

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, October 3 2017  
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

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### Attendance:

Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Amanda Abajian, BSWCD
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Herman Collins, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, POBC
	Jennifer Jensen, U of I

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Jessica Erikson, PRWC  
Guest: Terry McGuirk

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 by Chairwoman Alice Wallace.

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

**Financial Report:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the September financials at the November meeting, *the motion carried.*

**IASCD Door Prizes Donation:** Harry moved, and Dale seconded the motion to send a \$25.00 donation to IASCD for State Conference door prizes, *the motion carried.*

**NACD Membership Dues:** Dale moved, and Harry seconded the motion to pay \$775.00 for the gold membership with the National Association of Conservation Districts, *the motion carried.*

### OLD BUSINESS

**Boat Inspection Stations 2017/2018:** Linda presented to the board her 2018 Boat Inspection Station Options Report and that she recently had a conversation with Nicholas Zerfluh regarding possible changes for boat inspection stations for the 2018 season. Linda's report includes her recommendation of providing a raise to returning employees for the upcoming season. The report includes a breakdown of the cost to offer either a \$.25/hour raise or a \$.50/hour raise to returning employees only. The board agreed this can only be offered if the new contract and budget allows for it. Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to offer the returning boat inspection employees a \$.50/hour raise based on the new 2018 ISDA contract, and if additional funding is approved, *the motion carried.*

Nicholas Zerfluh presented Linda with three different options for changes; 1. Do we want to extend hours from dawn to dusk to dawn to midnight? 2, 3, or 7 days a week? ISDA would provide lighting and security officer from 9 to midnight. 2. Do we want to extend the start date on the inspection season from 1 week before Memorial Weekend to May 1<sup>st</sup>? 3. Do we want to extend the end date from Labor Day to 2 more weeks in September? After reviewing the report created by Linda and discussion on the topic the board agreed it would not serve our area to extend our operating hours till midnight. Herman moved and Harry seconded the decision to opt to extend the boat inspection season to open May 1<sup>st</sup> and close September 20<sup>th</sup> adding an additional 5 weeks to the season if the contract budget allows, *the motion carried.*

Amanda presented to the board that the ISDA is holding a meeting in Boise on October 25<sup>th</sup> for boat inspection station contractors to come and present ideas and recommendations for the upcoming 2018 season to help create new contracts. Herman moved and Dale seconded paying for all expenses for Amanda and Linda to attend ISDA contractor meeting in Boise, *the motion carried.*

**Purchased New QuickBooks for District:** Amanda presented to the board that after speaking with Leonard Schulte and Mary-Claude it was decided to purchase the desktop version of QuickBooks due to negative feedback in regards to the online version. Mary-Claude provided a discounted order form for the 2018 Desktop Pro version of QuickBooks which was then purchased and installed on the district laptop. The new QuickBooks is running smoothly and is a wonderful upgrade!

**IFOA Tree Sale Meeting:** Amanda presented to the board that the fall IFOA Tree Sale Meeting will take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Coeur d'Alene.

**Schweitzer Creek 319 Possibility:** Greg presented that Don Drum with Bonner County Road and Bridge approached our office to see if we would be interested in partnering on repairing Schweitzer Creek. Greg visited the site with Matt Moulder to review options for future projects, but no final decisions have been made at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**319 BAG Presentation Practice Run:** Amanda and Greg presented their East Spring Creek Road/Lightning Creek Breach PowerPoint presentation to the board for feedback. Final presentation will be given to the BAG on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Coeur d'Alene.

**Local Work Group Meeting:** The annual Local Work Group meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am at the new Multi-Use Facility Building in Sagle.

**Division I Fall Meeting:** Fall meeting at the Coeur D'Alene Casino on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at the office at 7:45 to carpool to Coeur D'Alene.

**State Conference:** Amanda presented to the board that State Conference will be at the Riverside Hotel in Boise on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Amanda and Cassie Tauber plan on attending the conference to represent BSWCD, and Molly McCahon from The Lakes Commission expressed her interest in attending the conference as well. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to cover all expenses for Cassie, Molly and Amanda to attend State Conference in Boise, *the motion carried.*

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

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Greg Becker:** Greg reported 1) October 13<sup>th</sup> is deadline for cost share signups. 2) Working through active contracts efficiently. 106 contracts were active between both Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry offices in September, now down to low 80s in mid-October. 3) Mike Reynolds wetland restoration easement was obligated

**POBC & LAS Molly McCahon:** Molly McCahon reported: 1) Held summer Lakes Commission Meeting Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 2) Booth at Trout and About 3) Planning for October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting: LPO Fishery Update – F&G, Columbia River Treaty Update – Northwest Power and Conservation Council, BNSF/Montana Rail/UP Railroad updates, County Emergency Response Spill Drill update – Bob Howard. 4) Worked with IDEQ to help Priest River with Source Water Protection outreach 5) Kate Wilson hired with MDNR in AIS section. She will be sitting on Lakes Commission as ex-officio now. 6) Lake Pend Oreille Boaters Guide – updating and printing 10,000 new copies. 7) AIS workshop for WALPA conference Oct 11<sup>th</sup> in Spokane

**U of I Extension Jennifer Jensen:** Jennifer reported 1) Thanked Greg Becker for his help and support with the farm workshop. 2) The Women in Agriculture Conference put on by WSU is coming up and they will have the webinar with speakers' setup at the extension office. 3) Another fair board meeting is coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup> where they will be discussing the option of having a shorter fair week with longer fair days.

**Bonner SWCD by Amanda Abajian:** Amanda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

Approval of September minutes

Approval of reviewing September financials at November meeting

Approval of donating \$25.00 to IASCD for State Conference door prizes

Approval of paying \$775.00 to NACD for annual Gold Membership Dues

Approval of offering returning boat inspector employees \$0.50/hr raise for 2018 if contract amount allows

Approval of extending boat inspection season to open May 1<sup>st</sup> and close September 20<sup>th</sup> if budget allows

Approval of paying all expenses for Amanda and Linda to attend ISDA contractor meeting in Boise

Approval of paying for all expenses for Cassie, Amanda and Molly to attend IASCD State Conference in November