

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Erin Mader, POBC  
Molly McCahon, LAS  
Brad Bluemer, Bonner County Weeds  
Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension  
Mark Hogen, SWC  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Financial Report:**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SWC Ag TMDL Implementation Plan for Lower Clark Fork River:** Mark Hogen answered questions regarding the Ag TMDL Implementation Plan for Lower Clark Fork River, then Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the Plan, *the motion carried.*

**Division I March Meeting:** Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay registration for the board and staff attending the Division I meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Dover City Hall, *the motion carried.* At this time Cassie, Dale, Alice, Herman, Harry, Molly, Linda and Greg plan to attend. Billie asked that the district choose a topic for the program. Topics considered by the board are Real Estate Class, Greenprint, Clark Fork Delta, and Water Adjudication. Dale will introduce himself as the new north Idaho representative on the Water Resources Board, and give a short talk on his role there. The office will finalize the program.

**Potential 319 road improvement project:** A brief report on progress so far was given, with the East Spring Creek Road/Lightning Creek Road project more viable as a 319 project than the Wooded Acres Road project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FY2016 Budget:** After review, Dale moved and Alice second the motion to approve the FY2016 budget presented, *the motion carried.*

**Annual Plan of Work & Five-Year Plan:** After discussion, the board made minor changes to the annual plan. Cassie moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the FY2015 Annual Plan of Work and Five-Year Plan, *the motion carried.*

**POBC/LAS Internet:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the Letter of Agreement with Idagon for monthly internet services for POBC and LAS at \$40 a month, *the motion carried.*

**SWC Technical Assistance Requests:** After discussion, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to request 122 technical assistant hours from Mark Hogen and 80 engineering hours from Bill Lillibridge, *the motion carried.*

**ISDA Boat Inspection Station Contracts:** The ISDA contract this year includes additional funding to allow for raises for returning employees. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve offering employee agreements to eight former employees who said they would like to return at the increase of \$.50 per hour, *the motion carried.* With the addition of a station at Clark Fork, the district will need to hire nine additional employees. The schedule for hiring was distributed, with interviews on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Waterjet Stinger:** Kate Walker with Idaho Fish & Game requested the use of our waterjet stinger for the Clark Fork Delta project in the spring. After review of the Lease Agreement already established, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to offer the stinger to them for a monthly rate of \$200 or a weekly rate of \$70, with the other aspects of the Lease Agreement the same, *the motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS by Greg Becker:** Along with his written report, Greg reviewed targeted funding proposals for the district under EQIP, and the district will work on resource priority concerns. Greg reported that the snow level is at 60% of normal in Bonner County.

**POBC by Erin Mader:** Along with her written report, Erin reported on her work with the City of Sandpoint on the mercury minimization plan for the City's discharge permit. Erin and Molly are working to expand it also to the County. Since Avista already has a recycling program with boxes for recycling at the dumps that are sent to the Ecolite recycling center in Seattle, Molly will work with the City and the County on outreach information for this program. Erin will visit the schools and inventory them and hospitals for anything with mercury in it. She will look for an equivalent product at an equivalent cost that does not contain mercury. They will look at everything to keep mercury out of the waste water. Also, Erin is also going to learn the history of the Priest Lake Dam through Carl Duncan.

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

- Molly will finalize the EPA grant tomorrow for expansion of water festivals to four new counties
- Because Avista already has the lightbulb recycling program started in Bonner County, Molly will not be applying for the EPA grant to fund this.
- Molly is investigating the use of floating islands to alleviate the poor water quality in Boyer Slough. Greg recommended the NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant to help fund this project.

**SWC by Mark Hogen:** Mark shared pictures of Weeded Acres Road with the board to show examples of what happens when there is culvert failure.

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

- Jennifer shared brochures on upcoming classes
- Feb 21 Women in Agriculture conference had 28 people attend
- Farm Tour date set for June 18<sup>th</sup>

**County Weed Department by Brad Bluemer:** Mark Hogen brought the article in the Hogadone Press newspaper on Brad's flowering rush project. Brad said he had received good feedback on the project. 2015 Weed Education Day will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Brad is also teaching for Master Gardeners in April.

**BSWCD by Linda O'Hare:** Linda presented her written report, and highlighted information on Forestry Contest funding.

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 February minutes

Approval of February financial report

Approval of Ag TMDL Implementation Plan for Lower Clark Fork River

Approval of paying registration for Division I Meeting for those attending

Approval of FY2016 Budget

Approval of FY2016 Annual Plan of Work and Five-Year Plan

Approval of paying Idagon \$40 monthly for use of their internet for POBC & LAS

Approval of SWC requests for technical assistance and engineering assistance

Approval of offering employee agreements to eight returning boat inspection attendants

Approval of changing Lease Agreement for the Waterjet Stinger for use at the Clark Fork Delta to \$200 a month and \$70 weekly

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