

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2007  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, Associate

Bob Tribelhorn, NRCS  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Jamie Davis, IASCD  
Gary Parker, LAS  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Financial Report:**

Vern reviewed the financial records for September 2007 and moved they be approved. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the following two transfers and pay the \$35 donation for the Land & Soil Evaluation:

\$58,520 from LGIP to PSB for Hellroaring  
\$1,541.40 from LGIP to PSB for LAS sign at Memorial

*The motion carried.*

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reviewed his written report which included the following:

- Technical assistance completed on Hellroaring; Organize barrier installation on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at Northside Bridge on Pack River – everything volunteer; Grouse Creek field visit with IFG & River Design Eng. re watershed assessment
- EQIP/WQPA/WRP: EQIP Outreach and field visits on '08; '07 work continues; 1996-2006 field visits and cleaning up of existing contracts are ongoing. WRP Bismark Meadows certified wetland enhancement planting.
- Small Acreage Program: Reviewed 2 new subdivisions
- Training: Wetlands training
- Watershed Planning: Tri-State Fall Meeting, 319 Development in Fish Creek with IDL

**NRCS:** Bob Tribelhorn reported as follows:

- Besides CTA, the only two programs DCs can spend time on right now are CSP and EQIP, as well as existing contracts They're gathering information from DCs on the amount of time

they need to spend on WRP and WHIP. The 2007 Farm Bill has not passed yet, and NRCS is looking at another tight budget year.

- Bob complimented Greg Becker and the “stellar” Sandpoint field office on the significant progress that has been made on the backlog of contracts. Chairman Collins stated the district also greatly appreciates the work done by this office.
- Bob asked Greg about the subdivision reviews done by this office, and discussion was generated on workloads involved with urban development and the possibility of some funding from developers or permits. Before the next meeting Herman directed Linda to check with other districts to see if they have anything lined up to obtain fees, or if something could be worked out with the county commissioners. With state funding looking dismal, districts need to be creative in order to fund their offices and pursue conservation on the ground.

**IASCED:** Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- Bonner County is holding two public meetings on land use codes, one tonight in Sandpoint and one Thursday night at Priest River. There is also a public meeting on septic design at Panhandle Health on Thursday. District 1 has the most growth in septic permits in the state, and Bonner County has the greatest growth in District 1. The state legislators are being heavily lobbied by developers to not restrict the permits. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Herman sign the comment letter prepared by Jamie on land use codes, and Jamie will read it at the meeting tonight and at Priest River Thursday. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion that Jamie write a letter on the septic changes will and give the letter to Dale, and he will find someone to present it at the Panhandle Health meeting on Thursday. *The motion carried.*
- Jamie commented that after she completes the ag work at the end of the year, Mark Hogen will continue the ag work in all of Division I, and Jamie will do all of the Lake\*A\*Syst work or urban development work in Division I.
- Jamie left the meeting early to attend a Land Use Code Workshop at the Federal Building.

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

- Gary reviewed the UI Survey for Pend Oreille Nearshore TMDL Committee: 500 surveys were mailed to lakeshore landowners, and two teams have completed the 40 onsite landowner surveys. Gary teamed up with a UI student to complete 20 of those surveys.
- LAS site visits: Gary has been spending the majority of his time doing site visits, and has found the shoreline landowners to be very receptive and concerned about water quality.
- Gary will supervise Memorial Field Phase II which starts Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Linda reviewed the letter received from Jerry Nicolescu on the ISCC declining our request for further LAS funding. With all funding sources coming to a close on LAS, Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to send thank you letters to Jerry, Rich, Kent, and DEQ for the funding that has made the LAS program such a success. *The motion carried.*
- A 319 grant application to DEQ was submitted last week for FY07 year-end dollars. Dave Pisarski from DEQ was very supportive of our request, and we should know soon if the \$6585 application has been approved. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to sign the 319 grant if approved. *The motion carried.* Further funding ideas were reviewed with Kim Golden last week.

**BSWCD:** Linda O’Hare reviewed her written report:

- **Hellroaring:** NRCS Eng. Rob Sampson completed the walk through inspection with Greg and the contractor on September 24th and gave his approval. Juliet Barenti, USFWS, reviewed the

project on October 9<sup>th</sup> with Mike Duval and gave her approval. The grant funding was short of the final expenses, and all four of the grant sources have donated more funds. Alice asked Linda to check into getting a project sign listing all the contributors – Linda will check with the County. Rob Sampson had expressed his thanks to Herman and the board for following through on this project, despite all the setbacks over the past 5 years. Herman also thanked Linda for her efforts on the project.

- **EQIP/WQPA:** Linda helped mail out 130 letters to large landowners re the October 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- **Tree Seedling Sale:** Going OK, have sold around 16,280 so far for a profit around \$2214.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Division I Meeting October 19, 2007:** Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay for the registration of all the district people attending. *The motion carried.* Dale will meet anyone needing a ride at 7:30 am at the district office. Alice is going down the day before, and Vern will drive if he can attend. (Dale, Herman, Greg, Jamie, Linda, and maybe Cassie) Jamie and Mark Hogen will meet with Jerry and Kent on Wednesday next week to show them some projects in northern Idaho.

**Hellroaring Creek Project Final Report:** The report prepared for the Office of Species Conservation was reviewed.

**FY07 Financial Review:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the Financial Review by Darcy Shropshire. *The motion carried.* Darcy estimated her cost around \$4000 to do a full audit next year. Linda will check whether the guidelines for a review or audit are the state's or the Financial Policy's.

**Panhandle Lakes RC&D Representative:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to have Herman Collins represent the district to PLRC&D with Dale Van Stone as the alternate. *The motion carried.*

**IASCD State Conference** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay for district people attending State Conference. *The motion carried.* At this time, Alice, Herman, and Linda plan to attend, and Dale is still tentative. We will determine the voting delegate at the next meeting. Resolutions were handed out for review.

**NRCS Cooperative Work Agreement:** The Draft of this agreement was received today from Rich Sims. Supervisors were asked to look it over and be ready to comment at the Division I meeting next week.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NRCS EQIP Contracts and WQPA Contracts:**

The board reviewed the contract for Cassie Tauber. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Herman sign the EQIP/WQPA contract. *The motion carried.* There is one other landowner who might submit an application.

**2007 Report of Accomplishments:** Linda will complete this and mail by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Supervisor Election:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve Cassie Tauber to fill in for Ray Delay's supervisor position until it is up for re-election in 2009. *The motion carried.* Herman thanked Cassie for her contribution so far, and for her willingness to serve.

**NACD Urban and Community Conservation Survey:** The board will fill out the survey for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be November 6th at 7:30 am at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant.4:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 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 September 2007 Minutes

Approval of September 2007 Financial Reports

Approval of transfers and bill listed

Approved of land use code comment letter

Approved of septic change comment letter

Approval of sending thank you letters for completed LAS grants

Approval of signing 319 Grant for LAS if approved by DEQ

Approval of paying registration for Division I Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>

Approval of FY07 Financial Review

Approval of Herman Collins as PLRC&D Representative, Dale as alternate

Approval of paying expenses for district people attending IASCD State Conference

Approval of signing the EQIP-WQPA contract for Cassie Tauber

Approval of Cassie Tauber filling Ray Delay's position of supervisor

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