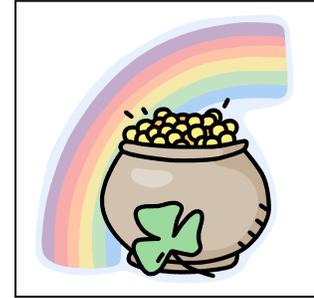


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2007
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS
Jamie Davis, IASCD
Gary Parker, Lake*A*Syst
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Guest
Cassie Tauber, Guest
Heather Scott, Guest

Absent: Ray Delay, Supervisor; Vern Hollett, Supervisor; Fairy Delay, Associate;
Ed Nurmi, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed our guests.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the February 2007 minutes as presented. Alice seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the financial records for February 2007; Dale moved they be approved. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reviewed his written report:

- Has provided technical assistance to Western Pleasure regarding a reservoir design, to Ponderay City Sewer regarding drip irrigation system for willows, to Black Diamond Engineering regarding spring runoff at Cedars of Sandpoint subdivision, to Wood Ranch regarding buried pipeline and side roll irrigation system, and to Dececchir regarding streambank stabilization project.
- EQIP – 16 Applications for 2007 with 4 needing clarification, 8 potential EQIP applications for 2008. Cleaning up existing contracts.
- WQPA – 6 2007 EQIP Applicants eligible for combined assistance.
- WRP – Greens is progressing, they have sent an updated agreement to purchase. We may have up to 4 new applicants for 2008. Projects will be reviewed in spring by NRCS biologists.
- Snow survey ground truth at Myrtle Creek and Mosquito Ridge.
- Attended RUSL II Training and Grazing/pasture planting training.

IASCD:

Before Jamie Davis gave her report, Herman thanked her for the extra effort she put into writing the letter for BSWCD and reading it at the Bonner County Planning & Zoning code revision meeting March 1st. Herman suggested the board write Jamie's supervisor, Tony Bennett, thanking Jamie for her help. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to send a letter supporting Jamie's efforts to Tony, with copies to mark Hogen, Kent Foster, and Kyle Hawley. The motion carried.

Jamie presented her written report:

- She has continued SVAP summaries on the Pack River, and has drafted a letter on livestock inventory to be sent to Pack River/nearshore area residents. The board reviewed the letter, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the letter. The motion carried.
- Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the letter Jamie presented to the Planning and Zoning board on behalf of BSWCD. The motion carried. Jamie had received approval prior to the board meeting from Herman Dale and Alice.
- Jamie attended SEEP training, steering committee meetings for Forestry Contest, Lake*A*Syst and LPO Nearshore, and the Milfoil Task Force meeting with the presentation by USACE.
- Hauser SVAP review and recon assistance to Mark Hogen in CdA.
- Will provide SEEP certification on April 24th to Bonner and Boundary county applicants.

LAKE*A*SYST: Gary Parker reported as follows:

- The Milfoil Task Force Advisory Committee is coming together on some of the issues and on presenting an integrated pest management approach. A public hearing is being held this evening in the conference room. The committee has another meeting tomorrow, March 7th, to begin to finalize their recommendations to the County to submit to the State. A big difference this year is the USACOE will also be using some of the funding. One of the things the Committee is recommending is having campground hosts at the public boat ramps to educate the public on milfoil and help people clean their boats.
- Regarding milfoil education and LAS, Gary will target home owner's associations to get information out on private boat ramps.
- Shenango Screenprinting has finished the LAS signs to be put at all F&G boat access areas
- Gary will present to the Native Plant Society on March 24th and to the County Commissioners on March 22nd.
- Milfoil testing is on hold until it thaws.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reported as follows:

- Hellroaring: Signature pages from all 5 parties involved have been received on the 2007 MOU. Linda will call to order the culvert.
- Pack River Road 319 - \$9910 was received from DEQ.
- Water Festival: Steering Committee met February 20th – last year we had 380 students and may have 500 this year. May need to add an extra section to two of the stations.
- Tree Sale: Have sold 23,260 seedlings at a profit of \$4,841.50 so far.
- Forestry Contest: Alva Baker chosen as Honorary Chair – he has coached a Boy Scout Troop from Bonners Ferry all 25 years of the Contest. The noon program will be a raptor presentation.
- Lake*A*Syst: Gary's Work Plan and Timeline for 2007 have been completed and sent to the Steering Committee. March 8th Alice, Herman, Linda, Greg and Gary will meet with Tony Bennett and Lance Holloway from the ISCC regarding an expanded Lake*A*Syst position.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with County Commissioners re Letter of Intent:

We are scheduled to meet with the County Commissioners on Thursday, March 22nd. From 10:30 – 11:00 Gary will give an overview of Lake*A*Syst, and then from 11-11:30 the board will review the activities of the district and present their \$12,500 funding request for FY2008. Dale will try to attend along with Herman and office personnel.

FY2008 Plan of Work: Public comments were taken before today's meeting, and will be incorporated into the Work Plan and presented at the April 3rd board meeting.

Cocolalla Lake 319: The Cocolalla Lake Association would like a letter of support from BSWCD for their 319 Grant Application. The district received a fax of the grant, which included BSWCD for in-kind support, but the grant lacked specific information on how the goals would be accomplished and the actual support they required from Bonner SWCD. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion that BSWCD support the Cocolalla Lake Association 319 grant application, but we will not provide any funding or in-kind support without knowing more detailed information on the grant. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Panhandle Lakes RC&D MOU with NRCS: Kim Golden requested input on their new MOU with NRCS. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion we support the MOU with Kim's suggestions. **The motion carried.**

CD of Eurasian Watermilfoil Control in the Inland Empire: The board viewed the CD with underwater images of treatment on Hayden Lake.

Division I Meeting Attendance: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay for Alice, Dale, Linda, Gary, Jamie, Cassie, Harry and his wife, and possibly Vern and Fairy to attend the Division I meeting. *The motion carried.*

State 2:1 Funding Match: The board received copies of a letter from Kent Foster, a letter from the Idaho Association of Counties, and a report on Idaho State Allocations regarding the 2:1 Funding Match that has not been met by the state. Districts may be requested to give the legislature information on what the additional funds would be spent on if the state did meet the 2:1 match. Our board agreed increased funding would go to: District Administrator pay increases and benefits, increasing educational outreach and newsletter production, utilizing professional services for newsletters and mailings to enable the district employee to focus their time to on-the-ground projects.

Other:

- Gary would like to attend the Idaho Rural Partnership Business & Community Leadership training again this year on April 30th. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion for Gary to attend the training for Lake*A*Syst for \$75. *The motion carried.*
- Greg clarified that landscaping ponds are low priority, and NRCS is not taking any new requests for such ponds.
- Linda, Gary and Jamie expressed thanks to Greg for his commitment to his work and his leadership in the office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence regarding two separate positions announcements were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of February 2007 Minutes

Approval of February 2007 Financial Reports

Approval of sending letter to Tony Bennett thanking Jamie for work on codes for P&Z

Approval of Jamie's letter for livestock inventory to Pack River/nearshore residents

Approval of letter Jamie read at P&Z code review on setbacks and riparian

Approval of letter of support with restrictions for CLA 319 Grant Application

Approval of revised MOU between PLRC&D and NRCS

Approval of paying registration for attendance at Division I meeting for up to 10 people

Approval of paying \$75 from Lake*A*Syst for Gary to attend Idaho Rural Partnership training

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