

# Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Tuesday, January 7, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm Meeting  
**Place:** UI Extension  
(4205 N. Boyer Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864)  
*Zoom info at bottom of agenda*

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## Attendance

*Board members:* Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Chris Elliot, BSWCD. (Rick absent)

*Others:* Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Julie Lakatos, BSWCD; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Austin Terrell, GOSC; Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension; Jenna Ditzel, SWCC; Megan Parnell, Farm Bureau.

*via Zoom:* Jim Stevens, BSWCD, Bill Lilibridge, SWCC;

A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

### 1. Call to Order - 1:00 pm

a. **Action Item: December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: Jeff Second: Harry  
Motion carried

b. **Action Item: November Financial Reports**

Motion to approve November 2024 Financial Reports: Harry Second: Jeff  
Motion carried

c. **Action Item: Oath of Office and Election of Officers**

Motion to approve Jeff, Harry and Rick as board members. Oath read and officers sworn in. Jeff - Vice Chair, Rick - Treasurer, and Harry - board member, all for four year term: Chris Second: Jeff Motion carried

### 2. Agency/Grant & Guest Reports

- a. **Farm Bureau** - Young Rancher Program about agriculture; speech contest - Jan. 22nd at UI Ext for students.
- b. **GOSC -Austin Terrell:** HB592 bill wolf/grizzly program working with thee agencies; have 3 producers for fencing; guard dog program - producers could purchase for their land (can be for any type livestock needed to protect)- \$75K for FY: \$25K fencing, \$55K left over; new education trailer - custom design, ready in Feb. In 2024, 4600 contacts throughout the state for their office. Funding available for new bear traps or other grizzly interaction.
- c. **Lakes Commission - Molly McCahon:** LC public meeting moved to Friday, Jan. 10th from Thursday due to Day of Mourning.
- d. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report – Cindy Lewis:** Working on eligibility and ranking. Higher number of rejections of applications



due to no paperwork turned in. Based on previous year's efforts vs. cancellations. Staff to focus on technical skills/knowledge. State Conservationist still an interim position. Changing payment review process, currently 3-5 days to process to 2 weeks to for clients to receive payment.

- e. **Pack River Watershed Council - Jessica Erickson:** Newsletter sent out and posted on website. Management addendum extended through March.
- f. **Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) – Jenna Ditzel:** Commission encourages engaging with legislators at Legislative Day in Boise. She has completed an acronym list. Working on Upper Pack permitting. Corps is allowed to go without a Biological Analysis (BA). March 31st 5-Year Plan due.
- g. **UI Extension - Jen Jensen:** More programs available this semester. Tapping Maples for Syrup (free course), Beef Cattle QA, New Educator (for crops), etc. New Ag Center educator starts in May. Farm Tour meeting Jan. 14th.
- h. **Water Festival - Gail:** Water Festival are May 14th (Wed.) and 15 (Thurs.) with set up on 13th (Tues.).

### 3. District Business

- a. **PSP Meeting Jan 9th:** Have enough in sustaining funds from previous 5 years of growth; don't need to purchase seed for a while. Sustaining fund attached to every seedling sold. Cost goes up every year. Operating costs and seed costs have not been refunded, grow costs have. BSWCD fronts 100% for other districts May through Oct.
- b. **Legislative Social & Display/ISDA meeting - Boise Jan. 20th & 21st.** Sarah and Julie to represent BSWCD.

### 4. District Update

- a. BSWCD Report: Sarah Garcia
  - i. Grant updates:
    - 1. **Source Water 319** - presentation of materials produced; closed out grant; \$13K used.
    - 2. Kitchen grant (RBDG) - POSFI Open House: Saturday, Jan. 18th 10am-2pm.

### 5. Executive Session

Jeff moved into Executive Session per Idaho Code #74-206(b) at 2:30pm, Seconded by: Harry. Roll call vote: Dale Van Stone (Y), Jeff Connolly (Y), Harry Menser (Y), Chris Elliott (Y), John Gaddess (Y).

Chris moved to exit the Executive Session seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

Minutes submitted by Julie Lakatos, District Administrator.

Dale Van Stone  
District Supervisor Signature

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