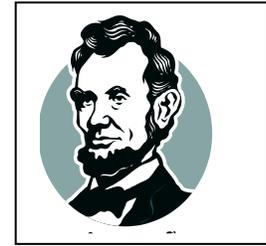


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: February 5, 2013
Time: 1:35 pm
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Associate
Greg Becker, NRCS
Jace Bylenga, LAS
Mark Hogen, SWC
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Brad Bluemer, County Weed Supt.

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Fairy Delay

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

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the January 8th regular minutes and January 15th special board meeting minutes. Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Herman and reviewed the January financial report and Vern moved that it be approved. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Dale moved to pay \$150 dues to Panhandle Lakes RC&D and to have Cassie Tauber be our representative, Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Dale moved to have Vern Hollett be the alternate; Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker:

- Greg's participation in Leadership Idaho Ag will conclude in 2 weeks with visiting the legislature and graduation.
- Farm Bill is still in continuing resolution, result will take EQIP from 18 million in Idaho to under 14 million this year. The number of EQIP applications has doubled this year in Bonner County, and Greg hopes all are funded. Wetland Reserve Program is back and will benefit Bonner County.
- Clagstone property may have wetlands that could be restored. NRCS has continued to work with them, and the first draft of their conservation plan is out and up for review.

Lake*A*Syst by Jace Bylenga: Herman introduced Jace to the board members who had not met him yet. He reported that he has met with personnel regarding the Priest River SWP grant, and he has several meetings coming up over the next 2 weeks.

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin was unable to attend the meeting; her written report was reviewed and is included with the minutes.

SWC by Mark Hogen: Mark reviewed his written report which is included with the minutes. Mark will work with Greg and the existing EQIP technical information to complete the agriculture component of the Clark Fork TMDL.

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

Bonner County Weed Department by Brad Bluemer: Brad reported that the Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force is renewing its membership. All the members' terms have concluded and they each need to submit a letter of application to be on the Task Force. Jace Bylenga has already submitted his letter for L*A*S participation.

OLD BUSINESS

MOA's for Dover and Laclede SWP Grant: Jace reported the Dover MOA is in the Mayor's hands ready for signature. Jace is scheduling a meeting with Laclede to proceed with that MOA.

NRCS Forestry Contest Agreement: Dale moved to sign the 5-year Agreement with NRCS for their donation to the Forestry Contest for \$800 per year. Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

Round Lake Stewardship Trail: Linda and Vern reported on their meeting at IDL on January 15th, and passed around the map and the brochure. All the kiosks need to have their information updated and structures rebuilt. Donations will be requested, and the committee will pursue finding a person from UI who will coordinate writing the BMPs for the entire trail. The district was asked about administering the funding at a rate lower than its usual 10%. Five percent was recommended by the board, but a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Molly McCahon's Letter of Resignation: Vern moved to accept Molly's letter of resignation, Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS

Kaniksu Land Trust Letter of Support: Erik Grace with the Kaniksu land Trust has requested a letter of support from the district to remove a house and paved driveway that are built in a natural flood way on the Pack River near Grouse Creek. Greg Becker provided a picture for the board's review, and said he will check again with the landowner regarding their approval of the Land Trust's plans. Dale moved to have Linda write the letter of support after Greg receives approval from the landowner; Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

SWC Performance Report Survey: After discussion, the board decided to submit the surveys individually.

Budget for FY2014: Linda reported on information received after passage of the FY2014 budget last month regarding a possibility of AIS sticker sales being done only through Fish & Game after July 1, 2013, depending on action in the legislature, and the future of the boat inspection stations in Bonner County. Linda emailed Senator Keough and Representative Anderson regarding this information.

Boat Inspection Stations: Vern moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the Idaho Department of Agriculture's Memorandum of Understanding for Bonner SWCD to administer the Oldtown and Samuels boat inspection stations for 2013. *The motion carried*.

Division I Spring Meeting: Greg will be unable to be the speaker at the March 7th meeting as all NRCS DC's will be in Boise for training at that time. Billie Brown has suggested instead having a 319 grant training, the board was in support of that and approved of Billie setting the agenda. There is a possibility the Holiday Inn Express has a conflict that day and we will be unable to meet there. Linda will check into another location. The board was in support of the menu provided by Sweet Lou's.

Idaho Ag in the Classroom: Linda will find out if any local teachers participated last year and report to the board next month.

Fairbooth: Jace will be in charge of the 2013 fairbooth. Dale moved to pay the \$75 for the fairbooth; Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

Local Water Quality Improvements: At the March board meeting Lisa Derr will report on the remodeling of the bathrooms at the Pend Oreille Shores Resort and the saving on water usage.

L*A*S: Vern moved to pay Jace \$30 every 3 months for cell phone usage on-the-job, and to request funding of \$500 from DEQ for Jace to support DEQ efforts regarding water quality in Bonner County. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

Annual Plan of Work and Five-Year Plan: Herman reviewed the FY2014 draft of the Annual Plan of Work and additions and changes were noted. It will be presented at the March 5th meeting along with the updated Five-Year Plan for final approval. During the discussion on weed control, Brad Bluemer stated that he has grant funds through SCWMA for control of 8 species of weeds that he will spray on both private and public lands. Linda will include information on this in the next newsletter.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Harry Menser reported that Tony Lewis will speak on the Ice Age Flood this Friday at the library.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Herman read Greg Becker's LIA graduation announcement.
The board reviewed the catalog received from Rainmaker on Wildlife Guzzlers and Escape Ramps.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.
Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of January 8th and 15th 2013 minutes
- Approval of January 2013 financial report
- Approval to pay \$150 dues to PLRC&D and Cassie Tauber as BSWCD representative
- Approval of Vern Hollett as alternate representative to PLRC&D
- Approval of signing MOU with NRCS regarding Forestry Contest donation
- Approval of accepting Molly McCahon's letter of resignation
- Approval of writing letter of support to Kaniksu Land Trust
- Approval of signing MOA with ISDA regarding 2013 boat inspection stations
- Approval of paying \$75 for 2013 fairbooth
- Approval of paying L*A*S coordinator \$30 every 3 months for cell phone usage, and requesting \$500 from IDEQ

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