

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2015  
Time: 12:00 Noon  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

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Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Harry Menser, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Sean Johnson, NRCS  
Molly McCahon, LAS  
Mark Hogen, SWC  
Jennifer Jensen, UI Ext.  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD;  
Fairy Delay, Associate

**Tour:** The group departed by van for the first stop at Earl Rowe's property. Sean Johnson, NRCS, explained the purpose of cover crops and showed the group the three plots with various mixtures of cover crops. The production is being evaluated to determine the healthiest cover crops for this area.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairman Herman Collins in route to the next farm tour in Clark Fork.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Harry moved to approve the June 2015 minutes, Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

## **Financial Report:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ACH Payroll Transaction \$12/Month Increase:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve paying \$12 a month for ACH Payroll Transactions for Hutchens CPA firm, *the motion carried.*

**POBC & LAS Internet Service:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve paying up to \$300 to install a separate router in the office for internet service for POBC and LAS, and to continue paying Idagon a monthly fee for internet service, *the motion carried.*

**POBC Wages:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve the POBC recommended wage increases for Erin at \$2/hour and Molly at \$1/hour, *the motion carried.*

**SWC Financial & Match Report FY2015:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve Herman signing the Certification for the FY2015 Financial and Match Report, *the motion carried.*



**High Tunnel at Mountain Cloud Farm near Clark Fork**



**Breigh Peterson (in hat) conducting tour**

**Tour:** At 1:40 the group arrived at Mountain Cloud Farm near Clark Fork. Breigh Peterson and Darren Cloud conducted the tour of the farm which provides vegetables to 75 customers on a weekly basis, and also participates in Farmers Market in Sandpoint. They have 2 high tunnels, one of which is on a track and can cover 3 separate areas. They also are raising cattle, hogs, chickens, turkeys, sheep and goats, and at this time are selling pork, turkey, lamb and goat meat.

At 2:40 the group departed along Spring Creek Road back to Sandpoint and finished the board meeting in route.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS by Greg Becker:** Greg Becker pointed out the potential 319 project along Spring Creek Road that has been postponed for one year due to Fish and Game determining whether or not they are decommissioning the state fish hatchery, which is adjacent to a portion of the road involved in the project. The 319 grant will be submitted, and Dave Pisarski will put it on hold for one year.

**LAS/POBC by Molly McCahon:** The POBC newsletter was included in the packets.

**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 June minutes

Approval of June financial report

Approval of \$12 ACH transaction charge by Hutchens CPA

Approval of up to \$300 for internet router for LAS & POBC

Approval of POBC wage increases for Erin at \$2/hour and Molly at \$1/hour

Approval of SWC FY2015 Financial and Match Report