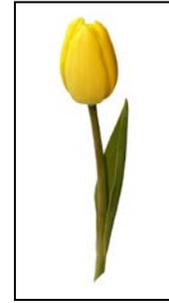


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2006
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building, Room 306

Attendance: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Ray Delay, BSWCD
Jeff Stewart, NRCS
Jamie Davis, IASCD
Gary Parker, IASCD
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Guest: Pat, Ray's Aide

Absent: Herman Collins, Supervisor; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Fairy Delay, Associate;
Lang Baker, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Dale Van Stone, Vice-Chairman. Guests were introduced.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the March 2006 minutes as presented. Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Ray reviewed the financial records for March 2006 prior to the meeting, and moved they be approved. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Alice moved to approve a transfer of \$612.93 for WQPA administration fee from June 3, 2005 to April 4, 2006 from LGIP to Panhandle Bank. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*
Alice moved to approve payment of the following bills: \$50 Carleen Clark for Lake*A*Syst logo, \$100 Chamber dues, \$36.50 Nieman's, \$48 Selkirk Press & \$35 Selkirk Automated Postal for Pack R.WC postcard, \$46.20 Bonner Awards, \$36.75 Bonner Awards. Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

Herman and the board thanked Jeff Stewart for his 8 years of service to the district, and wished him well at his new position as RC&D Coordinator in Lake Andes, South Dakota. Jeff's starting date is April 17th.

NRCS: Jeff Stewart reported as follows:

- Completed snow survey at Schweitzer and Mosquito Ridge, found normal moisture.
- Redid McNall's plan, worked with P. Jayo and on Lee Green's WRP.

- New NRCS Fish Biologist Kevin Traylor visited along with Frank Fink, and they helped on Hellroaring, also visited on the phone with Eng. Rob Sampson. Kim Erk will be the lead on this project with Jeff gone.
- Jeff will do detailed Exit report.
- Bob Tribelhorn will be here next Thursday for performance appraisal.
- The willows that were not used on the Blasko project will be utilized by F&G through Dave Leptich and Jeff Knetter.

IASCD: Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- Attended ½ day pesticide workshop.
- Provided information for county commissioners' visit.
- Gave the Lake*A*Syst report at the Div. I meeting.
- Field recon with Mark Hogan on Pack River ag land.
- Tibbetts WQPA, working on feedlot design.
- Did not get EPA grant for LAS, but was in running.
- Boundary SCD will meet with their commissioners this week and ask for letter to Rich Sims re status of Sandpoint field office, also requesting one from Kootenai Tribe and Boundary weed agent.

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

- Received 3 bids for LAS printing. Alice moved and Ray seconded the motion to accept Selkirk Press's bid of \$10,685. *The motion carried.* Gary will give copies to the commissioners when they are printed. They should be printed by May 12th, so Gary will be able to take copies to the Lake Commission meeting he is speaking at.
- Oden Water Assoc. meets June 10th, and Gary will present at their meeting. Carla Polstra is the contact person.
- Lance met with Gary last week and while they were looking at potential BMP sites, they found a drain at Sunnyside that fed directly into the Lake, and they found a strip ¼ mile long and 25 feet wide of decomposed milfoil on the bank. They would like to test it for chemicals, and if it is OK distribute it at Farmer's Market.
- Memorial Field looks like a great BMP site for a buffer strip. Gary will check with Kody VanDyk regarding Sandpoint supporting this.
- Sara Bigger has been working on a tri-fold brochure on LAS.
- Beginning next week Gary will work 3 days on LAS and 2 days on Farm Bill.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed items on her written report:

- Avista approved the request for \$25,150 for Blasko's streambank project, including \$1350 for admin fees for BSWCD.
- Hellroaring Creek – Rob Sampson will visit site and finalize engineering design as soon as snow is gone.
- Attended invasive species presentation by Ben Simko, IDAg. SCWMA meets April 12th. Weed half-day is April 22nd at Federal Building at 8:30.
- Tree seedlings are delivered April 10th and handed out April 11th at Delays. Sold 22,140 seedlings at profit of \$2461.40 to the district.
- Forestry Contest: Purchased mouse pads for promo item, 8 medallions for Jr and Sr team awards, got approval to order clinometers from Steering Committee even though we won't hear on ICF grant until mid May.
- Ag/Forestry – General Membership Luncheon is Thursday, April 13th at Elks with Brad Bluemer speaking on Milfoil. Also, the Farm Tour date is changed to June 15th.

- Linda was approved to take comp time on Friday April 7th.

OLD BUSINESS

General Membership Luncheon: Alice moved, Vern seconded to pay the \$15 registration for four members to attend luncheon. *The motion carried.*

Hellroaring Creek: Included in Linda's report.

Pack River 319: No word yet.

NASE Insurance Premium Increase: Next board meeting.

Annual Work Plan and Budget: Alice moved to approve the Annual Work Plan with the additional priority of "Forest Land Management in Northern Idaho". Ray seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Letter of Intent: Herman, Dale and Linda met with County Commissioners Marcia Phillips and Karl Dye on March 28th. The commissioners approved of sending the request for \$12,000 to Marie Scott, District Clerk, for the budgeting process. Dale will check with their office next Tuesday or Wednesday regarding the status of the letter being signed. (Subsequent to the meeting, the letter was changed to read "\$9000 for sure, and up to \$12,000 if the funds become available during the budgeting process this summer". The letter was signed by Joe Young, Chairman, and a copy mailed to Kathie Shea.)

NEW BUSINESS

NRCS Innovative Grant for Pack River Noxious Weed/Goat Project and RC&D Proposal: Will be presented at the May meeting. The due date is May 15th.

RC&D Measure – Food Bank: Alice requested the Bonner SWCD approve of an RC&D measure to help the Food Bank purchase a hydraulic pallet jack with motorized wheels. The cost is \$7000, and the Food Bank is requesting \$5000. Ray moved to approve submitting it as an RC&D proposal for \$5000 for the Food Bank to purchase the hydraulic pallet jack. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Fair Booth: Alice moved and Ray seconded the motion to pay \$80 for a double booth at the Bonner County Fair this summer on Lake*A*Syst. Half will be paid by Bonner SWCD and half by Lake*A*Syst grant funds. *The motion carried.*

IASCD Awards: A reminder was given of the IASCD awards and the deadline of September 1st. A discussion followed on travel costs, and Alice reminded everyone to think about nominating northern Idaho folks in 2008 when the conference is in Coeur d'Alene.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was reviewed.

- Re input from districts on NRCS termination of EQIP contracts: Jeff said he will leave information on a couple of EQIP contracts that will need to be cancelled, and they have not had cash expended. In some contracts where there has been engineering technical assistance given, even if no money has exchanged hands, NRCS can charge for the technical assistance.

Jeff does a status review every year on each contract, and if something is not done in 2 years, the contract should be cancelled.

Our next meeting will be May 2nd at 4:00 p.m.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of March, 2006 Minutes

Approval of March, 2006 Financial Report

Approval of transferring: \$612.93 from LGIP WQPA for admin fee 6/3/05 – 4/4/06

Approval of paying bills: \$50 Carleen Clark, \$100 Chamber, \$36.50 Nieman's, \$48 Selkirk Press, \$35 Selkirk Automated Postal, \$46.20 Bonner Awards, \$36.75 Bonner Awards

Approval of accepting Selkirk Press's bid for printing Lake*A*Syst books, \$10,685

Approval of paying \$15 each for 4 to attend General Membership Luncheon

Approval of FY2007 Annual Work Plan

Approval of RC&D measure for Food Bank's purchase of \$5000 hydraulic pallet jack

Approval of double booth for fair on Lake*A*Syst: \$40 BSWCD and \$40 Lake*A*Syst

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