

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2006
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Federal Building, Room 306

Attendance:	Herman Collins, BSWCD	Kim Golden, PL RC&D Coord.
	Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Jamie Davis, IASCD
	Vern Hollett, BSWCD	Gary Parker, IASCD
	Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
	Mike Gondek, NRCS Acting DC	Ed Nurmi, Associate

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

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 and welcomed Kim Golden.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

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

Dale moved to reimburse Petty Cash for \$47.07, and to approve a transfer of \$3000 from LGIP to Panhandle Bank to cover district expenses. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Acting DC Mike Gondek reported as follows:

- A total of 10 EQIP applications have been submitted and met the June 1st deadline – 3 cancelled and 2 will carryover to 2007.
- Still working on Lee Green's 80 acre WRP, he wants to graze part of it and that is not included in the permanent easement.
- Will be at training June 12-23, and Mark Addy will be Acting DC.

NRCS: Panhandle Lakes RC&D Coordinator Kim Golden updated the board on projects in Bonner County that they are involved in:

- Finding grant sources for the Food Bank to obtain a hydraulic pallet jack
- Earth Team volunteer sign-up for Forestry Contest and Pend Oreille Water Festival
- Rapid Watershed Assessment input
- Lake*A*Syst Steering Committee member and public meeting facilitator
- Grant information and networking for Robin Kuhl and Ag Tourism

- Helped Carrie Hall with NRCS Innovative Grant for knap weed control with goats
- Working with Clearwater RC&D in putting on a workshop in 2007 for Dr. Dan Barney, Idaho Extension, and his efforts in developing huckleberries into a cultivated crop
- Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Seedling program – next year will offer 10,000 8 cubic inch seedlings (5000 white pine and 5000 larch) for a slightly higher price than the regular 5 cubic inch seedlings. Also RC&D's price has been increased for seedlings with the nursery, and so our price will be increased next year with RC&D. Panhandle Lakes RC&D has also become a new member of the Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative and will have the ability to buy into a new seed nursery for larch, the Western Larch Seed Orchard
- Updating their Area Five Year Plan, and passed out questionnaires requesting any input the board would like to give.

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

- The books were delivered mid-May, and Gary was able to hand them out at the Lakes Commission meeting he spoke at on May 16th.
- Helped with Forestry Contest and Water Festival.
- May 25th attended Stormwater Erosion Education Program (SEEP) in CdA, which is a certification program to implement BMPs for contractors, builders, and realtors. Gary will actually be a presenter at their next meeting, and looks forward to both programs complimenting each other.
- Kathy Robinson, local realtor, put information on LAS in her Shoreline Publication to 500 people – we have received several calls requesting LAS information since – and she has asked Gary to speak at their next realtors meeting.
- We were informed by Lance Holloway that the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission is granting us an additional \$15,000 to cover Gary's salary and BMP's for further LAS work. Vern moved to sign the MOU with a 15% administration fee. Dale seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the \$30 registration out of Lake*A*Syst for Gary to attend the erosion meeting in CdA on June 15th. and also he be allowed to attend the Commission Employee's meeting on June 14th. The motion carried.

IASCD: Jamie Davis' written report was read (Jamie was surveying at Hellroaring Creek):

- Completed 2nd half of NRCS Basic Engineering Skills training – working on pond design in Boundary Co. to submit for engineering project
- Forestry Contest: news releases before and after contest, Daily Bee and Q6TV reporters there
- Attended lakes Commission meeting
- Water Festival: Classroom presentation, Setup, and Watershed presentations May 18-10
- Attended Clark Fork WAG meeting
- Site Visit on Lower West Branch Priest River WQPA with NRCS Area Engineer for cattle feeding area berm and livestock watering facilities
- Pack River 319 site showing with NRCS Area Engineer and 2 contractors – expending at least one bid by end of June – requesting Dale's help with willow bundles.

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

- Hellroaring Creek – Rob Sampson is here doing final survey work, hope to have design drafts to USFWS and Avista in 10 days for review.
- SCWMA - Weed Day #2 is June 17th on Bio-controls at Extension.
- Pack River Watershed Council – float trip June 10th, Ruth continues to work on the Plan

- Forestry Contest – We did not receive the Idaho Community Foundation grant for clinometers, but may have around \$388 after expenses to put in savings account to help toward \$1040.96 deducted for clinometer bill. Contest went well other than last-minute registration no-shows. Final newsletter sent, certificates to schools signed and mailed, final inventory taken. Linda's hours totaled 212 since September 1st. Dale moved to transfer funds from the Forestry Contest to cover Linda's hours for a total of \$2438. Alice seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*
- Water Festival went well, other than IDL fire crew was pre-arranged to help set up and take down tents. They were called out on fires both days and unable to help.
- Ag/Forestry Farm Tour – June 13th, registration \$20 and due by June 9th. Alice moved to pay registration for anyone attending. Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*
- Gary & Linda taught Tree ID in Oldtown to 32 6th graders – very polite and attentive.
- EQIP-WQPA Training for Division I scheduled for June 16th in Coeur d'Alene from 8-noon. Dale moved to pay Linda's expenses to attend the training. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

WQPA/EQIP Grant from ISCC: will be in CdA May 9th at 1:00 to have contract with Division I signed. Alice, Herman and Gary attended the May 9th contract signing in Sandpoint for Division I WQPA/EQIP. Also in attendance were Jerry Nicolescu, Biff Burleigh, Mark Addy, Mark Hogan, Chuck Jackson, Kathy Morris, and Rene Riddle.

Pack River 319: Covered in Jamie's report.

Forestry Contest and Water Festival: Covered in Linda's report.

NEW BUSINESS

Avista Contract for Blasko: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the Avista contract for Blasko's streambank project for \$25,150, including \$1350 for admin fees for BSWCD. *The motion carried.*

Support Letter for Forest Legacy Program: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the support letter for Jim and Virginia Wood's application for the Forest Legacy program. *The motion carried.*

The issues of the district resolution on NRCS counting forest acreage in DC reporting and also the district becoming tax exempt were postponed until the next meeting.

Priest River Chamber Dues: Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the \$25 dues for membership with the Priest River Chamber. *The motion carried.*

Milfoil Grant: The board will address the possibility of administering a grant for milfoil treatment on smaller lakes in Bonner County after Alice receives more information.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was reviewed.

Our next meeting will be July 11th at 4:00 p.m. at Herman's. Turn off Cocolalla Loop Road left on Lakeview – go straight to Terrace Drive. Linda will contact everyone regarding food.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of May, 2006 Minutes

Approval of May, 2006 Financial Report

Approval of transferring: \$3000 from LGIP to Panhandle checking account for district expenses; and approval of reimbursing Petty Cash \$47.07

Approval of signing the MOU with the ISCC for \$15,000 Lake*A*Syst dollars, including a 15% administration fee

Approval of paying Gary's \$30 registration fee out of Lake*A*Syst for CdA Erosion Meeting

Approval of transfer \$2438 from Forestry Contest to BSWCD to cover 212 hours Linda worked on Forestry Contest

Approval of paying Linda's expenses to attend EQIP-WQPA training in CdA on June 16th

Approval of signing the Avista contract for Blasko's streambank project for \$25,150, including \$1350 for admin fees for BSWCD

Approval of support letter for Jim and Virginia Wood's Forest Legacy application

Approval of paying \$25 dues for Priest River Chamber membership

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