

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: October 7, 2014  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

### Attendance:

Herman Collins, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, LAS/POBC
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Mark Hogen, SWC
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension
Greg Becker, NRCS	

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Vern Hollett, Associate; Fairy Delay, Associate; Erin Mader, POBC

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

### Approval of Minutes:

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

### Financial Report:

Alice reviewed the September financial report and recommended it be approved. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the September financial report, *the motion carried*. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the following transfers:

\$5000 district funds, LGIP to PSB, 9-18-14  
\$5000 district funds, PSB to LGIP, 10-3-14  
\$25,000 FY15 POBC funds, PSB to LGIP, 10-3-14; *the motion carried*.

## AGENCY REPORTS

### NRCS by Greg Becker:

- Local Work Group meeting is tomorrow, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 11 at Panhandle Health, to prioritize resource concerns and establish questions for ranking EQIP applications. Harry will chair the meeting, and Greg will lead the resource prioritization.
- Clark Fork Delta Project: On November 12-14 NRCS and the District will help F&G harvest 10,000 willows from the Kootena-Ponderay Willow Nursery to the Delta project. Due to the large number, instead of using loppers, we will use 2 chainsaws, and will need around 25 to 30 volunteers to help cut and gather, and 5 pickups to transport the willows. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to purchase supplies needed for the willow project, including a chainsaw if necessary, *the motion carried*. The willows are sold at 65 cents apiece, the Sewer District receives \$.40, and the district receives \$.25 – so the district will receive around \$2500 for this project.
- Wetland Reserve Program – The wetland project near Spirit Lake is moving along well. The water control is finished, and the 24” pipeline will be finished this week to replenish the wetland.
- The RCPP project on Rapid Lightning Creek sponsored by Kaniksu Land Trust, Bonner SWCD, and NRCS, was turned down. But the project is being submitted through the Healthy Forest Reserve Program and hopefully will be successful for funding there. This is an easement program not utilized in Idaho until this project. Greg has submitted a letter from our field office for support.

**Lake Assist and POBC by Molly McCahon:** Molly reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes, and includes: 1) UI Policy Analysis Group denied our proposal to do an economic study on Lake Pend Oreille. 2) October 18<sup>th</sup> Molly has helped organize the native planting work along the Pend Oreille Bay Trail with the help of an Eagle Scout. Harry volunteered to drive his watering truck. 3) Lakes Commission open meeting on

October 23<sup>rd</sup> at PSB, 5-8pm, taking public comment on lake level management. BPA will pay the room rental, with the district providing the insurance. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign the contract with Panhandle State Bank for room rental on October 18<sup>th</sup>, *the motion carried*. 4) Flowering rush pulls October 29<sup>th</sup> in Dover and October 30<sup>th</sup> at City beach and Dog Beach. 5) Bonner County Real Estate Class on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SWC by Mark Hogen:** Mark handed out copies of Wooded Acres Drive that he has surveyed for culvert replacement and erosion control. He and Greg will survey Gold Creek road in the spring also, and take pictures during a rain event, for a potential 319 project. Deadline for applications is August 1, 2015. The Highway Department could also have impact on picking the project.

**UI Extension by Jennifer Jensen:** Jennifer attended food security training and gained information to help low income families utilize farmers market for fresh foods.

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

- The 2 hoedads and 3 planting bags purchased by the district have been received.
- The fall newsletter will include an article on the Clark Fork Delta project. The board OK'd the use of the canopy sides that are not being used for Water Festival to be used for the Delta project to aid in sliding the willows out of the pickups.
- Tentative dates for the Fly Fishing Film Festival are April 24 & 25.
- Total number of 2014 Bonner County boat inspections = 9,835 with 8 boats hot washed. Total AIS stickers sold = 3622.
- 58,995 tree seedlings have been sold so far for Bonner County.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Division I Meeting:** Herman, Dale, Alice, Harry, Greg, Molly, and Linda will attend the Division I meeting in Hayden. Meet at the office at 8am, Dale will drive.

**IASCD State Conference in Lewiston, Nov. 16-19:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay \$25 for door prizes at conference, the motion carried. At this time Alice, Dale, Herman and Linda plan to attend – Harry is checking. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to pay conference registration and rooms for those attending, *the motion carried*. The resolutions will be reviewed at the Division meeting, and a decision for support made at our November meeting.

**UI Bonner County Streambank Project Tour** – tentative date is August 14, 2015.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Boat Inspection Program:** Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to give the boat inspectors \$150 bonuses, *the motion carried*.

**Online Bill Payment:** No for now.

**November and December Meetings:** The board decided to visit the Clark Fork Delta project, the site for the Clark Fork Inspection station in 2015, then meet at Linda's for the board meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a regular board meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the office. Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to have the Christmas Party at Trinity at City Beach in early December, *the motion carried*. Linda will make the arrangements.

**NACD Forestry Survey:** Input from the board and Greg was utilized to complete the survey that Linda and Kirk started. Linda will submit it.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to go into Executive Session, as per Idaho Code 67-2345, *the motion carried*. Dale moved, Harry seconded the motion to return to regular session, *the motion carried*.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dale moved and Harry seconded the motion to give Linda O’Hare a \$1.00 an hour raise as of October 1st, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 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 September minutes

Approval of September financial report

Approval of transfers

Approval of purchasing supplies for Clark Fork Delta willow project

Approval of signing the contract with PSB for October 23<sup>rd</sup> use of community room

Approval of paying registration and rooms for those attending State Conference

Approval of \$150 bonuses for boat inspectors this season

Approval of having Christmas party at Trinity at City Beach

Approval of going into and out of Executive Session

Approval of giving Linda a \$1.00 an hour raise