

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: October 1, 2013
Time: 1:30 pm
Place: Bonner Food Bank

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD

Erin Mader, POBC
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser, Associate; Greg Becker, NRCS; Mark Hogen, SWC

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 with a quorum of Herman, Vern, and Alice. Both Dale and Cassie arrived at 1:40. With the government shutdown today, the district meeting was moved from the NRCS office to the Food Bank. At this time, Erin, Molly and Linda have packed up everything from the office they will need to operate until Congress passes an operations budget. Erin will operate out of the library and her home, Molly will operate out of her home, and Linda will operate out of her home.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the September 2013 minutes, and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the September financial report and with one change recommended it be approved. Alice moved to approve the September financial report, Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker is on government furlough as of 11 am this morning and directed to not attend the meeting.

POBC: Erin's written report was caught up in the federal computer shutdown, so she gave an oral report:

- Winter Pool Level: Scheduled for 2013-2014 at 2051 feet, the lowest pool. It has been drawn down 1 foot now, and full draw down will occur by November 1st. They plan to start lake level fluctuation after January 1st for power generation. In the past they have held the draw down to 2055 every other year for kokanee spawning, but the F&G data research on that issue did not support the minimum draw down. The POBC is requesting more input on the minimal draw down for other economic factors.
- Erin attended an Army Corps of Engineers meeting where they requested input on concerns of other agencies or commissions regarding procedures of ACOE. Erin gave input on allowing the lake level up longer in the fall. ACOE was very receptive to input at the meeting.
- The next POBC meeting will be October 22, 2013, at Dover Bay.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report which included the following:

- Boat Stations: Linda and Tom Woolf presented information at the Bonner County Waterways Board regarding the operation of the boat inspection stations in Bonner County.
- Terri Murrison, SWC, recommended Bonner SWCD's boat inspection stations as the SWC's district success story – the article should be in the next newsletter.
- AIS Sticker Sales in 2013: Total motorized stickers sold = 1990. Total Non-Motorized stickers sold = 2027. A total of \$52,021.50 was sent to IDPR as a result of our Albeni and Samuels sticker sales.
- LAS: Molly is working on the 3 grants that need to be finished.
- Grouse Creek II: October 8th is the day to cut willows at the K-P Willow Nursery, and we will still plan on doing this. Greg will be unable to help unless the furlough is over by then.
- Linda requested vacation from October 31st at noon through Friday, November 8th, which the board approved. The board meeting in November will be scheduled for November 12th if it is deemed we need a meeting. Alice will be unable to attend in November.

OLD BUSINESS

RC&D Tree Seedling Program: Linda and Kirk attended the morning Forestry Committee meeting on September 19th. The purpose of the meeting was to get a recommendation from the committee as to whether or not to continue the Seedling program beyond 2014, regardless of RC&D's decision to continue or dissolve. The Committee unanimously voted to continue the program. After the meeting adjourned there was discussion on options for continuing the Seedling program. Preliminary proposals at that time were from Ed Schneider, IFOA, and K-S SWCD.

At 1:30 that afternoon RC&D held its regular meeting with the agenda's topic being the Dissolution of PLRC&D. Greg Cook, Executive Director of PAC (Panhandle Area Council, Inc.) submitted a letter requesting RC&D wait 6 months to address dissolution, and in the meantime he would volunteer his time as Executive Director and volunteer office space for RC&D at PAC. The vote to dissolve was held and there was a tie. RC&D scheduled another meeting in 2 weeks, which is October 3rd at 1pm in CdA. Cassie will attend the meeting and support dissolution.

Division I Meeting – Centennial Plaza in Cda on October 10: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay \$15.00 registration for Herman, Cassie, Alice, Dale, Vern and Linda to attend, *the motion carried*. Meet at the NRCS office at 8:30 to leave for CdA.

IASCD State Conference in Boise, November 17-20: Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion for Herman and Linda to attend conference with Herman being the voting delegate, *the motion carried*. Vern also expressed an interest in attending.

District Website: This is on the agenda for the Division meeting with the possibility of the SWC helping.

NEW BUSINESS

L*A*S Contracts: Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to extend Molly's contract until the L*A*S grants are completed, *the motion carried*. Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to extend the contract with EarthWise at Molly and Linda's discretion to complete the L*A*S grants, *the motion carried*.

MISCELLANEOUS

Christmas Party: Possible dates include December 17, 18 or 19, possible sites include Western Pleasure Guest Ranch or the Elks. Linda will check into these different possibilities.

L*A*S Steering Committee Meeting: Erin offered to help Linda organize this meeting.

Ag Advisory Committee: Cassie was selected to be on this Bonner County committee, and welcomed board input on issues relating to Agritourism to take to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of September 2013 minutes

Approval of September 2013 financial report

Approval of paying registration for Division I attendance

Approval of paying registration and flight cost for those attending state conference and Herman being voting delegate

Approval of extending Molly's L*A*S contract until the grants are completed

Approval of extending EarthWise's contract at Molly and Linda's discretion