

Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: UI Extension
(4205 N. Boyer Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864)
Zoom info at bottom of agenda

Attendance

Board members: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Chris Elliot, BSWCD; Jim Stevens, BSWCD

Others: Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Julie Lakatos, BSWCD; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Austin Terrell, GOSC

A quorum is present.

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

1. Call to Order - 1:04 pm
 - a. *Action Item:* ~~October~~ ^{November} 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: Harry Second: Jeff
Motion carried
 - b. *Action Item: Financial Reports*
Motion to approve November 2024 Financial Reports: Rick Second: Jeff
Motion carried
 - i. Audit (signature only needed)
2. Agency/Grant & Guest Reports
 - a. **AIS/Boat Stations** - closing out season; have unexpended funds ~ 10K after worker's comp/ICRMP, etc.
 - b. **GOSC -Austin Terrell:** possible HB592 bill wolf/grizzly conflict funding program - \$225K: \$150K for compensation for losses and \$75K for prevention; money is through ISDA then GOSC; 4/10 producers interested for fencing, limit of \$6K per producer. Goal is to spend all \$75K for bears in Bonner and Boundary counties. 50-50 cost-share program-spend it before June 30. New bear education trailer for Priest Lake area on waste management. Outreach is with Fish & Game - 43 events, 4500 people, 236 cans of spray handed out, 53 gallons of cider, various outings, etc.
 - c. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report** – **Cindy Lewis:** returning from 120 days Wyoming detail. Working on how to log large tracks.
 - d. **Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC)** – **Jenna Ditzel:** See written report from Jenna.
 - e. **Water Festival - Gail:** had a kick-off meeting. May dates for 2025 Water Festival are May 14th (Wed.) and 15 (Thurs.) with set up on 13th (Tues.).



3. District Business

- a. **Action Item:** Dalke Storage renewal 2025. Pricing is comparable to others. Molly pays ¼ of that. Admin for Lakes Commission covers the cost of that. Motion to approve renewal for Dalke storage units: Jeff Second: Rick Motion carried.
- b. **IASCD Conference Recap** - Jeff compared last year's event to this year and noted most conversation was about southern Idaho. IASCD discussed the Forest Contest and that was it. Discussed voting and how other Division I districts did not vote along with how they said they would at the Division meeting. Made suggestion to 1- do not continue with IASCD membership, or 2- need someone to speak for us as a Division rep. Julie reviewed pictures of conference and tours.
- c. **Action Item:** Legislative Social & Display Day - discussed meeting with ISDA after meeting with legislators to discuss AIS and impacts. Motion to approve Sarah and Julie to attend Jan. 20, 2025 Legislative Social & Display Day with plane fare and hotel stay: Harry Second: Rick Motion carried.
- d. **Action Item:** AIS Correspondence - 2025 MOU Needs - Motion to approve Sarah to represent at ISDA: Rick Second: Jeff Motion carried.
- e. Year End Appreciation Dinner & Meeting - Dec. 11th
 - i. **Action Item:** Motion to approve year-end bonuses: Chris Second: Rick Motion carried.
 - 1. Jessica - \$150
 - 2. Molly - \$150
 - 3. Gail - \$150
 - 4. Sarah - \$200
 - 5. Julie - \$150
- f. Performance Report - To be presented at Appreciation Dinner.

4. District Update

- a. BSWCD Report: Sarah Garcia
 - i. Grant updates:
 - 1. Upper Pack River 319 - Ranked 1st throughout state. July will get a letter of approval. Site visit on Thursday, Dec. 5th with Bill and other partner agencies. Received update drawings from Bill.
 - 2. Kitchen grant (RBDG) - Floor is complete, equipment is installed. Open House will be in late January 2025. Kitchen was mentioned 8 times at the Food Summit. Last step is signage. May do a press release for Open House.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chris, seconded by Harry. Meeting adjourned at 2:46pm.

Minutes submitted by Julie Lakatos, District Administrator.

Gale Van Stone
District Supervisor Signature

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