Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

# Date: Tuesday, August 6th, 2019

# Time: 1:00 pm Meeting

Place: 1224 Washington Ave. Suite 101, Sandpoint, ID

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS Jennifer Jensen, U of I

 Terry McGuirk, BSWCD Molly McCahon, POBC

 Alice Wallace, BSWCD Jessica Erikson, PRWC

John Gaddess, BSWCD Sarah Garcia, BSWCD

Absent: Jim Stevens, Chase Youngdahl,

The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

**Approval of Minutes:** Harry moved, seconded by Terry, to approve the July 2019 minutes with a correction showing Harry as absent from the July meeting, *the motion carried.*

**Financial Report:** Alice moved, and Terry seconded, the motion to approve the June and July financials, *the motion carried.*

1. Alice moved, and Terry seconded, the motion to pay the 2020 IASCD annual dues of $1,800, *the motion carried.*
2. Alice moved, Harry seconded, the motion for chairmen Van Stone to obtain a debit card on the Districts behalf for 6 months to allow for purchases requiring a higher credit limit than our current credit card limit, in addition the Board instructed Sarah to further research credit card options. *the motion carried.*

**Executive Session:** Dale called for an Executive Session, seconded by Alice. The four board members present entered Executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (b).

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Boat Station Report:**  Glenn was unable to attend the Board meeting but provided a written boat station update. *Attached.*

**Tree Seedling Program:** John Gaddess, updated the board on the PSP Board meeting that took place in the morning prior to the Board meeting. John provided seedling inventory updates for both 2020 & 2021 sales. 65,000 of our seedlings for 2021 seedlings will be grown by North Idaho evergreen in Deary the remaining balance to be grown by K&C Silviculture B.C.

**Bonner County Fair Aug. 21-24:** The board was provided with the fair booth map information and reminded that there was an opportunity for any who wanted to man the booth. Board members indicated they would notify Sarah of their availability as the fair got closer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SWCC Match Report:** The Board was presented with the FY19 financial match documents to review. Our FY19 Match reflected Bonner Counties support of $12,500. Harry moved, and Alice seconded the motion to approve the Financial Match document to be sent to ISWCC, *the motion carried.*

**Division 1 Fall Meeting:** Sarah informed the board that the Division I Fall meeting was scheduled to be held on Friday October 18th in Benewah County. Additional details will be provided when received.

**State Conference:** The IASCD annual conference will be held in Boise on November 12-15th. No additional details have been released yet but Sarah will inform the board as registration documents are received.

 **Civil Rights / EEO:** There were no updates to Civil Rights/EEO.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Greg Becker:** Greg informed the board that the Reynolds wetlands restoration agreement is about to close. This agreement that the District and NRCS among others are a part of has been pending while the location moved into an easement program. Approx. 10 faux beaver dams will be installed after the wetland permit application is completed and approved. Terry moved, Alice seconded the motion for the District to pay the filing fees for the Reynolds Faux Beaver Dam Project, *the motion carried.*

 Greg updated that an additional project has been identified at the confluence between Pack River/Grouse creek. This project will utilize the balance of the Fish & Wildlife Service/ Hickson Project. The E. Spring Creek/319 grant is on track with paving scheduled for the third week of August. Between Sept-Nov. 10-15k willows will be installed between the Clark Fork Delta, Spring Creek, Lightning Creek, and Reynolds projects.

**Lakes Commission Molly McCahon:** Molly updated the board on a fish survey project she was participating in on Priest River headed by the US Geological Service & the Kalispell tribe. They are documenting species, temperature, and invertebrates. Molly also update on recent & upcoming meetings and public hearings regarding thoroughfare, break water, and dredging. Molly also indicated that due to construction at the Cabinet Gorge Dam we are seeing low/sporadic flows. The next Lakes Commission meeting will be either September 27th or October 4th. Trout & About will be held Saturday August 31st from 11a-3pm at matchwood brewing.

**U of I Jennifer Jensen:**  Jennifer updated the board on a successful spotted knapweed bio-control workshop that recently took place at the Organic Ag Center. August 13th James Woodahl will be presenting an informational lecture on White Root Allyums how to identify and remove. August 17th U of I will be participating in the Sandpoint Farmers Market Kids Day.

**PRWC Jessica Erickson:** Jessica recently received the Caribou/Hell Roaring assessment reports, she is currently reviewing. The reports identify areas recommended as easement opportunities as well as prioritized project items. Upper PR/McCormick Creek assessment is in progress. After receiving multiple proposals Geo Engineers was selected due to the thorough nature of their previous work with PRWC and good working relationship. An upcoming kick off meeting is scheduled and will include Bill Love of Trout Unlimited. McCormick is a west slope trout habitat and the goal is to identify areas to enhance/improve Bull Trout habitat opportunities. In addition Jessica has been assisting Greg closely with the Hickson project.

**Bonner SWCD by Sarah Garcia:** Sarah updated the Board on the highlights of the Forestry Short course that she completed in July. In addition Sarah informed the Board of her visit to the Albeni boat station in Mid-July to observe the Waterkeepers field trip & interactive event hosted by ISDA’s Kim Holzer and her team that included a tour of the inspection station and presentation by Glenn on how our inspections are completed on Watercraft. Sarah informed the Board the right of way has been cleared for the ongoing 319 project and as indicated by Greg that paving work is scheduled. Sarah gave the board an overview of the Streambank erosion site visits completed in Priest Lake/Dufort area as well as the High Tunnel EQIP site visits she has completed with NRCS in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.

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District Supervisor Signature Date

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