

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2007  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Federal Building

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Fairy Delay, Associate  
Greg Becker, NRCS

Jamie Davis, IASCD  
Gary Parker, Lake\*A\*Syst  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, Guest  
Heather Scott, Guest  
Harry Menser, Guest

Absent: Ed Nurmi, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed our guests.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the financial records for April 2007; Alice moved they be approved. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to transfer \$5000 from LGIP to Panhandle Bank. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the 2 percent, or \$500 SEP/IRA for Linda. *The motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**IASCD:** Jamie reviewed her written report.

**TMDL Activities** – Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore Committee:

- 2 meetings to revisit tasks from implementation plan
- Livestock inventory in progress. Electronic form is under revision to send out to email list-- hard copies will be used to follow up with operations not on the email list.
- Marketing plan survey work with UI one step closer. The work plan and deliverables were agreed upon last week, and the contract with TSWQC will follow.
- Boater's Guides being redistributed around the lake
- Willow Nursery – Chris Hoag here May 8<sup>th</sup> to review - Full Circle Design feels their willows are not rooted enough to plant in MOA according to MOA, and recommend waiting until next year. After review, if willows are rooted enough they will be planted by end of May and irrigation will be ready June 1<sup>st</sup>. If not, we will find a solution and do an amendment to the MOA – board members will be contacted at that time.
- Assisted with Lake\*A\*Syst public meetings. Presented watershed background for Hope meeting

**Other Items:**

- Forestry Contest – Press release sent April 17<sup>th</sup>; working with Daily Bee to provide info for a story and interview with Fairy Delay is scheduled for Thursday; Spokesman Review has expressed interest in covering the event.
- SEEP – Coordinated with PHD, PAC, and Bonner County to plan class and field day and provide handouts; presented background section; attendance for Bonner/Boundary class around 28 on April 24-25. Follow-up meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> in Hayden to begin planning next round – maybe an advanced SEEP class.
- Attended Tri-State Water Quality Council semi-annual meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Attended Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Coordinated with ISDA to deliver Eurasian watermilfoil samples for nutrient and herbicide analysis. Use as soil amendment not recommended at this time.

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reviewed his written report:

- Our CTA work is ongoing, and includes a request for a Pivot sprinkler design
- 2008 EQIP contracts, 15 potential, 3 have completed the necessary application form
- 2007 EQIP – 12 contracts for \$123,949.
- 1996-2006 EQIP – Cleaning up existing contracts continues with slow progress
- 2007 WQPA – 4 contracts for \$37,933
- WRP - Green's contract was cancelled. We may have up to 4 new applicants for 2008. NRCS biologists will review these proposed projects in mid-May.
- Smith Creek snow survey was completed on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Small Acreage Program – plan to meet with Bonner Planning Director in May to determine effectiveness of subdivision reviews.
- Office Space: The County is moving forward with plans for the Federal Building, and we are looking for temporary space at this time.

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

- 240 Invitations were mailed to Sandpoint and Hope lakeshore residents for L\*A\*S meetings on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – zero attended the Sandpoint meeting, and two attended the Hope meeting. Gary will now only present at existing meetings. He presented to around 22 at Green Meadows H.O Assoc. in Sagle, was a part of Arbor Day at Memorial Park Arboretum and gave handouts to around 200 students.
- Harry invited Gary to speak at Sunnyside Homeowners Association, he will let him know the date, and Cassie suggested Bay View- she will give Gary newspaper article on their predicament.
- Aquatic Task Force meets Monday with grant allotment information. Heather Zakrajsek, an aquatic biologist with Enviro-Science, is promoting milfoil control with native weevils – only in huge enough numbers to be effective sooner.
- Attended Tri-State meetings
- Prospective BMP project – Native Plant Society wants to plant a buffer at memorial – Gary coordinating with them and City and L\*A\*S funding to pursue this project.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> will present information on L\*A\*S to Chamber Natural Resource Group on their watershed survey by boat.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare reported as follows:

- **Hellroaring:** Culvert bid this year is \$3,960 more than last year. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to go ahead with the order at the new quote of \$38,760 for the 21' culvert,

and \$11,400 for the 2 head-wing walls. *The motion carried.* Greg and Linda will visit the site on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to observe the recent flood results.

- Linda prepared the WQPA/EQIP mailing for Cocolalla Lake area ag producers. Greg and Jamie will present information on WQPA-EQIP at the Cocolalla Lake Association meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Forestry Contest:** Registration is now between 575-675. We will have a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade section for 4 Sagle teams taking the test – and may look at expanding that next year. All donations are in except Northern Lights, and we did receive confirmation from NRCS for \$500. Total = \$6995.
- **Water Festival** – met at site on April 30<sup>th</sup>, still confirming a few presenters.
- **Tree Seedlings:** Sold a total of 25,120 to Bonner County residents, with a profit of \$4965.50. The Panhandle Lakes RC&D Forestry Committee is meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to review this year's sale. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion for Linda to attend the meeting. *The motion carried.*
- Linda included copies of the final FY2009 Budget approved at the last meeting.
- **SCWMA** – 3-ring binders were distributed to project managers with information on project management. Kathy Dingman has designed a link for SCWMA on the Panhandle Lakes RC&D website - <http://plrcd.org/scwma/>

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tri-State Semi-Annual meeting:**

Herman, Greg, Gary and Jamie attended the meetings – covered great information on sewage treatment plant problems and septic, and also on urban development.

### **Conservation District Liability Insurance coverage**

The board requested clarification on budgeting for the premium on the liability insurance, and also clarification on the deductible. Linda found out the following from Jerry Nicolescu:

- The premium for this is taken out of our 2<sup>nd</sup> state allocation – so not a line item in our budget
- The deductible is paid by ISCC if district acted in good faith, and the deductible of \$20,000 is overall, not per district

### **Hellroaring Culvert**

Covered in Linda's report.

### **Wood's Forest Legacy Program**

Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the support letters sent to legislators regarding fully funding the Forest Legacy Program to include Jim & Virginia Wood's application. *The motion carried.* If funding is not approved this year, the board supported sending a letter of support for their 2008 application if they pursue it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ray Delay's Letter of Resignation:** Dale moved we accept Ray Delay's letter of resignation and request to be an Associate. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Herman requested Linda send a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service.

**Waterlife Discovery Center:** An update from Mark Taylor was printed for the supervisors. An Americorp employee has been hired this summer to help with educational materials.

**EQIP Contracts:** Herman and Dale will review the completed applications with Greg before the next meeting when they will be submitted for approval.

**Bonner County Centennial Celebration:** Betty Kinne from the Centennial Committee called requesting our participation on behalf of Agriculture in the Centennial Celebration at the fairgrounds July 20-22. Linda sent a letter to Ed Nurmi requesting information from him, and we already have the history he has written, plus his daily activity logs. Heather Scott suggested contacting Sonny Poirer who has a museum of ag equipment and has recently written a history book. Harry Menser also suggested the UI Agriculture Research & Extension has all their records on CD's. Cassie suggested Lee Burnett with the Historical Tractor Society would be a great resource. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to support and participate in the Centennial Celebration. *The motion carried.*

**Farm Tour:** The Farm Tour is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> and will visit the following farms south of Sandpoint: Deerfield Farms with Jerry and Susan Petrina, Florascape Nursery with Manuela Eiring, Wanous Farm with Dave and Marcia Wanous, Heritage Farms with Wilbur and Luana Heibert, and Spade's Miniatures with Mary Jane and Ray Spade. Linda requested permission to attend. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the \$20 registration for Linda and any board members who would like to attend. *The motion carried.*

**2007 Avista Agreement for Pack River Watershed Council:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the 2007 Avista Agreement for \$2,260. *The motion carried.*

**Granite Creek:** USFWS has funding to be used for more work through Chris Downs on Granite Creek, and they have requested we act as fiduciary agent. Juliet Barenti with USFWS requested the \$5,899 USFWS funding available for the Blasko project that was not needed be transferred to the Granite Creek project, plus the \$4,938 that remains from the previous project at Granite Creek. The total available for the new Granite Creek Project is \$10,837. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion that Bonner SWCD be the fiduciary agent for the USFWS Service on the \$10,837 Granite Creek project, which would include a 10% administrative fee. *The motion carried.*

**Cancellation of NRCS Contracts:** The board reviewed letters from Rich Sims requesting input from the board canceling two EQIP contracts. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to recommend canceling EQIP contract 7402113A053 and EQIP contract 7402111A012. *The motion carried.*

**L\*A\*S Amendment to Letter Agreement with Full Circle Design:** Scott Daily, Greg Becker and Gary Parker determined a log revetment at Memorial Field was deemed unnecessary. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign the Amendment to the Letter Agreement eliminating the log revetment from the Memorial Field BMP project. *The motion carried.*

**Forestry Contest \$500 Agreement:** Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign the Forestry Contest \$500 Agreement with NRCS. *The motion carried.*

Herman asked if there was any further business. Alice reported that she has signed a contract with the Coeur d'Alene Resort for the November 2008 IASCD State Conference.

The next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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 April 2007 Minutes

Approval of April 2007 Financial Reports

Approval of \$5000 transfer from LGIP to Panhandle Bank.

Approval of \$500 SEP-IRA for District Employee

Approval of Big R bid for culvert at a total of \$50,160

Approval of Linda attending the Forestry Com. meeting at Panhandle Lakes RC&D May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of sending support letters to legislators regarding fully funding the Forest Legacy Program to include Jim & Virginia Wood's application

Approval of Ray Delay's letter of resignation as a supervisor, and request to be an Associate

Approval of BSWCD participating in Bonner County Centennial Celebration July 20-22

Approval of Linda and any supervisors attending Farm Tour June 13<sup>th</sup> for \$20

Approval of 2007 Avista Agreement for \$2,260 for Pack River Watershed Council

Approval of Bonner SWCD as fiduciary agent for USFWS in Grant Creek Project for \$10,837 with a 10% administration fee – this includes transferring \$5,899 in unused funds from Blasko project to Granite Creek Project.

Approval of canceling NRCS EQIP Contracts 7402113A053 and 7402111A012

Approval of Amendment to letter Agreement with FCD to cancel the log revetment portion

Approval of NRCS Grant for \$500 for Forestry Contest

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