

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101



Volunteers selecting Macro-invertebrates for Water Festival Water Quality station

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Erin Mader, POBC
Harry Menser, BSWCD Molly McCahon, LAS
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the May 2015 minutes, Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the May financial report and recommended approval. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the May financial report, *the motion carried.* Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve donating \$50 to the Idaho State FFA/4-H Land & Soil Evaluation Event, *the motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Fly Fishing Film Festival, April 24 & 25: Raffle sales were higher this year, attendance was lower this year, and the profit this year is estimated at \$1193 to support the Water Festival.

Forestry Contest – May 14: Around 398 students, 70 coaches and chaperones, and 160 volunteers attended the Contest this year – a total of around 630. The weather was great, the Contest went well, and many good comments have been received about the Contest. Thanks to all who helped with the Forestry Contest!

Water Festival – May 21 and 22: Around 400 5th grade students attended. The weather was great, the presenters were top-notch, and as with the Forestry Contest, many good comments have been received regarding the Festival. Thanks to all who helped with the Water Festival!

Boat Inspection Stations: All three stations opened smoothly this year. Inspectors at Albeni found dead mussels on a boat May 26th, and were commended for an excellent job in following through on that inspection. Samuel's gas station completed a paving project the day before the station opened, and a portion of the ground in front of the station needs to be have sod put down. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to purchase sod for around \$120, *the motion carried.* Tom Woolf has provided 4 license plates with mussels for use by the 3 boat stations and the office.

Tree Seedling Sale: A total of 66,000 seedlings were sold this year at a profit of around \$5,692.63. Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to send a thank you to Ray Delay for having the sale at his farm and a gift certificate for \$100 to Trinity at City Beach, *the motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

FY2015 Audit: Two bids were received for the audit, and Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to accept Leonard Schulte's bid at \$3100, *the motion carried.*

FY2016 POBC LOA: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between the conservation district and the Pend Oreille Basin Commission for FY2016, *the motion carried.*

Schedule for July and August Meetings: The board will meet in July either on the 21st or 23rd, whichever date is better for the 2 landowners the board is going to visit. There will be no meeting in August. The board authorized Linda to develop the tree order form after the Tree Committee meets on June 11th.

Potential Sandpoint Boat Launch Expansion Grant: Dover Bay has been determined to be the best launch site to modify for year-round use in case of an emergency. The district supported the County applying for the grant.

ICRMP: Estimated premium for 2015-16 = \$1,122.

Grouse Creek USFWS Projects: Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign the paperwork to partner with the USFWS and their \$50,000 funding on 2 streambank projects on Grouse Creek, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker: Greg reviewed the progress on the potential 319 road improvement project on Big Spring Creek Road in Clark Fork. He will confer with SWC Bill Lillibridge and Bonner County Gordon Bates on costs of paving, culverts, and design of weirs. Also, NRCS is providing a new server for the Sandpoint field office, and all employees are to minimize the files saved to the new server. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to provide thumb drives for NRCS and the District to download old files at a cost of under \$100, *the motion carried.*

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

LAS by Molly McCahon: Molly reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is submitted with the minutes. Regarding the UI streambank class on August 14th, Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay the \$20 registration fee for Molly, Herman, and Harry, to attend, *the motion carried.*

Other: Herman reported that Tri-State officers voted to disband Tri-State Water Quality Council at 10:00 this morning. Harry attended the ribbon cutting at the Depot and reported the refurbished building is very nice.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of May minutes

Approval of May financial report

Approval of \$50 donation to Land & Soil Evaluation Event

Approval of up to \$120 for sod at Samuels Station

Approval of \$100 gift certificate for Ray Delay

Approval of accepting Leonard Schulte's \$3,100 bid for FY2015 audit

Approval of LOA between BSWCD and POBC

Approval of signing agreements with USFWS for 2 Grouse Creek projects at \$50,000 total

Approval of purchasing thumb drives for NRCS & District to save old files for \$100

Approval of paying \$20 each registration fee for Aug 14th UI streambank Class for Herman, Molly, Harry