

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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*Congratulations  
Dale Van Stone!  
New north Idaho member of  
Idaho Water Resources Board*

Date: February 3, 2015  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

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

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Herman congratulated Dale Van Stone who was just chosen to be on the Idaho Water Resources Board to represent north Idaho.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the January 2015 minutes, Harry seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

## **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the January financial report and recommended approval. Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the January financial report, *the motion carried.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SWC Ag TMDL Implementation Plan for Lower Clark Fork River:** After discussion, the board postponed a decision on this Plan until the March meeting when Mark Hogen could be there.

**Division I March Meeting:** Linda will contact the state people to see if they would rather have the Division meeting in Coeur d'Alene for travel purposes.

**District Health Insurance:** The insurance stipends in February will be split between the payroll on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the payroll at the end of the month to see if it makes an appreciable difference in taxes.

**LAS Contract:** Cassie moved and Harry seconded the motion to add sick leave and vacation leave to Molly's Lake Assist Contract at the rates in the Personnel Policy approved on May 2, 2012, *the motion carried.* The rates are 2 hours of sick leave accrued per pay period, and 4 hours of vacation leave accrued per pay period.

**Local Hwy Technical Assistance Council** potential will be discussed at the March meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FY2015 Revised Budget:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the FY2015 updated budget presented, *the motion carried.* The approved budget will be included in the information for the Legislative Central Registry portal, along with the administrative and financial information reviewed and approved by the board.

**Annual Plan of Work & Five-Year Plan:** The board reviewed the additions and changes to the Annual Plan. Linda will mail the revised plans with highlighted changes to board members for review before the March meeting.

**ISDA Boat Inspection Station Contracts:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the 2015 ISDA contracts for three boat inspection stations which includes the new one at Clark Fork, *the motion carried.*

**Water Festival ACOE Letter of Permission:** Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the letter of permission to use the facilities at Riley Creek Recreation area May 20-22, 2015, for the Pend Oreille Water Festival, *the motion carried.*

**Fairbooth August 11-15, 2015:** Cassie moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay the \$150 for a double booth at the fair this summer, which will be split between Bonner SWCD and POBC, *the motion carried.* Theme for the fair this year is “Season’s Open at the Bonner County Fair”.

**Civil Rights/EEO:** Greg reviewed the discussion points from the January meeting regarding showing respect at board meetings, as well as the recommendation of agency printed reports for activities of the previous month with a concise five-minute oral report on one of the topics. Board members who missed the January meeting approved.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS by Greg Becker:** The NRCS acting State Conservationist is Travis Thomason from Utah. The WRP project near Spirit Lake needed a boundary change from the initial contract. Greg requested a letter of support for this change, Cassie moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve of a support letter, *the motion carried.*

**POBC by Erin Mader:** Erin presented her written report. She reported on the City of Sandpoint discharge permit which expired in 2007. EPA recently opened the draft permit for comments; Erin submitted comments to both EPA and DEQ before the comment period ended last week. EPA now requires more limits and more monitoring, including fish tissue analysis, which will take additional funding to meet the requirements, as well as the City’s facility is antiquated, plus we have a larger population. Molly and Erin are studying the new pollutants requiring monitoring which include mercury, PCBs, and Dioxins. Cassie suggested checking with CdA studies regarding mercury minimization plans.

### **Lake Assist by Molly McCahon:**

- Molly presented her written report, and reported on starting a light bulb recycle project to help control the mercury as a part of the minimization plan for the city’s discharge. She will utilize around \$2000 to complete this. Erin and Molly will present both the minimization plan and the recycle plan to the City. Harry moved and Cassie seconded the motion for Molly to look into a grant to help fund the recycle program, *the motion carried.*
- Cassie moved and Harry seconded the motion to apply for the “local” EPA grant to fund the starting of 4 more water festivals in Boundary, Benewah, Kootenai, and Ponderay county Washington, *the motion carried.*

### **UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen:**

- Master Gardeners Classes: begin next week through April, every Tuesday and Thursday
- Feb 19 in Post Falls: Turf, Tree, and Landscape Project - \$55
- Feb 21 at Sandpoint Extension: Women in Agriculture broadcast by WSU - \$30
- Farm Tour in June – suggestion of willow nursery and streambank project to be included

**BSWCD by Linda O’Hare:** Linda presented her written report and reviewed the outreach she is doing for the Boat Inspection Stations. She has met with the Marine Division and talked to ISDA regarding enforcement of state law regarding boat inspection stations and aquatic invasive species. Also, Vern Hollett has resigned as Associate Member of the board. He and Lura are moving to Life Care Center in Post Falls. Discussion followed regarding finding a replacement for Vern.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

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 January minutes

Approval of January financial report

Approval of LAS contract to include sick leave and vacation leave

Approval of updated FY2015 budget

Approval of ISDA boat inspection station contract for 2015

Approval of signing letter of permission with ACOE to use Riley Creek Recreation Area for Water Festival

Approval of paying \$150 for double fairbooth

Approval of support letter for WRP contract change

Approval of applying for grant for mercury containment by LAS

Approval of applying for Local EPA grant for 4 Water Festivals

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