

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building, Room 306

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Ray Delay, BSWCD
Fairy Delay, Associate
Jeff Stewart, NRCS
Gary Parker, IASCD
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Vern Hollett, Supervisor; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Lang Baker, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Herman Collins, Chairman.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the December 2005 minutes as presented. Ray seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Financial Report:

Ray reviewed the financial records for December 2005 prior to the meeting. Ray moved they be approved, Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Jeff Stewart has been on vacation since December 19th, so Gary summarized the November NRCS work as follows:

- Frank Gariglio, NRCS state forester assisted with a pre-commercial thinning for Moore; 18 EQIP applications have been received with most of them including forestry practices; year-end reporting.

IASCD: Jamie Davis is at Leadership in Agriculture training in Twin Falls this week.

Lake*A*Sys: Gary Parker reported as follows:

- Working on development of Educational materials. Met with Spud Press regarding printing. The savings on printing one bound book rather than the pamphlets will be enough to use color on the cover and inside the document.
- Lori Eddings of Sandpoint Title emailed the list of nearshore property owners on Lake Pend Oreille. There are 1100 shoreline land owners.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- Blasko - still waiting for USFWS date extension.
- Pack River 319 – Jamie has talked to DEQ and at their suggestion developed a draft of a new work plan. We will need cooperation from USFWS on extending the date on the concurrence letter and cooperation from the weather to complete the work.

- SCWMA met Dec. 21st to review the findings from the 2004 audit. Consensus of the group was that the Idaho Dept. of Ag needs to be specific in their requests for information, i.e. provide us with forms to report what they need. We want to be doing everything correctly, but need their input.
- Pack TAC: Sent 2006 funding letter request for \$1447 to Joe Dos Santos with Avista. Submitted 4th quarter and year-end grant reports.
- Tree Seedlings: Have sold 1,980 so far, with a profit of around \$1665.

OLD BUSINESS

Hellroaring Creek: The board reviewed the status of the Hellroaring Creek project, which had been tabled from the December meeting. This 3-year project needs to come to a conclusion. After much discussion, Alice moved to request NRCS do the engineering design, and if USFWS agrees to the design and including their \$25,000, then proceed with the project. If USFWS does not agree with the design and won't contribute their \$25,000, then drop the project. Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Jeff will contact his supervisor Bob Tribelhorn right away to request that Rob Sampson, NRCS State Engineer, create an engineering design. Jeff requested that he needs assurance from USFWS that they will agree to an NRCS design before all the work goes into it. Alice moved we write a letter to Juliet Barenti at USFWS asking if they would be willing to review a design by NRCS and keep their dollars in the project. Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Other comments:

- The USFWS engineer who submitted the existing design is not certified in Idaho. The board won't proceed with an engineering design that is not approved by an Idaho certified engineer. If the design met NRCS standards and specs, then Idaho NRCS would certify it. A major concern of the board is that the completed project might fail during spring flooding of the aptly named "Hellroaring Creek".
- Jeff Stewart said he cannot recommend the landowner proceed with the project using the USFWS design.
- Linda and Jeff will draft a letter; Herman will review it and sign it. The Governor's Office of Species Conservation, Idaho Fish & Game, and NRCS will also receive copies of the letter.

Lower West Branch of Priest River WQPA: Tibbetts have installed their well, and by the next board meeting we will have invoices to request funding reimbursement. Linda reported working 40 hours on the WQPA through December. Alice moved to approve the invoice for \$293.01 for administrative fee for the WQPA. Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

NASE Insurance Premium Increase: A decision on the District Administrator's insurance was tabled at the last meeting. The increase in the premium on the existing policy will increase the district's 75% share from \$159 per month to \$184 per month. Herman has talked to Ron Musclpf and he will stop in to visit with Linda about a new policy.

Receipt of County Funds: We received \$9000 from Bonner County for our 2006 allotment. Alice moved and Dale seconded to approve the \$5000 to the Local Government Investment Pool. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2006: Alice moved we cast a unanimous ballot for Herman B. Collins as President. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Ray moved we cast a unanimous ballot for Dale Van Stone as Vice-President. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Dale moved we cast a unanimous ballot for Ray Delay for Secretary/Treasurer. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

River Network Dues: Alice moved and Ray seconded the motion that we pay \$50 dues for River Network. *The motion carried.*

2006 Per Diem: Alice moved we adopt the suggested federal mileage rate of \$.445 as of January 1, 2006, and the Idaho State Travel Policy and Procedures recommendation of \$39 meal reimbursement per day for out-of-state as of January 1, 2006. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Panhandle Lakes RC&D Tree Seedling Sale: The information from Kim Golden on districts selling 10 cubic-inch tree seedlings on a trial basis for 2007 was reviewed. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to support RC&D in selling 10-cubic-inch seedlings on a trial basis at the suggested price of 50¢ to the districts. *The motion carried.*

Idaho Ag in the Classroom Dues: Ray moved we not pay the Ag in the Classroom 2006 dues. Alice seconded the motion. The motion failed. In discussion the board felt supportive of the program, but requested Linda check to see if any teachers from our area do attend locally. Alice moved and Ray seconded the motion to pay the \$50 dues if we do find someone local who is planning on taking the Class. *The motion carried.*

RC&D Measure: Dale moved to have the district support an RC&D proposal to purchase a scale for the Bonner Community Food Center. Ray seconded the motion. Alice will fill out the form to send to RC&D in Coeur d'Alene. *The motion carried.*

Soil Conservation Commission Board: Alice moved we send a nomination form in for Dale Van Stone as an Idaho Soil Conservation Commission board member. Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

CORRESPONDENCE: As RC&D delegate, Herman will review all the information received from RC&D regarding their January meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of December, 2005 Minutes

Approval of December, 2005 Financial Report

Approval of pursuing Hellroaring Creek project with NRCS design and USFWS approval.

Approval of sending a letter to Juliet Barenti, USFWS, requesting affirmation that USFWS will agree to support NRCS design on Hellroaring Creek and will support the project with their \$25,000

Approval of invoice for \$293.01 for admin fee for LWB WQPA

Approval of transferring \$5000 to LGIP

Approval of Herman Collins as 2006 Bonner SWCD President

Approval of Dale Van Stone as 2006 Bonner SWCD Vice-President

Approval of Ray Delay as 2006 Bonner SWCD Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of paying \$50 dues for River Network

Approval of changing mileage rate to \$.445 as of January 1, 2006, and changing out-of-state meal reimbursement from \$31 to \$39

Approval of supporting RC&D's tree seedling sale including 10 cubic-inch seedlings on a trial basis and selling them to districts at 50¢ each

Approval of paying \$50 Idaho Ag in the Classroom Dues if someone local is attending

Approval of supporting an RC&D measure to buy the Food Bank a new scale

Approval of submitting Dale Van Stone's name as a member of the SCC board

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