

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: April 7, 2015  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Greg Becker, NRCS

Erin Mader, POBC  
Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Molly McCahon, LAS; Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Chairman Herman Collins.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the March 2015 minutes, Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fly Fishing Film Festival, April 24 & 25:** Everything is lining up for the 2 nights of films. Sean, Herman and Kirk have volunteered to sell raffle tickets on the 24<sup>th</sup>; and Erin, Cassie, Herman and Kirk have volunteered to sell raffle tickets on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Forestry Contest – May 14:** Student registration is due April 17<sup>th</sup>, and all board members and staff are invited to volunteer for the Contest on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The David Ritz Memorial Award is given every year to the top Senior Division student, and David's mother, Ruth McDivitt, has donated to the Contest every year. Sherri Ritz, Ruth's daughter-in-law, called to let us know that Ruth McDivitt recently passed away, and Sherry and Rick Ritz would like to continue contributing to the Contest in honor of Rick's brother David.

**Water Festival – May 21 and 22:** Coordinator Gail Bolin is doing a great job of lining everything up for the Water Festival. As this is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, all board members were encouraged to attend.

**Tree Seedling Sale:** Tree seedlings will be delivered tomorrow, Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Sorting will take place Thursday, and customers will be able to pick up their trees on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, between 9am and noon. For next year's seedling sale, we will be adding a 10" plug. More information will be given after the spring Forestry Committee meets.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Boat Inspection Stations:** Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to hire the 8 new people recommended by the Interview Committee, *the motion carried.* Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to extend the Letter of Agreement to Samuels Station again this year to allow us to have our station there, *the motion carried.* No progress yet on the Clark Fork Station site. Linda will call ITD for an update.

**County Letter of Intent:** After discussion, Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to increase our request to the County for funding in FY2016 to \$8,500, up \$500 from FY2015, *the motion carried*. The board will meet with the County Commissioners to request funding on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 2:30. Dale, Cassie, and Herman said they could attend. Linda will prepare packets of information for the Commissioners and deliver them Monday.

**Storage Unit at Lance Storage:** NRCS is no longer able to maintain a storage unit one block from the office at Lance Apartments as they will not receive payment electronically. The closest units available that were willing to discuss electronic payment were over a mile away. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Bonner SWCD pay storage at the rate of \$60 per month to maintain the same storage unit, *the motion carried*.

**SWC Program/Project Needs:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to table this until the next meeting, *the motion carried*. Linda will fine tune the LAS request with the addition of a project, and increase the LAS priority to a request for \$12,000 plus a project, and \$6000 for the county survey.

**LAS Laptop:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to get a new laptop for the LAS program at a maximum of \$700, *the motion carried*. Cassie recommended Latitude Business Line for Dell remanufactured products.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **NRCS by Greg Becker:**

- Greg reported snow pack at 50% for Bonner County, and the precipitation level is normal.
- Greg took SWC Engineer Bill Lillibridge to the East Spring Creek Road site yesterday, and they further fine-tuned what they see for that prospective 319 project.
- After the meeting Greg will review conservation plans with Herman.

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

**UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen:** Jennifer reviewed her written report which listed upcoming events, and is submitted with the minutes.

**BSWCD by Linda O'Hare:** Linda reviewed her written report which is submitted with the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 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 March minutes

Approval of March financial report

Approval of hiring 8 new boat inspection attendants

Approval of MOA with Samuels Station for boat inspection station there

Approval of requesting \$8500 from County for FY2016

Approval of taking over payments on NRCS storage unit for \$60 per month

Approval of tabling SWC program/project needs until the next meeting

Approval of buying a new LAS laptop