

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: November 4, 2014  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101



### Attendance:

Herman Collins, BSWCD	Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, LAS/POBC
Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Brad Bluemer, Bonner County Weeds
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, Associate	

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Erin Mader, POBC

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 1:30.

### Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the October minutes; Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

### Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the October financial report and moved it be approved. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried*. Alice moved to approve paying the \$775 NACD dues; Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

## AGENCY REPORTS

### NRCS by Greg Becker:

- Local Work Group meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> was very successful with 22 people in attendance. Greg reported on it at the Division Meeting, and has sent out a summary of the ranking questions.
- Deadline for Farm Bill program applications is November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Wetland Reserve Program – The wetland project near Spirit Lake is going very well. The 24" pipeline may be finished this fall.
- Clark Fork Delta Project: Plans are going well for the gathering of 10,000 willows next week on November 12-14 for delivery to the Clark Fork Delta project. Herman, Dale, and Harry volunteered to help, and Dale and Harry will bring pickups, mileage will be paid by the board.

Lake Assist and POBC by Molly McCahon: Molly reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes, and includes:

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> public meeting for comment on the lake level management plan had 157 signed in participants, but probably close to 200 people attended. The overwhelming request was for a longer summer pool. BPA announced at the beginning of the meeting that they were taking the Kalispell MOA agreement part on early withdrawal of water in August and September totally out of the MOA. They plan to go down every year to the low of 2051, and with the state accepting the \$3million mitigation funds for the Clark Fork Delta project they agreed to accept for 5 years whatever is decided for lake level. The POBC board will have a meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> to make a recommendation regarding the public hearing comments.
- Flower Rush: Two digs were scheduled – at Dover the flowering rush is on either side of the boat launch, but no volunteers showed up. It is on private property, so before the County could help with the pulling they would need legal authorization. The other dig was scheduled for City Beach and 11 people volunteered, 5 from the City crew. With the drawdown earlier this year there appeared to be more weeds than were anticipated.

- The October 18<sup>th</sup> planting on the Pend Oreille Bay Trail of native plants was very successful. It rained heavily that day so no watering was need. Most of the high school cross country team helped the Eagle Scout in charge of this project, so the volunteers were great.
- The Bonner County Real Estate Class is November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Molly is going to investigate having a column every 2 months on “Pollution Solutions”.

**Bonner County Weeds by Brad Bluemer:** He is experimenting on test plots for aquatic weed control of flowering rush, and has seen evidence of success. After 2 or 3 applications, a large number of plants were killed, and the few that survived were smaller and damaged. ACE wants to be a partner, and in the spring will help financially. It has cost only \$35 an acre to treat with Polaris, so is very inexpensive treating it in the fall after the lake has gone down and the flowering rush is exposed.

**UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen:** UI Extension is hosting a class on pesticide recertification on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the fairgrounds from 8:30 until noon for applicators. The class is \$5, and 3 credits.

**BSWCD by Linda O’Hare:** Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

- There has been no further news on the Clark Fork site for a boat inspection station in 2015. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Linda contact Tom Woolf regarding having the specific details of that site to present by the December 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting so the board can make the plans for next season. *The motion carried.* If the board does not have the information at that time they may not consider adding another site.
- A portable printer, copier, scanner was purchased at a cost of \$79.99 – half the cost was designated to POBC, half to the district.
- 61,675 tree seedlings have been sold so far for Bonner County.
- Discussion was held on funding the LAS position for another year. Linda will prepare a financial data sheet for the board to review and make a decision at the December meeting regarding funding projects including LAS.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**IASC State Conference in Lewiston, Nov. 16-19:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Harry Menser be the voting delegate at state conference, with Herman as backup, *the motion carried.* Herman, Dale, Harry, and Linda will be attending conference from the district, Greg will attend from NRCS. Short discussion was held on the SWC/IASC Training on social media; Herman, Harry and Linda may attend.

**UI Bonner County Streambank Project Tour** – The class titled “Restoring Idaho Streams” is set for August 14, 2015, with the morning discussion on forest stream restoration principles and resources being held at the Ponderay Event Center, then going into the field in the afternoon to look at some of the conservation district projects and the Willow Nursery.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SWC Performance Report for FY2014:** A draft of this report was shared with the board for review before the December meeting, when it will be finalized. The due date is December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Avista Funding Request for Pack River Watershed Council:** A draft of the funding request letter was shared with the board, and ideas were discussed on increasing the participation of watershed council members. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to request funding for the next year, *the motion carried.* Cassie, Herman, Greg, Molly and Linda will meet with Jessica regarding the work plan for 2015.

**December Meetings:** The board will hold their regular meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the office. The Christmas meeting will be held December 9<sup>th</sup> at Trinity at City Beach. Linda will send out the information on the Christmas meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

Approval of October minutes

Approval of October financial report

Approval of paying \$775 NACD dues

Approval of December 2<sup>nd</sup> as a deadline for Clark Fork boat inspection station information

Approval of Harry Menser as voting delegate at state conference

Approval of requesting funding from Avista for the Pack River Watershed Council

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