

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



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

Attendance:

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| Herman Collins, BSWCD | Molly McCahon, Lake Assist |
| Dale Van Stone, BSWCD | Erin Mader, POBC |
| Alice Wallace, BSWCD | Mark Hogen, SWC |
| Harry Menser, Associate | Brad Bluemer, Bonner County Weeds |
| Greg Becker, NRCS | Linda O'Hare, BSWCD |

Absent:

Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Vern Hollett; BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate

Upcoming Calendar
April 1 – Board Meeting
Ap. 3 – Seedling Day
Ap. 25 & 26 – Fly Fishing
Film Festival fund raiser
May 8 – Forestry Contest
May 15 & 16 – Water Festival
May 23 – Boat Stations open

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the February financial reports and recommended they be approved. Alice moved to approve the February financial reports, Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker:

- Precipitation levels are almost up to normal with the recent snow and rain events.
- Three CSP applications have been received by the February 7th deadline.
- Clagstone Development is putting between 600-800 acres in the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program.
- The Farm Bill passed.

Lake Assist by Molly McCahon: Molly reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes.

SWC by Mark Hogen: Mark presented the following information:

- Copies of the March 2014 ISWCC newsletter regarding the 75th celebration were distributed
- A TMDL meeting was held in Boise after the 75th celebration. Mark has reviewed the Clark Fork TMDL. There was no implementation plan written, and no encouragement in that direction. Mark handed out maps pinpointing hay, pasture, and nursery/orchard ag land along the Clark Fork River. He will review that with Greg to check on current conditions, then write a report to wrap up that TMDL by the end of the year.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes. Alice moved and Herman excused himself as Chairman to second the motion to approve of supervising four days of community service hours, *the motion carried*. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to reimburse Molly \$25 a month for Lake Assist cell phone usage, *the motion carried*. The legal description for Bonner SWCD was discussed, and affirmed that it is the legal description for Bonner County.

Bonner County Weed Dept. by Brad Bluemer: Flowering Rush in the Clark Fork Delta drift yard, as well as spot infected bays, is a concern to Brad. He would like help obtaining grant funding to help control it. Certain herbicides with continued use for three to five years have shown success, as well as the harvesting machine used in southern Idaho. Greg suggested NRCS Partner's Program. Brad will have a video for the April board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Plan of Work and Update of Five-Year Plan: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the FY2015 Annual Plan of Work and the Updated Five-Year Plan, *the motion carried.* Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the requests for Technical Assistance, *the motion carried.*

Personnel Policy Review: This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Division I Meeting: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay the \$15 registration fee for those members attending, *the motion carried.* At this time the following people plan to attend: Herman, Alice, Dale, Harry, Greg, and Linda. When the agenda is received Linda will notify everyone of when to meet.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Booth: Alice moved, Dale seconded the motion to pay \$150 for a double booth at the fair, *the motion carried.*

Boat Inspection Hiring: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to hire the boat inspection attendants who have confirmed they would like to return for the 2014 season, *the motion carried.* The schedule for hiring the vacant positions was distributed. New hires will be approved at the April 1st meeting.

Horizon CD: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to transfer the CD funds from the CD that matures on May 15th to Horizon's new CD offerings at 1.51%, *the motion carried.* Dale requested a budget analysis for the April meeting to determine if more funds could be invested in a CD. LGIP rate currently is .08%.

IDEQ Contract: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the IDEQ contract for Lake Assist funding at \$7000 for FY2014 and 2015, *the motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of February minutes

Approval of February financial reports

Approval of supervising 4 days of community service

Approval of \$25 per month for Lake Assist cell phone usage

Approval of Annual Plan and Five-Year Plan

Approval of Technical Assistance requests to SWC

Approval of paying registration for Division I meeting

Approval of \$150 for fair booth

Approval of re-hiring boat inspection attendants who have confirmed they are returning

Approval of reinvesting CD at Horizon in newly offered CD at 1.51%

Approval of IDEQ contract funding for Lake Assist at \$7000 for FY2014 and FY2015.