

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2006  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Federal Building, Room 306

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD                      Jamie Davis, IASCD  
                  Vern Hollett, BSWCD                      Gary Parker, IASCD  
                  Dale Van Stone, BSWCD                      Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
                  Alice Wallace, BSWCD                      Louise Wood, Guest  
                  Greg Becker, NRCS DC

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed Louise Wood as our guest.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Alice moved to approve the October 2006 minutes as presented. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the financial records for October 2006; Alice moved they be approved. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the following bills: Daily Bee subscription \$164, Gem State Miner subscription \$30.50, NACD Membership Dues \$775, Pack River Watershed Coordinator Jessica Erickson \$236.98. *The motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reported as follows:

- He has prepared a letter to local ag producers regarding the EQIP signup deadline of November 22<sup>nd</sup> to be signed by both Greg and the district, and another letter on the Division I EQIP/WQPA additional cost-share opportunity. After reviewing the letters, Alice moved to have Herman sign the letters on behalf of the district. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Greg will send a letter to forestry landowners later. There has been a recent news release on EQIP, so the timing is good.
- Greg presented Carol Henderson's Conservation Plan for CRP, which is ready to go to FSA. Dale moved to have Herman sign the Carol Henderson Conservation Plan, Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Greg said we have already received over 10 EQIP applications.

**IASCD:** Jamie Davis reported as follows:

- Blasko's streambank restoration project was completed on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – and with the flooding today is underwater – so we'll wait and see how effective it is. Jamie thanked Dale and his crew for all their help in obtaining the willows.
- Jamie and Greg did a status review of Tibbet's Lower West Branch Priest River WQPA project.
- Attended the Tri-State meeting (which was held the same time as the Division I meeting), and gave a presentation on Lake\*A\*Syst.
- Attended Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore meeting last Friday on the marketing plan for outreach. UI is funding a graduate student to help locally for \$40,000, and the Nearshore Committee is looking for matching funds to cover travel and operational costs.
- Attended the WAG meeting held by DEQ. Many TMDL's are being developed for different tributaries of the Pack River and the main stem Pend Oreille River. Vern will be the district's contact person for the WAG.
- Was interviewed for the Milfoil Task Force – should know soon.
- The Lake\*A\*Syst BMP at Memorial Field is progressing, but need more hardwood chips.
- Met with Tony Bennett, Biff Burleigh, and Mark Hogen, ISCC, on the progress of the LWB WQPA and Jamie's work load.
- Plans to attend a milfoil meeting on Saturday where a Professor from the U of Florida and ISDA's new Invasive Species coordinator will speak.

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

- Memorial Park BMP site – Gary reviewed the progress and showed pictures of the grassy swale basins that have been constructed. Still trying to get hardwood chips.
- Has prepared a presentation on Lake\*A\*Syst for the Urban Committee meeting at state conference, and will prepare the display board with Lake\*A\*Syst materials to take.
- Was interviewed for the Milfoil Task Force. They told Gary they might only select one voting member from our office, but would like both him and Jamie to go to meetings for their input.
- Is presenting to pesticide applicators at relicensing meetings in Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Jamie is attending a milfoil meeting Saturday with Steve Holt, U of Florida Prof & ISDA's new Invasive Species Coordinator.
- Jenna has asked him to present on Lake\*A\*Syst at a DEQ meeting in Boise on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, but he probably will decline due to the travel time and money involved. Gary will ask Jenna to do the presentation since she has done this before.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare reported as follows:

- Blasko streambank restoration project was completed on Friday – thanks to Jamie for helping to spearhead this project, and to help provided by Greg, Mike, and Gary.
- Hellroaring Creek – received 1 bid that is \$22,110 over the existing funding. Chris Downs with Fish and Game is requesting additional funding through Avista. We should know in 3 weeks if it is approved. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion that if we receive the extra Avista funding, we hire Jim Woodward as the contractor. *The motion carried.*
- 319 Pack River Road Project – working on report.
- Lake\*A\*Syst: We have received the final payment from DEQ for the Drinking Water Protection grant for \$19,950, and will pay the rest of the bills this week
- Tree Seedling orders have totaled \$5052.50, expenses \$2,983.80, and profit of \$2068.70.
- Forestry Contest: preparing letter to coaches setting the date.

- SCWMA: New officers have been elected, Chairman Jeff Knetter with F&G, Vice Chairman Justin Petty with The Nature Conservancy, and Co-Secretary Brad Bluemer and Leslie Marshall with Bonner County.
- Raffle tickets available.
- Requested approval from board to pursue 319 Pre-Application for project at Northside Bridge on the Pack River – parking is needed, and something to keep vehicles out of River. Alice said the district had looked at a project there long time ago, and the county was going to furnish Port-a-potties and do the upkeep. The board gave their OK to pursue this project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Lake\*A\*Syst NRCS Grant for BMP:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to have Herman sign the extension on the NRCS grant to June 30, 2007. *The motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Oaths of Office:** Herman and Dale both signed their Oaths of Office and had them notarized.

**Cocolalla Lake 319 Pre Application:** Alice moved we support the Cocolalla Lake 319 Pre-Application to take care of algae. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

**December Meeting:** Linda and Herman will work out the details – suggested to meet on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, possibly at the Elks.

**Farm Bill Administrative Assistance Funding:** Linda received a letter from Kent, and there is still \$1,335.17 available for Bonner SWCD to be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**IASCD State Conference:** Vern moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay Linda's expenses to go to conference. *The motion carried.* Alice will be the voting delegate at conference. Linda received word that the national NRCS has established forestry acreage as a new goal, but they still need to do it at the state level. We will continue to support the resolution.

**Division I Fall Meeting:** Alice reported the meeting went well and the program was well received. We had 26 people in attendance.

Herman thanked Louise for coming and invited her to join the board. She needs to consider how much time she would have to devote to the district, but will let us know.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 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 October, 2006 Minutes

Approval of October, 2006 Financial Reports

Approval paying the following bills: Daily Bee subscription \$164, Gem State Miner subscription \$30.50, NACD Membership Dues \$775, Pack River Watershed Coordinator Jessica Erickson \$236.98

Approval of signing NRCS & District EQIP and EQIP/WQPA letters to go to ag producers

Approval of hiring Jim Woodward for Hellroaring Project if additional funding is approved

Approval of extending NRCS grant for Lake\*A\*Syst to June 30, 2007.

Approval of supporting the Cocolalla Lake 319 Pre-Application to take care of algae

Approval of paying conference expenses for Linda

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