dale Van Stone, Vernon Hollett, Alice Wallace, and Cassandra Tauber, and to update the signatories on the existing account at Panhandle State Bank to Herman B. Collins, Dale Van Stone, Vernon Hollett, Alice Wallace, and Cassandra Tauber. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- A Snow Survey ground truth was completed Friday at Hidden Lake and the water equivalency was 4 inches ahead of last year on April 1st. Schweitzer had 50 inches of snow in March.
- The Sandpoint Field Office will have a Civil Rights Review May 16 & 17. This is the same time as the Pend Oreille Water Festival, and they will visit the Festival.
- Kirk Sehlmeier starts on April 23rd.
- 12 new EQIP contracts were approved. Hoop houses this year were extended to all farmers, whereas last year they were available only to organic farmers for cost share. We have 3 new applications for hoop houses.
- Clagstone Meadows: Bonner County is requiring an integrated resource management plan before going ahead with development. NRCS will help with resource management plan review and renewal for forestry, grazing, wetlands resources, and soils maps.

L*A*S: Linda gave a short report as Molly was unable to attend. Molly's time has designated to the CdA Lake Management Plan, and she completed the Source Water Protection Grant Application. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay Molly's time for writing the grant out of district funds, *the motion carried*.

POBC: Erin was out of town and submitted a written report covering the following:

- POBC funding was approved by the House and Senate. The money will run through DEQ, and an administrative agency has not been determined yet, there is a possibility it will be BSWCD.
- The POBC meeting on March went well – Erin will share more details at the next meeting.
- Erin has set up 6 field trips for local elementary schools to the WDC.
- Public flowering rush pull event will be held on April 21st at City Beach, the Windbag, and possibly Dog Beach.

Soil & Water Conservation Commission: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- Five people from the Commission will be coming to the Forestry Contest. They will be here most of that week, and will possibly help with set up.
- April 4th is the next SWC meeting in Boise – anyone can call in to be part of it.
- Mark reviewed Delwyne's notes from their first Technical Assistance Work Group meeting: Assistance will be divided into 3 categories; Specialized, Other, and Capacity Building.
- The SWC appropriation for next fiscal year should be approved today for \$2,706,500. The FTP is at 16. Teri thanked the districts and IASCD staff for supporting the increased funding to pay the increased rent to NRCS in order to keep both conservation agencies in the same offices.
- The deadline is April 24th for district funding requests to the Commission for capacity building and 3 priority projects.

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

- Boat Stations: Screen and interviews were completed for Boat Inspection Attendants, and 3 names will be presented for approval.
- The Source Water Protection grant was submitted on March 16th.
- Fish Creek Road: The recent work done on Fish Creek Road kept any damage from the recent flooding under control. None of the road that was improved through our grant was washed out. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to check with the IDEQ and if they approve to designate the balance in the 319 Fish Creek funds to help with road repair in the Fish Creek watershed that were blown out by recent funding. *The motion carried*.
- Tree seedling pick up day is Thursday, April 12th.
- Forestry Contest – we are working on scanning pictures from Fairy's scrapbooks, and laminating them for display in the "museum" to be set up in the machine shop at Delays. Newsletters for March have gone out, and April's will go out on Thursday.
- Researched information for new personnel policy with the Idaho Department of Labor, and utilized information from ICRMP's website.

Bonner County: Cornel shared a video of the recent wash-out on Cocolalla Loop Road. He said the Governor had designated Bonner County a disaster after the recent flooding and county road damage.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Resource Camp Scholarship: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to offer this scholarship to Isabella Hauck. Her scholarship application was shared with the board. *The motion carried*.

Personnel Policy Update: The board will review the changes to the personnel policy and address it at the May meeting.

June 21 Farm Tour: Sites visited will be Riley Creek Blueberries, IDL Experimental Forest, Randy Curless Ranch, and Four Seasons Farm. Bill Love and Doug Bradetich will give the noon program on the history of the lumber mill in Lecelede.

Grouse Creek Additional Funding: Avista approved \$30,000 for an additional section of Grouse Creek streambank stabilization. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve this funding. *The motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Inspection Station for 2012: Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to hire the list of personnel presented for the 2012 boat inspection season and to sign their Employment Agreements, *the motion carried.* Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to sign the MOU with Samuels for a boat inspection site. *The motion carried.*

Avista Appendix A and Appendix E Funding: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to sign the Letter of Agreement with Avista for Appendix E funding of \$1475 for Pack River Watershed Council, and for \$2750 Appendix A funding for Temperature Monitoring. *The motion carried.*

Letter of Intent for FY2013: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to ask the County for \$10,000 for the district and \$3,000 for Lake*A*Syst funding. *The motion carried.* Herman and Cassie will attend the meeting with the Commissioners on Monday, April 16th at 10 am.

Funding Requests to SWC: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to request the maximum of \$1000 under the capacity building category to support a bi-annual newsletter. Under the 3 projects the SWC requested from districts, the board requested \$1500 for the Idaho State Forestry Contest, \$1000 for Lake*A*Syst, and \$1,000 for the Waterlife Discovery Center. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O’Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of March 2012 minutes
- Approval of March 2012 financial report
- Approval of signatories for new payroll account, and updating signatories on existing PSB account.
- Approval of paying Molly for her time writing the SWP grant out of district funds
- Approval of utilizing balance of 319 Fish Creek funds, if approved by IDEQ, for other roads in that watershed
- Approval of scholarship for natural Resource Camp applicant
- Approval of additional Avista funding for Grouse Creek
- Approval of hiring employees on personnel list for Boat Inspection Attendants and signing Employee Agreements
- Approval of signing MOU with Samuels Station for using their site for boat inspection station
- Approval of signing MOU’s with Avista for Pack River Watershed Funding and Temperature Monitoring Funding
- Approval of requesting \$10,000 for the district and \$3000 for L*A*S for FY2013 funding from County
- Approval of funding requests from SWC for their budget hearing

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