

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2007
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Fairy Delay, Associate
Kim Golden, Panhandle Lakes RC&D
Cassie Tauber, Guest
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS (5:00 – 5:30)

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Jamie Davis, IASCD;
Gary Parker, LAS

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed our guests.

Approval of Minutes:

Vern moved to approve the May 2007 minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the financial records for May 2007 and recommended approval after Linda correct an error on one check. Dale moved they be approved. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve payment of \$25 dues to Priest River Chamber, and \$50 dues to River Network. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to transfer \$2000 from LGIP to Panhandle Bank. *The motion carried.*

Board members turned in their mileage and per diem sheets for January – June 2007.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker was in the field with NRCS engineers, and Linda briefly reviewed his written report, which is attached to the minutes.

IASCD: Jamie Davis was in Ontario, Oregon, for Grazing Training. Linda updated the board on Jamie's progress with the Willow Nursery, and the meeting she attended with Ducks Unlimited and Fish & Game to enhance the vegetative islands in the Pack River delta.

LAKE*A*SYST: Gary Parker was supervising work at the LAS BMP site, and Linda briefly reviewed his written report, which is attached to the minutes.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reported as follows:

- **Hellroaring:** Culvert has been ordered – Rob Sampson will visit site tomorrow to upgrade design after November 2006 flooding.
- **Willow Nursery:** 1000 willow seedlings are planted at the Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District. Jamie, Gary, Mike & Greg all helped Bernie Mosier, an employee of the Sewer District, with the plantings. Cedar shingles were purchased to shade the plants, and grass seed was purchased to put between the rows to keep down the weeds. Tri-State has been invoiced for the grant funds.
- **Forestry Contest:** Approximately 570 attended the contest, 205 contestants, 130 novices, 50 coaches, 130 volunteers, 12 seniors, and 35 chamber members. Everything went very well, the 6th grade contestants competed well, and for the first time a team of all girls won the competition.
- **Water Festival** – Great weather and wonderful students. Wrap up meeting June 26th.
- **RC&D Forestry Committee Meeting:** All four Division I district administrators attended, along with Kim and Ed Schneider. Next year we will set our pick-up day 2 days after the seedlings arrive to allow enough day-light hours to sort the seedlings. The tour of the North Woods Nursery is set for June 28th, leaving CdA at 8:30 a.m. Linda & Herman plan to attend.
- Next Wednesday, June 13th, the county will finalize decisions on the Federal Building, then will let us know what they have scheduled for our departure date.

OLD BUSINESS

Bonner County Centennial Celebration – July 20-22:

Bette Kinne called and said the booths will be inside, and do not have to be manned. Set up will probably be starting Monday, July 16th, and take down on Monday, July 23rd. Everyone in the office who could help with the booth will be gone that weekend. Linda will look into the feasibility of setting it up early. Herman said if it doesn't work out that is fine.

Farm Tour – June 13th:

Herman and Linda will attend the Farm Tour. Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the \$20 registration for those attending. *The motion carried.*

US Fish Wildlife Letter Agreement re Granite Creek:

Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign the US Fish Wildlife Letter Agreement transferring the leftover \$5,889 from the Blasko project to Granite Creek. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Bonner County Planning Subdivision Request: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign the NRCS/BSWCD letter to Dan Carlson, Associate Planner with Bonner County, providing information on natural resources concerns for the "Janet Lee" subdivision, File #S1486-07. *The motion carried.*

Cancellation of NRCS EQIP Contract: The board reviewed Rich Sims' letter requesting input from the board re canceling an EQIP contract. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to recommend canceling EQIP contract 7402114A192. *The motion carried.*

MOA for Lake*A*Syst BMP Memorial Field Phase II: The board reviewed the MOA between the District, City of Sandpoint, and Full Circle Design to complete 550 lineal feet of shoreline planting from the boat ramp to the Sewage Treatment Plant at Memorial Field. The

City's attorney has approved it, as well as Scott Daily with Full Circle Design. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion for the Board to approve signing the MOA, as long as the bid comes within the allotted money from the Soil Conservation Commission. *The motion carried.*

Financial Review: Linda received an \$1800 quote from Darcy Shropshire for a 2007 Fiscal Year Financial Review. Vern will get a quote from another accountant and pass that information on to Linda. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to go with Darcy Shropshire - if Vern's contact is not an accountant or will not do the audit for a lesser amount. *The motion carried.* If needed we can review this decision at the July board meeting.

QB's Reporting Recommendations – Jerry Nicolescu: All the information recently received on the findings of the review committee on QBs Online was given to the supervisors for their review.

RC&D Project Measure with Cocolalla Lake Assoc. for Eurasian Water Milfoil Grant: Kim Golden felt that the existing Measure was still valid, so no action on this.

July and August Meeting Times: The July meeting will be at Linda O'Hare's home on the 10th – she will send out information on time and food and directions. It will be determined at the July meeting whether or not we meet in August.

RC&D Report – Kim Golden:

- In visiting with the Bonner County Commissioners, they requested Kim follow-up on an old RC&D Measure on "Breakwater at City Beach" adopted in 1978. Fairy Delay was going to look through old scrapbooks and information to see if she could find anything. The information may be relevant to the Priest River thoroughfare area. Kim might also contact Vern Baumgartner who was DC at that time.
- Karl Dye with the Bonner County Economic Development Corporation also wants Kim to look for potential ways they can work together.
- Judy Baird with the Sandpoint Chamber is also interested in partnering with RC&D. Kim will speak at the August Chamber meeting.
- Kim is speaking at the Priest River Chamber meeting on June 19th at 6 pm at the Feed Mill. Vern is the district's representative to the Priest River Chamber and will try to attend.
- Kim is working with Alice on funding options for the food bank.
- Kim also reported the Forestry Committee went well, and he handed out information on Bio-Mass Grant opportunities.

NRCS EQIP Contracts:

Greg Becker returned from the field at 5:00, and presented three EQIP contracts to the board for their approval. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve and have Herman sign the following EQIP contracts:

- EQIP 2002 740211070NA – Grazing Plan, Riparian Buffer, and future WQPA
- EQIP 2002 740211070Q3 – Riparian Fence and Buffer, Field Plantings, Grazing Plan
- EQIP 2002 740211070N7 – Thinning, planting, disposal

The motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 10th at 3:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of May 2007 Minutes

Approval of May 2007 Financial Reports

Approval of \$2000 transfer from LGIP to Panhandle Bank.

Approval of paying \$25 dues to Priest River Chamber and \$50 to River Network

Approval of paying \$20 registration for those attending Farm tour June 13

Approval of Herman signing USFWS transfer letter of \$5889 from Blasko to Granite Creek

Approval of signing information letter to County Planner re "Janet Lee" subdivision,
File #S1486-07

Approval of recommending cancellation of EQIP contract 7402114A192

Approval of signing the MOA for BSWCD with City of Sandpoint and Full Circle Design as is
and adding the contract amount after the bid comes in

Approval of hiring Darcy Shropshire for 2007 Financial Review if Vern's contact does not
work – otherwise decision will be made at July meeting

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