

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



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

Attendance:

Herman Collins, BSWCD	Erin Mader, POBC
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD	
Greg Becker, NRCS	
Molly McCahon, LAS	

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Vern Hollett, Associate; Fairy Delay, Associate

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 1:35.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the June financial reports and recommended they be approved. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the June financial reports as well as 2 transfers - the \$10,000 POBC fund transfer from LGIP to PSB, and the \$704 Forestry Contest fund transfer from LGIP to PSB, *the motion carried*.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker:

- This is the first year since Greg has been here that our County did not receive full funding for NRCS applications. Farm Bill funding is down, and contract applications were up. 21 contracts were approved and funded in Bonner County. There are also 2 CSP applications that will be submitted by the end of the month.
- Greg is working on Bonner County's first Forest Health Reserve contract up Rapid Lighting Creek for around 360 acres. Greg also has a WRP that the work will start on in August.
- Herman reviewed and signed all the conservation plans last week. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the plans, *the motion carried*.

Lake Assist by Molly McCahon:

- Priest River Source Water Protection Grant: Molly updated the board on the workshop held last Friday that included a tour of a garden with native plants, as well as the tour of the city landfill that has been turned into a Park. Betsy Hull from ACE spoke on aquatic invasive species, Clare Marley, County Planner, spoke on regulations around water, and Molly spoke on vegetative buffers. The final report and invoice for this grant have been completed.
- Dover/Laclede Source Water Protection Grant: The final report and invoice have been completed and submitted.
- IDEQ Grant for Marina training regarding fuel spills: Molly has been working with the fire department and Bonner County Emergency Services to find out more about the emergency procedures involved in fuel spill cleanup. A barge sunk in the Pend Oreille River last week and she is research the details on that cleanup. A result of this research may lead to directing the supplies for spills being purchased through extra funding going to emergency services instead of the individual marinas.

POBC by Erin Mader:

- Erin will be on maternity leave starting the 1st of September and is making arrangements for Molly to take over some of her responsibilities. Erin reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes. Other topics covered included:

- After a discussion on the unused side tarps for the Water Festival canopies, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to list 8 of them on Craig's List at \$20 for the 20 x 8ft sides and \$10 for the 10 x 8ft sides, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Farm Tour: Herman reported this year's Farm Tour was the best he has attended.

Audit: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve Leonard Schulte as our auditor for FY2014 at an amount not to exceed \$3000, the motion carried.

SWC Survey: Herman completed and submitted the SWC Survey.

IFOA MOU: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the MOU between IFOA and Bonner SWCD, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Seedling Prices on Plug + 1's: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to increase the prices on all 4 species of Plug + 1's by 5 cents to accommodate the increase by Silvaseed Nursery and in turn IFOA, the motion carried.

Water Festival Wrap Up Meeting: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay Herman for the lunch meeting expenses for the Water Festival Wrap Up Meeting for \$66.18, the motion carried.

No August Meeting, Emergency Business: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve Herman making any emergency decisions in the next two months before the September 9th board meeting, the motion carried.

POBC Raises: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve Erin Mader's raise from \$20/hour to \$22/hour through Pend Oreille Basin Commission funding, to approve raising Molly's hourly rate with the Pend Oreille Basin Commission funding from \$15/hr to \$20/hr., and to approve the FY2015 Letter of Agreement between Bonner SWCD and POBC, the motion carried. Erin will submit the FY2015 Letter of Agreement between Bonner SWCD and POBC it at her POBC June 24th meeting for signature.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of Junel minutes

Approval of June financial reports and 2 LGIP transfers

Approval of NRCS conservation plans

Approval of selling tarps not used by Water Festival

Approval of Leonard Schulte as auditor not to exceed \$3000

Approval of MOU between IFOA and Bonner SWCD

Approval of increase in tree seedling prices on Plug + 1s

Approval of expenses for Water Festival wrap-up meeting

Approval of Herman making emergency decisions until September board meeting

Approval of raises for Erin Mader and Molly McCahon, and approval of FY2015 LOA

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