

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2023  
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave ste 101, Sandpoint, ID \* Zoom Teleconference

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### Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Harry Menser, BSWCD	Cindy Lewis, NRCS
Rick Watt, BSWCD	John Gaddess, BSWCD	Katie Yoder, ISWCC (z)
Brad Bluemer, BSWCD	Sarah Garcia, BSWCD	Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC (z)

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

### Call to Order

- Chairmen noted a date typo on the meeting agenda, noted that the date should reflect 2023.
- Approval of Minutes:** Brad moved, seconded by Rick to approve the December Minutes. *the motion carried.*
- Financial Reports:** Rick moved, seconded by Harry to approve the November 2022 financials *the motion carried.*
- Oath of Office & Election of Officers:** Dale & Brad both completed their oath of office. Brad moved, seconded by Rick for the board officers to remain as they currently are. Chairmen: Dale Van Stone; Vice-chair Harry Menser; Treasurer Brad Bluemer. *the motion carried.*

### AGENCY REPORTS

**NRCS:** Cindy informed the board that she had helped present the pesticide recertification course with the Extension office. The detail for Resource con is supposed to fly this week. The 2 remaining soil con positions for her team are expected to be flown in February. The recent grad accepted his tentative offer and if all continues as hoped he will join the team in March. The EQIP ranking deadline is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ISWCC:** Katie reviewed the 7 working days she had in the month of December. During that time, she was working on onboarding development for new Board members with KSSWCD as well as grant monitoring and development work with them. Fish passage grant research was completed for Benewah as well as research on a pike project for Boundary. Katie also indicated that there would likely be left over WQPA money that could be used on quick turn around projects. The Culvert on East Spring Creek was brought up as potential and additional conversation was had as to whether the project would qualify. Katie also updated that Bill Lillibridge was once again the only engineer for the Commission for the entire state so there may be delays in grant assistance.

### DISTRICT BUSINESS

**Legislative Day/ Social:** Sarah reminded the Board that she would be traveling to the legislative social & display at the Capital on the Districts behalf, January 16-17th. Discussion was had on the items the Board would like highlighted with our Legislators.

**AIS Watercraft Stations:** The Board discussed the ongoing concerns related to ISDA's wage limits on the MOU. Discussion was included on creating a brochure for Legislative days. Discussion was had as to the stakeholders the district has already communicated with and the ones that would be contacted prior to the Capital visit.

**2022 Audit** The Board reviewed the audit completed by Scott Hoover. Rick moved, seconded by Harry to accept the audit findings and approve the invoice payment of \$6,500.00 for the audit services. *the motion carried.*

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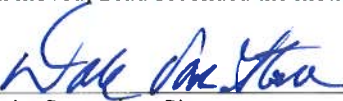
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**PSP/Seedling Sale Update:** John provided an overview of the program current situation. Including the need to purchase additional seed in the upcoming year. Sarah & John determined they will meet later in the month to discuss additional program details in detail. At this time the spring 2023 sale is about 65% sold out with predominately Western White Pine & Western Larch primarily what remains available.

**District Report:** Sarah updated the Board that both Kootenai & Benewah Districts had approved financial support for the NACD trip in the amount of \$1,500 total. IDEA and IASCD have both been asked for support and should hear back from them by the next meeting. Sarah notified the board that she has been working on the website that was approved in December. Much of Sarah's time in the past month has been dedicated to the Boat station situation but also working on potential grants, preparing the legislative display. In addition, Forestry Contest planning is in full swing, and many hours have been dedicated already to reviewing and working on a new registration & scoring program. Donation requests & Preregistration announcements will be going out soon.

Rick moved, Brad seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

  
District Supervisor Signature

02/07/2023

Date

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