

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: June 3, 2014  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

### Attendance:

Herman Collins, BSWCD	Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Greg Becker, NRCS (1:45)
Alice Wallace, BSWCD	Molly McCahon, LAS (1:50)
Vern Hollett, BSWCD	Erin Mader, POBC (2:00)
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD	
Harry Menser, Associate	

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 1:35, and thanked all the board members for their attendance.

### Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the April minutes; Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried*. There were no May minutes as there had not been a quorum.

### Financial Report:

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

Herman reported he had purchased \$20,000 more in CDs as approved at the April board meeting. Instead of adding the \$20,000 to the existing CD, he purchased 2 individual \$10,000 CDs for better liquidity.

Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to donate \$50 to the Land & Soil Evaluation Event sponsored by East Cassia, *the motion carried*.

## AGENCY REPORTS

**BSWCD by Linda O'Hare:** Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes. One more employee needed to be hired as a boat inspection attendant. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve of hiring Anna Friesen, *the motion carried*.

### **NRCS by Greg Becker:**

- Area ACEP (Ag Conservation Easement Program) applications due this week, and Greg has one that will be ready to submit.
- Clagstone Wetland Reserve Restoration did not meet all the requirements for NRCS approval for the Wetland Reserve Program. The property consisting of 12,000 to 13,000 acres will go into a combined conservation easement, but not Wetland Reserve.

### **POBC by Erin Mader:**

- Waterlife Discovery Center classes were completed the morning of this meeting. Seven of the eight grade-schools in Bonner County attended.
- Ralph Sletager has formed an organization called Save Pend Oreille Alliance which is concerned about the summer lake level, withdrawing water, and the Columbia River Basin Treaty between Canada and the US. This treaty is going through a 10-year period of input from both nations before a new treaty is drawn up.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> is the next POBC meeting.

- Fuel bibs have been printed and are ready for distribution, as well as the new Priest Lake maps Erin and Molly have updated. Linda commented that the Albeni boat inspection attendants have been handing out a lot of the Priest Lake maps and boaters love them.

**Lake Assist by Molly McCahon:**

- Priest River Source Water Protection Grant: Molly is helping Bill Cleveland plan the Priest River Non-Point Source Water Pollution workshop, which will be the last item for Molly on that Source Water grant. The workshop is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>; they will tour a garden, as well as tour the city landfill that has been turned into a Park. The workshop will be from 10 to 3, with Lunch at the Beardmore Building.
- IDEQ Grant for Marina training regarding fuel spills: Molly is contacting people involved in spill prevention training to help present the training at the marinas.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Idaho State Forestry Contest:** Another successful contest this year. There was an issue this year with getting the test results out in time, and the committee will work on that for next year. There were 255 competitors, 141 novices, and around 200 volunteers – a total of around 596.

**Pend Oreille Water Festival:** Two great weather days for the Festival, and just over 400 Bonner County 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended this year. Part of the Northwest Explorers station was revised this year, and the students really enjoyed it.

**Boat Inspection Stations:** Training went well, and we have a great staff. On Wednesday last week Samuels hot washed a boat that had been in mussel waters, but was out of water for 2 years. Inspectors in Wyoming had scraped off 2 dead mussels and washed it prior to its arrival at Samuels. The boat was going to launch at Hope, so the inspectors at Samuels took no chances and hot washed it again. Also a couple parts on the Albeni hot wash unit had winter damage and are being repaired.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tree Seedling Program:** Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to purchase 3 planting bags at \$25 each and 2 Hoedads at \$50 each to loan out during the week the seedlings arrive, *the motion carried.*

**Board Supervisors:** Vern Hollett submitted a letter of resignation due to his health. Herman thanked him for all his years of service to the district, and welcomed him as an Associate. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to appoint Harry Menser to fill Vern’s position, *the motion carried.* Three names were discussed as potential associates and they will be contacted before the next meeting.

**Idaho Forest Owners Association Tree Seedling Program:** A draft of an MOU between districts in Division I and IFOA was given to board members for review.

**POBC FY 2015 Letter of Agreement:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the updated Letter of Agreement between Bonner SWCD and the Pend Oreille Basin Commission. Erin will submit it at her June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for signature. *The motion carried.*

**Audit for FY2014:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to ask Leonard Schulte to do our audit again, *the motion carried.*

**Schedule for July and August board meetings:** We will meet July 1 at 1:30, and will not schedule an August meeting for now. The office meeting and picnic will be in September.

**Farm Tour – June 19:** Harry reported the tour will include farms in the southwest corner of Bonner County, and Bill Love and Brad Bluemer will each emcee a bus. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay for Harry and Herman to attend, *the motion carried.*

**Panhandle Lakes RC&D:** Cassie reported the RC&D has not moved forward since December when it was taken over by the Panhandle Area Council. The person at the head of the PAC is no longer there. They will likely disband the RC&D.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 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 April minutes

Approval of April and May financial reports

Approval of \$50 donation to LSEE

Approval of hiring Anna Friesen as a boat inspection attendant

Approval of purchasing 3 planting bags and 2 Hoedads

Approval of appointing Harry Menser to fill Vern Hollet's supervisor position after Vern resigned

Approval of POBC LOA for FY2015

Approval of requesting Leonard Schulte to do the FY2014 audit

Approval of paying registration for Harry and Herman to attend the Farm Tour

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