

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building, Room 306

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Mike Gondek, NRCS Acting DC
Jamie Davis, IASCD
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Ed Nurmi, Associate

Absent: Ray Delay, Supervisor; Fairy Delay, Associate; Lang Baker, Associate;
Gary Parker, Lake*A*Syst Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman thanked Mike Gondek for his help as Acting DC and for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the April 2006 minutes as presented. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the financial records for April 2006 prior to the meeting; Alice moved they be approved. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Alice moved to reimburse Petty Cash for \$44.87, and to approve a transfer of \$1040.96 from Forestry Contest Savings Account to Panhandle Bank for balance of clinometer bill (to be reimbursed by grant from Idaho Community Foundation if received), and a transfer of \$5000 from LGIP to Panhandle Bank to cover upcoming district expenses. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Acting DC Mike Gondek reported as follows:

- Kelly Olson and Frank Gariglio have spent several days in the Sandpoint Field Office on completing the EQIP applications, along with Mike Duval and Gary Parker. He will also request help with the streambank projects. The EQIP deadline is June 1.
- Mike G. is working on Lee Green's 80 acre WRP permit transfer.
- We have had several requests for ponds. WHIP funds are unavailable now, so the only ponds are shallow wetland ponds, not fishing ponds, and are one part of a whole conservation plan under EQIP.
- Mike suggested sending a news release to the Daily Bee on Jeff's new position.

IASCD: Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- Attended Tri-State 2-day conference in Paradise, MT, along with Herman. Very informative.
- Attended RUSLE II Training.
- Has provided a news release on Spring Lawn Care for Lake*A*Syst; 2 Forestry Contest news releases along with personal contacts for coverage at the Contest with Capitol Press, the Spokesman's Review, Daily Bee, the River Journal, and some TV stations; and a press release on Tri-State mini-grant for the Nearshore TMDL Committee.
- Clark Fork recon
- NRCS Basic Engineering Training in Boise for 1 week in April, plus 3 days next week
- Annual leave requested for May 23 – 29.

Lake*A*Syst: Gary Parker was absent, Linda reported as follows:

- Printing for the Lake*A*Syst Landowner Guide should be completed mid-May. Gary speaks at Lakes Commission meeting on May 16th at 2 p.m.
- At the Steering Committee meeting Monday suggestions were given on dissemination of the materials for the Oden Bay area, Ellesport Bay area, local contractors and realtors. Also the brochure Sarah Bigger is making was reviewed.
- Gary is working 2-3 days a week now on Lake*A*Syst, and 2 days on Farm Bill.

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

- Avista's Deb Mortlock called and is working on contract for the \$25,150 for Blasko's streambank project, including \$1350 for admin fees for BSWCD.
- Hellroaring Creek – Rob Sampson is 50% done with engineering plan and has given a tentative schedule for the project.
- SCWMA Weed Day went well on April 22nd, around 40 participants. Allotment for 2006 projects is \$79,962.59, with all milfoil projects to be funded through the state's new \$4 Million fund.
- Pack River Watershed Council: The NRCS Innovative Grant on goats/knapweed proposed to Council members by Carrie Hall will be postponed a year. Only one member committed to the project.
- Pack TAC met April 11th and gave suggestions and comments on Recommendations. Ruth incorporated these comments, emailed the draft to members, and set a deadline of May 1st for final comments. Avista will fund Pack River Watershed Council with \$1447 this year.
- Tree Seedling Sale: Sold 23,200 total seedlings, profit of \$2731.80. Thank you letters were passed around from the 2nd graders at Hope Elementary for their larch seedlings.
- Forestry Contest: Clinometers have been received. Head count is 485.
- Water Festival – classroom presentations have begun.

OLD BUSINESS

Waterlife Discovery Center: Fish-viewing windows to be installed end of May and pond filled. The lawsuit was discussed.

WOPA/EQIP Grant from ISCC: Jerry Nicolescu and Biff Burleigh will be in CdA May 9th at 1:00 to have contract with Division I signed. Alice and Herman will attend.

Pack River 319: DEQ sent 3 copies of Pack River 319 NPS Subgrant Amendment Agreement to provide a no cost time extension (12/31/06) to the existing agreement. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the agreement. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Tree ID at Idaho Hill Elementary: Sixth grade teacher Wilma Hahn has requested our office teach Tree ID on May 15th at 10:30. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to allow Linda and Gary to travel to Old Town to teach Tree ID. *The motion carried.*

Wage Increase: Dale moved to increase Gary Parker’s Lake*A*Syst wages from \$11.00 to \$11.50 an hour. *The motion carried.* Discussion followed as to Gary’s schedule this summer and how busy he will be. Gary will be asked let the board know if he needs more help.

The board signed a thank-you letter to Richard Sims for his positive decision to keep the full-time DC position in the Sandpoint Field Office, and a thank-you letter to Tri-State for their tireless efforts toward water quality in Bonner County.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was reviewed: Visa Credit Card for district flyer, copies of letters of support for full-time DC position and copy of Richard Sims response letter, thank you from Fairy Delay for tulips, Panhandle BAG May 2 Agenda, NRCS Proper Roles with respect to Districts, Randall RC&D Newsletter, Conservation Connection Forestry Contest article, NRCS request to not use copy machines for district newsletters, districts as tax exempt entities, ISCC position announcements, Idaho Public Records Law, Pacific Regional agenda.

Regarding the email from Kathie Shea and the FY2007 Letter of Intent, Linda was directed to send a copy of that to the Commissioners so they would be reminded of the increase in state funding once the increase in Bonner County is confirmed.

Our next meeting will be June 6th at 4:00 p.m.
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 April, 2006 Minutes
- Approval of April, 2006 Financial Report
- Approval of transferring: \$1040.96 from FC Savings Account to Panhandle checking account for clinometers, \$5000 from LGIP to Panhandle checking account for district expenses; and approval of reimbursing Petty Cash \$44.87
- Approval of DEQ 319 Pack River Subgrant Agreement extension
- Approval of Linda & Gary teaching Tree ID on May 15th at Idaho Hill Elementary
- Approval of raising Gary Parker’s pay for Lake*A*Syst from \$11 to \$11.50/hour.

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