

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024  
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave Ste. 101, Sandpoint, ID \* Zoom Teleconference

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### Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Brad Bluemer, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Georja Kriebs; Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC; Austin Terrell, Governor's Office of Species Conservation; Chris Elliott, guess ; Zoom Attendees: Molly McCahon, Lake Commission Executive Director; Jennifer Jensen, U of I Extension

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

### Call to Order 12:59 PM

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Brad moved, seconded by Jeff to approve the December Minutes. *the motion carried.*
2. **Financial Reports:** Brad moved, seconded by Jeff to approve the December 2023 financial reports, *the motion carried.*
- 2a. **Keep approximate of \$20,000 in checking during off season and approximate \$60,000 in checking during Boat station season:** Jeff made a motion, Brad second it, *the motion carried.*
3. **Election of Officers:**

Positions	2023	2024 Nominations	Motioned by	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion	Motion
President	Dale S.	<b>Dale Van Stone</b>	Rick	Brad	Carried
Vice President	Harry M.	<b>Jeff Connolly</b>	Rick	Brad	Carried
Treasurer	Brad B.	<b>Rick Watt</b>	Brad	Jeff	Carried

President is Dale Stone, Vice President is Jeff Connolly, and Treasurer is Rick Watt

### AGENCY REPORTS

**NRCS - Cindy Lewis:** Introduced new Team members Claire B.(degree in forestry, Illinois) and Cherese B. (Small scale Ag. And High Tunnels). NRCS is working on contracts for FY24 with Inflation Reduction (IRA) and Joint Chief funding. All IRA funds must be spent and not sent back to the Washington.

**POBC- Molly McCahon:** Molly thanks SWCD for the appreciation dinner. The Lake Commission meeting will be held January 25, 10 -1 at the Sandpoint Business Center (next to tango). ISDA will attend the meeting. Potential resolution to address gov. office. Requested BNSF to attend as well. IDFG attend to discuss fisheries related to AIS 2024 season.

Lake Commission working on updating Priest River and Lake Pend Oreille maps, for a lake awareness campaign. John Gaddess going to do GIS work and graphic designer to create the look.

**Governor Office – Austin Terrell:** Bear not fully hibernating due to warmer than average weather. Last year there was no livestock conflicts, only incident that was reported was a honey hive hit, after putting up electric fence and camera, no more issue with hive. Governor office received a \$2500 bear spray grant for training the public how to use the spray and then hand out spray for free after the training.

Carcass program trailer is ready, and the program is officially underway.

Wolf/ Livestock conflict program: received \$58K from federal grant, to be spend on 5 apps. Bulk is in southern Idaho.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> the Wolverine has been placed on the Threatened Species list.

**SWC Report – Jenna Ditzel:** Commission will be attending legislature social in Boise. 5 yr./ Annual planning

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meeting is on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**U and I – Jennifer Jensen:** Jennifer and Amy will be attending the Townhall meeting. Has upcoming classes, Beef Cattle Care class, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 PM, Living on the Land, March 7<sup>th</sup> evening, and Sustainable Lifestyle on Small Acreage in March/April.

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Legislative Days / Social:** Is Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. Will have a sharing a display with the Division SWCD partners, where Sarah will focus will be Boat Stations.

**Forestry Contest meeting follow up:** Met with steering committee and identified the break down. Bonner SWCD board wants an equal partnership with IDL, as it has always been since the beginning. An MOU will be created to outline historical rolls and all currently parties can agree upon.

**Boat Stations:** Senator Schroeder has written up a bill to present to the state to address the PERSI issue.

**PSP / Seedlings Sale Update:** There is a shortage of about 12,000 seedlings. Have to get those numbers out to all the districts so they can update their orders.

**DISTRICT UPDATES**

**BSWCD Report – Sarah Garcia:** Waiting to hear back about the NRCS national composting grant, has reached out and waiting to hear if Bonner SWCD has been awarded the funds or not. Still working on closing out the WQPA grant, has been a bit challenging and reaching out to get it all tide up. Working on closing out other grants and meetings for the rest of January.

**Action Item: Temporary employee agreement extend for another month:** Brad moved, seconded by Jeff to extend the Temporary Employee Agreement between the District & Georja Kriebs by a month. *the motion carried.*

Brad moved, seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Dale Tom Stone* \_\_\_\_\_ 3/5/24 \_\_\_\_\_  
District Supervisor Signature Date

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