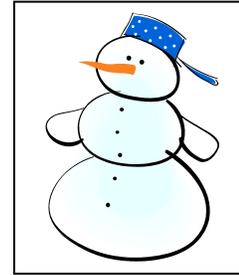


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed our guests.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the January 2007 minutes as presented. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the financial records for January 2007; Alice moved they be approved. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the transfer to the LGIP of \$12,000 – part of the allocated funds received from the state and the County. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the following bills: IASCD Dues of \$400, Idaho State Ins. Fund of \$199, and Pend Oreille Water Festival of \$500. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- Attended snow survey training for 1 week, and completed first survey at Myrtle Creek last Friday.
- Continue working on EQIP contracts. Have up to 4 new WRP applications, and continue to work on Greens and Bismark Meadows.
- Attended the last Milfoil Task Force Advisory Committee meeting, and will attend the one on Wednesday where Dr. Smart of the Army Corps of Engineers will speak. He has had 10 years experience dealing with lakes and milfoil.
- Greg spoke to the Cattleman's Association and would like to speak at other opportunities like that.

IASCD: Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- She is working on the Assessment of the Pack River Tributaries as well as GIS coverage using GPS points from the surveys. These will be used to develop the implementation plan. She attended the DEQ meeting on the Pend Oreille River & Tributaries TMDL for sediment and has been submitting comments to IDEQ's contractor on sediment delivery numbers from ag land.
- There will be a meeting in March to determine if the Pack River needs a TMDL for nutrients and to discuss the development of Pend Oreille tributaries temperature and sediment delivery.
- Attended the Clark Fork TMDL public meeting. DEQ has completed the Draft TMDL document and it is open for public comment for another month.
- Jamie visited the Kootenai/Ponderay Sewer District willow nursery site with Greg and the willow cutting site with Scott Daily.
- There will be a public hearing on March 1st at the Community Hall on the new Bonner County Planning and Zoning codes.
- Jamie has received Basic Planner Certification from NRCS, attended Prescribed Grazing training, 2 milfoil task force meetings, a Water Festival steering committee meeting, a nearshore committee meeting to discuss County code revision and the marketing plan, and met onsite with landowners regarding EQIP/WQPA project cost-share potential.

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

- The Milfoil Task Force Advisory Committee meetings are becoming less contentious and some compromise is being made to come to a more neutral approach. He has learned that harvesting milfoil is a much more difficult process than originally thought, and although the milfoil does make good compost, it is not good for cows to eat as it ruins their teeth.
- Fish & Game has agreed to put L*A*S signs at all their boat ramp sites. Gary showed the board a copy of the sign, which is designed to meet F&G standards and will work well with their other signs.
- Received 500 brochures for the Water Festival students entitled, "Hometown Clean Water Tour."
- Gary is working on the signage for Memorial Field, and on carrying the riparian buffer all the way to the Sewage Treatment Plant.
- Attended the Regional Lakes Conference in Spokane on Saturday – milfoil major topic.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reported as follows:

- Hellroaring: OSC's legal department wanted to revise the 2007 MOU, so two minor changes have been made and sent to all parties for signature. Alice moved and Dale seconded to sign the Revised 2007 MOU, which includes a statement to only fund the project through 2007, and that OSC will not fund payment for their project manager. The motion carried.
- Forestry Contest: February newsletter sent out with the May 10th contest date - working on ideas for 25th Anniversary.
- Water Festival: Dates set for May 17th & 18th at Riley Creek Campground.
- Tree Sale: Have sold 22,800 seedlings at a profit of \$4,563.50 so far.
- EQIP-WQPA: Completed the Division I Public Outreach Work Plan at our training in Coeur d'Alene last month.
- Received the State Allotment, which was up \$3000 from last year.
- Attended Ag/Forestry meeting: 1) Farm Bureau sponsoring a North Idaho Water Rights Adjudication meeting Thursday, 2) Chamber has Government Committee meetings on Thursdays with Chamber lobbyist, and 3) Dwayne Parsons spoke on creating a walking trail at the site of the old Humbird Lumber mill and doing some restoration at the relics there. The board suggested Linda look into this further regarding district support.

OLD BUSINESS

Division I March Meeting and January IASCD Director's Meetings:

- The Division I meeting will be Thursday, March 15th, at Ivano's Restorante, and Gary Parker do the program on the Memorial Field BMP project at Memorial Field weather permitting. A draft of the agenda was included in the packets.
- Alice reported on IASCD January Director's Meeting in Boise: 1) IASCD will develop a 5-Year Work Plan; 2) Financial Policy was reviewed, including the use of QBs online. Latah's accountant feels the books cannot be secure if someone other than the district has access. ISCC also looking at not funding WQPAs where districts are not online; 3) Audits: Three districts are still having \$300 compilations or reviews, and need to be following the guidelines in the Financial Policy; 4) Cost of rooms may deter us from having the State Conference in 2008 at the CdA Resort, Alice is still checking into a site.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum Idaho: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to not sponsor a student for the camp. *The motion carried.*

Meeting Date with Commissioners: Linda was directed to call and set up a meeting date to request funding for FY2008. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to request \$12,500. *The motion carried.*

Avista Grant for UI Lakeshore Survey: Jamie explained the request by the Nearshore Committee to have the district sponsor the Avista grant that would augment the UI Survey for the marketing campaign. The grant would be for \$20,000, of which the 15% administration fee would be \$3000. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to support this proposal if Avista sponsors it. *The motion carried.*

Black Diamond Subdivision: Greg asked the board to review the subdivision proposal by Black Diamond requesting technical assistance on soil and riparian issues from NRCS and the district. Greg suggested we support this by providing the technical assistance, and then they are on their own. Greg said in Sheridan the districts charged \$50 for pre-approval of soils for subdivisions. Greg needs the board's input within two days.

FY08 Annual Plan of Work: Linda handed out the APW for FY2007, along with a worksheet for the board to complete to revise and update the Work Plan. She also included information on Trends Impacting Conservation, which is a new category for 2008. The board scheduled a Work Session for 1:00 on March 6th, followed by the regular board meeting at 2:00. Linda will send out information to members of our Local Work Group requesting their input and attendance.

March Commission Meeting: Billie Brown, Chairman of the Benewah SWCD, is planning on attending the March ISCC meeting to voice her concerns on the costs of district audits and the limitations of QBs online. If she attends for Division I, Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to support her travel costs by contributing \$50.00. *The motion carried.* Alice said IASCD would contribute \$200, and Billie's district would contribute \$50.

Cocolalla Lake Association 319 Grant: Herman will visit with Shelley Vincent and the Cocolalla Lake Association regarding their 319 Grant and if they want the Bonner SWCD to sponsor the grant.

The next meeting will be March 6th at 2:00, with the Annual Work Plan Review at 1:00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed, including the following:

- Heather Scott letter listing potential projects for BSWCD
- Tri-State WQC letter regarding public comment period on updated Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Watershed Management Plan is January 22 through February 20th
- Kootenai County Eurasian Watermilfoil Control in the Inland Empire DVD – we will watch this at our March board meeting
- Announcement of retirement party for Tom Yankey of Weiser
- Information on rental videos from Three Rivers RC&D on Trees and Forests.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of January 2007 Minutes

Approval of January 2007 Financial Reports

Approval of transferring \$12,000 to LGIP

Approval of paying \$400 IASCD Dues, \$199 Idaho State Ins. Fund,
and \$500 Pend Oreille Water Festival

Approval of signing revised 2007 MOU for Hellroaring Creek

Approval of not sponsoring a student for the Natural Resources Workshop

Approval of requesting \$12,500 for FY2008 from the County Commissioners

Approval of supporting \$20,000 Avista grant for UI Marketing Survey of Lake Pend Oreille

Approval of paying \$50 to Billie Brown for Division I representation at March Commission Mtg

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