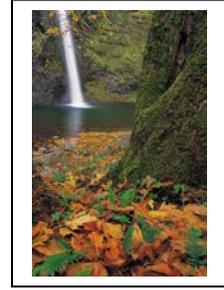


# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD                      Jamie Davis, IASCD  
                 Vern Hollett, BSWCD                      Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
                 Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
                 Greg Becker, NRCS DC

Absent: Alice Wallace, Supervisor; Ray Delay, Supervisor; Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Lang Baker, Associate; Gary Parker, IASCD

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Herman Collins. Herman welcomed Greg Becker, Sandpoint's new District Conservationist.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the September 2006 minutes as presented. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the financial records for September 2006; Vern moved they be approved. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve two \$3000 transfers from the LGIP to Panhandle State Bank and voiding check number 4486 for \$20, the fair booth deposit returned. *The motion carried.*

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker's first day in Sandpoint was yesterday – he will report next month.

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

- Pack 319 – Jamie and Gary collected willows with Dale and the county work crew, delivered them to the Pack 319 project. After Jim Woodward completed the work in his contract, Jamie and Gary raked the ground level and spread grass seed. They also took Kate Wilson there for research work on her article on the Pack River for the River Journal.
- Blasko Streambank Restoration Project: Did on-site visit with 3 contractors, and visited the site with NRCS 's Chris Hoge and Kevin Traylor and received more input on improving the design after spring runoff's effects.
- Jamie and Lisa reviewed Carol Henderson's contract, she has reapplied to EQIP to add a bridge, and to WQPA for additional funding. Mickelson and Ken Hagman have also applied for EQIP WQPA projects, and Bob Hagman met with Gary and Jamie yesterday and is going to apply for EQIP/WQPA funding for conservation on his 120 acre site in the Lower West Branch of Priest River.
- Jamie presented the board with the MOA between the District and Full Circle Design for the Tri-State mini grant for a Willow Nursery at Kootenai/Ponderay Sewer District. Full Circle

Design will cut willows, root them over the winter, and plant 1000 willows at the Kootenai/Ponderay Sewer District next spring. After reviewing the MOA, Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to sign it. *The motion carried.*

- Attended the Milfoil Task Force meeting. This Task Force has been set up separately from the Waterways Committee to deal more extensively with the milfoil situation. They are requesting letters of interest from people who would like to be members. Jamie drafted a letter for BSWCD to support her and Gary's membership. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion for Herman to sign the letter of support for their membership on the Milfoil Task Force. *The motion carried.*
- Jamie presented to the board a letter addressed to the Bonner County Planning Dept. regarding their Land Use Code Update. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion for Herman to sign the letter on behalf of the board. *The motion carried.*
- Jamie reported that the Nearshore Committee has hired a UI student for outreach, and she will be able to complement Gary's efforts on reaching landowners.
- Attended Cocolalla Lake Association land use meeting last night and will help them with agriculture land use.
- Completed NRCS Computer User Background Checks and fingerprints for NRCS computer use.

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

- Hellroaring Creek – All funding agents on board for one more year. Will advertise for bids. Rob Sampson will be here October 11<sup>th</sup> for walkthrough, final day for bids is October 25<sup>th</sup>. If acceptable bid is received, approval at November board meeting, then will order culvert.
- Pack 319 – work is completed – have started paperwork to finish grant process.
- Pack River Watershed Council met at Blue Heron September 27<sup>th</sup>. Tom Whalen from F&G covered many interesting details about fish and wildlife habitat on the Pack, and water rights and property rights. Jenna Borovanski and Ed Tulloch from DEQ reviewed the work DEQ is involved in along the Pack, and in the Pend Oreille watershed.
- Lake\*A\*Syst: The DEQ Drinking Water Protection grant for \$19,950 has been spent, and the final invoice sent for funds expended by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Gary ordered equipment to help with landowner presentations.
- IASCD Division I Meeting: Dale moved and Vern seconded to pay the registration fees of \$14 each for district members attending the Division I meeting in Coeur d'Alene on October 18<sup>th</sup>. *The motion carried.* Vern, Dale, Alice, Herman, Gary and Linda plan on attending for the district, and Greg will attend for NRCS. We will meet in the parking lot at the Federal Building at 8 am, and pick up Herman at Cocolalla around 8:15.
- Tree order forms for 2007 are complete, which include 5.5 cubic inch plugs, and new this year are 8" and 10" plugs. They have been distributed to last year's buyers, and some to IDL and the Forest Service.
- Completed NRCS Computer User Background Checks and fingerprints for NRCS computer use.
- Copies of the audit were available in the board packets.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Hellroaring Creek:** Information on a policy for bid solicitation was presented to the board. Dale moved we approve the Bid Solicitation Policy for BSWCD for contracts over \$20,000. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

**Blasko/Avista Update:** Jamie reported that we had received 3 bids for the Blasko streambank restoration project, which were all higher than the funding we have available through Avista. The cost of the manta ray anchors is so high it adds around \$10,000 to the dollar figure for the project. Linda will check with Juliet Barenti on the \$15,000 USFWS dollars left after the Granite Creek Project to see if we could use that for the Blasko project. Jamie will check on availability of willows and enough crew to get the 300 willows cut and bundled on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Linda will check with Brian Haight to see if his Boy Scouts could help. Vern moved that if all this falls into place, the district hire Tim Fitzpatrick to complete the Blasko project. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

**NRCS Forest Acreage Resolution:** After discussion and some revision, Dale moved we approve Resolution E1 to request NRCS have District Conservationists report forest acreage on EQIP projects. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* This will be presented at the Division I meeting also.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2006 IASCD Annual Conference:** Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion for Alice Wallace to be the voting delegate from our district. *The motion carried.*

**S.E.E.P or Soil and Erosion Education Program:** Jamie explained the intent of this education program for contractors and others on water quality protection, and that they are requesting funding from the Soil Conservation Commission to implement the program. Annette Duerock of the Panhandle Health District will attend the Division I meeting and ask for the backing of Division I in this project, and support their request for Soil Conservation Commission funding.

**Soil Evaluation Event 2006:** Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to donate \$35 to the 2006 Soil Evaluation Event. *The motion carried.*

**Pend Oreille River WAG Representative:** Herman asked Vern to attend this meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Federal Building and report back at the November board meeting. Jamie will also attend.

**EQIP Contract Cancellation:** After review, Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to recommend cancellation of EQIP Contract 7402113A055. *The motion carried.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 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 September, 2006 Minutes

Approval of September, 2006 Financial Reports

Approval transferring a total of \$6000 from the LGIP to PSB, and voiding Check 4486

Approval of signing MOA with Full Circle on Tri-State mini grant for Willow Nursery at Kootenai/Ponderay Sewer District

Approval of signing new MOA with the City and Full Circle Design for Memorial Field BMP Project with NRCS Grant for Lake\*A\*Syst

Approval of signing letter of support for Jamie and Gary to be members on Milfoil Task Force

Approval of signing letter Jamie composed to Planning Dept re Land Use Code Update

Approval of paying \$14 registration for members attending IASCD Division I Fall Meeting

Approval of adopting the Bid Solicitation Policy for Bonner SWCD

Approval of hiring Tim Fitzpatrick for Blasko's project if we can secure more funding from USFWS

Approval of IASCD Resolution to request NRCS include forest acreage in reporting by DCs

Approval of Alice Wallace as voting delegate at IASCD Conference.

Approval of recommending cancellation of EQIP Contract 7402113A055

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