

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building, Room 306

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

Absent: Ed Nurmi, Associate; Lang Baker, Associate; Jamie Davis, IASCD

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Herman Collins, Chairman. Guests were introduced.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

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

Alice moved to approve transfers from LGIP to Panhandle Bank as follows:

\$500 for Lake*A*Syst expenses,
\$5000 for Lake*A*Syst payroll,
\$3319 for Tibbetts WQPA payment; and to approve payments as follows:
\$5000 to IASCD for Lake*A*Syst payroll,
\$400 to IASCD for 2006 dues,
\$253 to Ruth Watkins for 11.5 hours as Pack River Management Plan Coordinator.

Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* The board approved of paying Ruth Watkins \$22 an hour for her work as Coordinator on the Pack River Watershed Management Plan.

Rodney Saetrum, attorney for the district's insurance carrier, discussed the lawsuit.

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 reviewed his written report:

- Planning has begun on the 16 new FY2006 EQIP applications, the 2 new CCRP applications for Paul Jayo and Carol Henderson, and Jeff worked to clear up some title exceptions on Lee Green's WRP.
- Wrote a request for Avista funding for Blasko's streambank protection practice on Pack River, will attend Avista's funding meeting on March 21st.
- Snow survey on Mosquito Ridge in the Cabinets, helped update Annual Work Plan, Interviewed Gary Parker for ACES position.
- Meetings attended: Pack River TAC, Inland Empire Reforestation council meeting, and IDL re forestry EQIP applications and each agency's responsibilities regarding the NRCS technical service provider agreement.

IASCD: Jamie Davis was ill.

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

- Revision of document materials is almost complete. Two local printers have been contacted for bids and Gary will contact a third later this week.
- Steering Committee meets Monday. Logo, slogan, materials approval, printers, and priority target areas will be on the agenda.
- Attended the last Lake Commission meeting, and will present information on Lake*A*Syst at their next meeting.
- Will connect with Cocolalla Lake Assoc. for their next meeting

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

- Hellroaring Creek: Received backing from Avista \$30,000, Office of Species Conservation \$42,840, and back on board is USFWS \$25,000. NRCS Eng. Rob Sampson is working on design and Avista/F&G and USFWS have offered suggestions.
- Granite Creek: Avista has been paid with USFWS funds, project is complete.
- SCWMA: Weed Day is April 22nd 8:00-12:30 for classroom instruction, half day in field will be around 1st of June.
- Pack TAC: Met Feb. 10th, document will be divided into Implementation Plan with DEQ format including Executive Summary and Recommendations. Everything else will be in Technical Guide. TAC members will submit revisions and additions to the Recommendation tables by February 28th, Ruth will compile them, then the TAC meets again April 11th to review them. Pack River Watershed Council meets March 15th at Blue heron with Carrie Hull presenting program on knap weed control with goats and NRCS grant opportunity.
- Tree Seedlings: Have sold 21,580 so far, with a profit of around \$2358. Tree seedlings will be delivered to the Delay farm on April 10th, distribution on the 11th.
- Forestry Contest: February newsletter done, March newsletter out this week, next meeting is April 21st. Water Festival: Matt Hall from Eco Analysts will do Water Quality station. Ag/Forestry: Farm Tour June 14th and will include Steve Wood Meats, Brian Wood crushing and hauling, Alpaca From the Heart Ranch, and Logger John Kinne.
- Rebecca Stevens with KSSWCD has resigned, and will begin work for the CdA Tribe March 13. We wish her the best.

OLD BUSINESS

Hellroaring Creek: Included in Linda's report.

Pack River 319: New Work Plan and Timeline have been submitted to DEQ. If approved, the dollars would have to be spent this year.

NASE Insurance Premium Increase: Ron Muskopf with Mid-West National contacted Linda. She is looking over 3 plans right now and will have a recommendation for the board next month.

Annual Work Plan and Budget: Linda presented the budget for FY08, and the Annual Work Plan will be finalized at the April board meeting, which will include public comment. After discussion, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to accept the FY08 budget. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Ray seconded the motion to request \$12,000 from Bonner County for funding next year, FY2007. *The motion carried.*

The spring meeting with the County Commissioners has been set for March 22nd at 3:30. Dale suggested letting the Commissioners know that the state is supposed to fund the districts by doubling the county allotments, so by the county increasing their allotment the district will receive more dollars from the state. Linda will research information on past funding. (The state allotment has been an average of 184 percent instead of 200 percent over the past 3 years: FY04 184%, FY05 186%, FY06 182%.)

NEW BUSINESS

Division I Meeting: The following people plan on attending the Division I meeting on March 9th in Bonners Ferry: Vern, Alice, Dale, Herman, Jeff, Gary, Jamie and Linda. The district will pay for 6 at \$14 each, and Jeff and Jamie will be reimbursed through NRCS and IASCD.

SCWMA: Herman led discussion on the time the district employee spends on SCWMA. Linda has been Secretary for 3 years now, and the board recommended she let the group know she will finish out this year as Secretary, still be a member, but not as secretary.

IASCD Awards: Alice reported that Billie Brown from Benewah SWCD, as Chairman of the Outreach Committee, has asked for more input from districts on award nominations. Board members should start now looking for people to be nominated for the awards given at the November 2006 IAACD conference. The awards are listed on the NACD website. Randy Polstra's name was suggested.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was reviewed, and more information was handed out on the Bioenergy Conference in Denver on March 14-16. Fairy Delay reported the opening of the exhibit on Conservation Stewards at the Maryhill Museum is March 18th through June in Goldendale, Washington. She and Ray will not attend, but their grandson from Portland will.

Our next meeting will be April 4th at 3:00 p.m.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of February, 2006 Minutes

Approval of February, 2006 Financial Report

Approval of transferring: \$500 from LGIP for LAS expenses, \$5000 from LGIP for LAS payroll, \$3319 from LGIP for WQPA Tibbetts payment; and paying \$5000 to IASCD for LAS payroll, \$400 to IASCD for 2006 dues, and \$253 to Ruth Watkins - Coordinator for Pack River Management Plan

Approval FY2008 budget

Approval of requesting \$12,000 from the County for FY2007.

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