

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: April 4, 2017  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

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### Attendance:

Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Brad Shelton, SWC
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Amanda Abajian, BSWCD
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS	Guest: Brad Bluemer
Molly McCahon, LAS/POBC	Guest: Eric Grace, Kaniksu Land Trust

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Herman Collins, BSWCD; Erin Mader, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairwoman Alice Wallace. Alice welcomed Eric Grace from Kaniksu Land Trust who spoke regarding the efforts of the Kaniksu Land Trust as a 501c3 with easements and trusts to help protect our natural resources. Protected land can be donated or purchased. Kaniksu Land Trust also provides opportunities for education and actual experiences to become connected.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dale moved, seconded by Harry, to approve the March 2017 minutes, *the motion carried.*

**Financial Report:** Alice reviewed the March financials and recommended approval. Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the March financials, *the motion carried.* The CD at Horizon is due for renewal on April 19<sup>th</sup>; Alice will complete the paperwork to renew it. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve of transferring \$20,000 from the LGIP to checking, *the motion carried.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**F3t – Fly Fishing Film Tour:** Held on Saturday, March 25 to a packed house, the fundraiser for Pend Oreille Water Festival and Trout Unlimited was very successful. Raffle ticket sales were higher than usual with the introduction of an arms' length ~ and the prizes offered by North 40 were top of the line. Final figures will be available at the next board meeting.

**Tree Seedlings:** The seedlings will be picked up April 5<sup>th</sup> south of Coeur d'Alene with the U-Haul truck we are renting, unloaded at the Delay Farm, and sorted for pick up the next day. We have sold 96,345 seedlings this year.

**Division I Meeting:** The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room in Columbia Bank. Senator Keough will give an update on the 2017 legislative session. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay registration for those attending, *the motion carried.* Planning on attending at this time are Alice, Harry, Molly, Brad, Amanda, Greg and Linda. The board reviewed the options for tree program guidelines again, and the board still believes the trees should all be available for sale on a first come first served basis as they are now.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting with County Commissioners:** Dale, Harry, Alice, Molly, Greg, Amanda and Linda will attend the Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Commissioners at 10 am. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to request \$10,500 for our FY2018 funding, *the motion carried.*

**Boat Inspection 2017 MOU and Hiring Schedule:** Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve hiring George Thornton, Dan Buttrey, and Judy Morgan as new boat inspection attendants for the 2017 season, *the motion carried.* Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign the new MOA with Samuels Station for locating our boat inspection station there in 2017, *the motion carried.*

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Idaho State Forestry Contest:** Plans are going well for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Forestry Contest. Compasses, clinometers, logger tapes and measuring sticks have been order for school training kits with funding from NRCS. New banners and station signs have been ordered with funding from the Larry Fryberg Memorial.

**Pend Oreille Water Festival:** Set up will be Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> for the May 18 and 19 Festival. Coordinator Gail Bolin has most of the instructors confirmed, and in-class instruction starts April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PERSI:** Linda had emailed information on PERSI to each board member and it was reviewed at the meeting. Molly suggested contacting a PERSI representative to speak on PERSI at a board meeting to help answer questions. Linda will contact someone.

**ICRMP Training:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay registration for Alice and Amanda to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> ICRMP training in Moscow, *the motion carried.*

**Civil Rights/EEO:** Greg reported NRCS in Sandpoint is scheduled for a QAR (Quality Assurance Review) May 2-4, 2017. The board will address the two areas requested including 1) review posters on the information board and sign your name verifying this, and 2) review of the Cooperative Agreement for your approval. Greg will email the Agreement between districts and NRCS to the board and Amanda and Linda, respond to the email by April 15<sup>th</sup> if you have any questions.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**POBC & LAS by Molly McCahon:** 1) Molly reported they won't be doing a flowering rush pull on Earth Day this year because the lake has already risen above the flowering rush – it is 5 feet higher than this time last year. 2) “Avoid the Shore and Ride the Core” is the theme chosen to educate the public about erosion of the shoreline due to causing wake too close to shore. 3) Molly hired an Arranger for the AIS education/activity book for children and shared some of the artwork with the board. 4) Completing the Dover Annual Plan alerted the council to septic tank issues they are looking into.

**UI Extension:** Jennifer reported: 1) April 19<sup>th</sup> is Weed Education Workshop for 3 pesticide recertification credits. 2) UI Property – The Dean of UI visited the site for the first time, and Cassie presented information on growing hazel nut trees there, but the Dean is not ready to commit to anything yet. A new well needs to be dug and the weeds controlled.

**Bonner SWCD by Linda O'Hare:** Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

**Brad Shelton:** Brad has attended the different board meetings now in Division I, and was able to help with tree distribution at Wolf Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

### **Recap of Motions:**

Approval of March minutes

Approval of March financial reports: and approval of transferring \$20,000 from LGIP to checking

Approval of paying registration for those attending the Division I meeting

Approval of requesting \$10,500 from the County for FY2018

Approval of hiring 3 new boat inspection attendants

Approval of paying registration for Amanda and Alice to attend ICRMP training May 4<sup>th</sup>

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