

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 4205 N Boyer Ave, Sandpoint, ID * Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Jim Stevens, BSWCD	Andrea Burton, NRCS
Brad Bluemer, BSWCD	Glenn Kibbey, BSWCD	Katie Yoder, ISWCC
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Sarah Garcia, BSWCD	Gail Bolin, WF
Rick Watt, BSWCD		

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: Harry moved, seconded by Rick, to approve the February 2022 minutes, *the motion carried.*

Financial Reports: Brad moved, seconded by Harry to approve the January 2022 financials *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

Katie Yoder – ISWCC: Katie updated the attendees that the joint finance committee recommended to governor that \$5 million be allocated to revive the Water Quality Program (WQPA). In addition, there were changes to District law reflecting the resolutions brought to the Districts in January including: Districts now can reduce from a 7-member board to a 5 member board. The commission will also now be increased to reflect representation corresponding to the IASCD Divisions as well as ad litem appointed by the Governor. There were no qualified applicants for the posted Commission engineer position, leaving Bill as the only state engineer.

NRCS : Andrea Burton introduced herself informed attendees that she is on a 120 day detail to cover the Sandpoint office in a managerial role. The focus is the final push through of EQIP. She indicated that there are approximately 65 applicants between Bonner & Boundary Counties. Predominately these applications are Timber related. Discussion was had regarding increased & decreased funding for High Tunnels. The District Conservationist Position in Coeur d 'Alene has been filled.

Gail Bolin- Water Festival: Gail updated all attendees about the progress of planning the water festival to date. She has begun receiving donations and is submitting grants for the 2023 event as well. Of special note is that the Fur Trapper volunteers have once again committed to participating and that the Water Festival Display is up at the library.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Boat Stations: The Board discussed in detail the concern held with the need to pay reflective of the market in our community as well as expressed their displeasure with ISDA's response to our expressed concern.

Brad made a motion that Glenn and Sarah could begin the job posting/advertising after the MOU has been received, Rick seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Brad moved that Dale sign the AIS MOU once all Board members have had a chance to review the digital copy and communicated their questions, concerns or approval to Sarah, Harry seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Rick moved to approve the updated Watercraft Inspector Job Description, Brad seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

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Harry moved to accept the Seasonal/Watercraft Inspector Handbook as presented. Brad seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

Annual Plan of Work: Sarah presented the Board with the annual plan of work/5yr plan. The current 5yr plan is valid one additional year but will need a full review prior to 2023. The Board determined that they would meet in early Fall 2022 to go through the 5-year plan to readdress as the community demographic and focus has changed so dramatically in the past several years. Harry moved, seconded by Brad to approve the annual & 5-year work plan, *the motion carried.*

Seedling Sale Update: Sarah updated the Board that as a program we are about 97% sold out. Delivery dates are still be nailed down currently and Sarah will notify all once things are finalized.

Forestry Contest: Sarah updated the Board on the steering committee & Team meetings she is attending & the work completed to date for this years Forestry Contest to be held at Farragut State Park.

Bonner SWCD by Sarah Garcia: Sarah had covered pending items during the District Business.

Civil Rights / EEO: There were no updates to Civil Rights/EEO.

Harry moved, Brad seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 2:50p.

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District Supervisor Signature Date

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