

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: November 3, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Harry Menser, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS (2:30)

Erin Mader, POBC
Molly McCahon, LAS
Chase Youngdahl, Bonner County Weeds
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate;

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the October financial reports on Monday and recommended they be approved. Harry moved the October financial reports be approved, Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

OLD BUSINESS

Division I Meeting – October 9th - Worley: Herman and Harry attended the Division I meeting in Worley on Friday, October 9th, along with Greg, Sean, Erin and Linda. The presentation of district pictures Billie organized was well received, and the input from the two representatives and one senator who attended was very worthwhile. The BSWCD board reviewed the resolutions that were presented at the Division meeting and recommended #1 more research needed, #2 No Pass, and #3, Pass.

State Conference – November 15-18 - Boise: Herman, Cassie and Linda will attend. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion that Cassie be the voting delegate with Herman the alternate, *the motion carried*. Regarding door prizes, Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to donate \$25, *the motion carried*.

Clark Fork Delta Tour: Last month's tour of the Delta was enjoyed by everyone. The plantings, including the willows from our nursery, were doing very well – especially considering the drought conditions this summer.

RC&D Update: Dissolution still in progress – Nina thought checks would be issued now by mid-November.

Round Lake Donation and Signage: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve of the district paying for three signs at \$600 each for a total of \$1800, *the motion carried*. The wording from the original kiosk for farming was distributed to the board. At the December meeting suggestions to update the kiosk will be reviewed, and Linda will bring a list of all the kiosk signs for the board to review and make sure there is one on the ice age flooding which helped form Round Lake.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2015 Performance Report: The draft of the FY2015 Performance Report was reviewed and, Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve it, *the motion carried*.

Project Ideas – Board Member Input: Three ideas brought up by the board and staff to utilize designated hours from the SWC staff would include:

Grouse Creek – the 3rd project
Flooding caused by a raised county road and blocked drainage at the end of Boyer
Flooding and erosion caused by aftermath of forest fires (potential for grant with Forest Service)

Pack River Temperature Monitoring Grant: Jessica Erickson reported that the Hobo loggers used for measuring the water temperature were not functioning. The board approved of using the grant funds to buy 7 new loggers for a total of \$965.00.

AGENCY REPORTS

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin reviewed her written report which included: AIS meeting on November 19th at noon, flowering rush dig November 5th at Dog Beach, Dec. 15th POBC meeting at Dover, and downstream concerns over late drawdown on Lake Oreille.

NRCS by Greg Becker: 47 EQIP applications have been received. A large number of them include forestry, and the percentage including forestry keeps going up. Sean Johnson in our office leaves mid-November for his DC position in Minnesota. Sean joined the meeting and reported on the cover crop training he had attended in Boundary County this week. Sean also reported that KSSWCD is looking into purchasing a no-till drill, and our board was in support of helping to pay for it for use in both counties.

LAS by Molly McCahon: The 125 foot by 15 foot buffer Molly designed with IDEQ funding for the Fort Echoes Girl Scout on Coeur D'Alene is installed after 30 hours of work from Molly and help from 15 Girl Scouts and their leaders, IDEQ, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, - a total of around 28 people helped with the installation. The deer have broken down the fence and trimmed the plants, but they are still alive. New fencing is planned.

Bonner County Weeds by Chase Youngdahl: Dr. Mattson from UC Davis and Dr. Getsinger from ACOE are working with Brad on fifteen ¼ acre plots at the drift yard to control flowering rush. Brad had success with herbicide treatment last year on small plots, and Dr. Mattson and Dr. Getsinger have joined him for further testing.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which included a discussion on ordering more WL and WWP for the 2017 seedling sale. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to support increasing those two species by at least 10,000 for the 2017 season, *the motion carried*. For 2016 we have 9000 orders more than we have seedlings for those two species. Linda reviewed the records request received from SmartProcure, and their closing of their request. The Christmas dinner will be at Connie's Café on December 9th at 5:30. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to Cover Linda's sick leave overage in Fy2015 with carry-over sick leave hours from the previous five years, *the motion carried*. The board will address sick leave in the Personnel Policy at the December 1st board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of October minutes
Approval of October financial reports
Approval of Cassie Tauber as IASCD conference voting delegate, Herman Collins as the alternate
Approval of paying \$25 as a donation for door prizes at state conference
Approval of paying \$1800 as a donation for 3 sings at Round Lake Stewardship Trail
Approval of FY2015 Performance Report
Approval of increasing WL and WWP seedling inventory for 2017 by at least 10,000 each

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