

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: December 3, 2013
Time: 1:30 am
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Greg Becker, NRCS
Molly McCahon, LAS
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser, Associate; Erin Mader, POBC; Mark Hogen, SWC

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Herman reviewed the November financial report and recommended they be approved. Alice moved to approve the November financial report, Dale seconded the motion, the motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker:

- The deadline for EQIP signup is December 20th; interest in signing up has been good.
- River Design has signed the 'As Built' for the Grouse II project, so funding from EQIP should be finalized soon.
- Kirk, Sean and Greg cut 400 willows at Priest Lake on November 15th. With those 400 willows they were able to cut and then plant around 930 new plants at the Kootenie-Ponderay willow nursery. Those plants will be ready to harvest in two to three years. The majority of the willows at the nursery now will be used for the Fish & Game restoration project on the Clark Fork Delta.

POBC by Erin Mader: Erin was on vacation.

Lake*A*Syst by Molly McCahon:

- Molly reported that she is working on closing the 3 existing grants for LAS.
- Molly has been working on developing a new LAS website and previewed it for the board.
- Discussion was held on the LAS Brainstorming session held on November 13th, and the subsequent steering committee meeting. Another steering committee meeting will be held December 5th, with information to be given to the board at the January meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

IASCDC Conference in Boise, Nov 17-20: Herman reported they are leaving the dues at \$2000 and will select a committee to present options at the 2014 state conference in Lewistown. The Resource Inventory presentation at conference was discussed. Linda reported on the Weebly website training. The RC&D website will terminate at the end of December, so information needs to be saved before it is lost.

LAS Status: Molly would like to change the name of Lake*A*Syst, or Lakeshore Assessment System, to Lake Assist, for several reasons. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to accept that name change to Lake Assist, *the motion carried.*

NACD Dues: Dale moved to pay \$600 this year for NACD dues instead of the full \$775, Alice seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

SWC District Performance Report: The 2013 Performance Report was reviewed. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the 2013 Performance Report and have Herman sign the Certification, *the motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Seedling transfer to IFOA: Linda reported on the morning's meeting in CdA of the IFOA Forest Seedling Program Committee. Good progress was made, and Tom Leege was elected Chairman, and Nina Eckberg will be IFOA's Executive Director for the program. Tom is a member of IFOA, and a long-standing member of the Forestry Committee under PLRC&D. Nina will revise their Operating Procedures regarding this committee to include exclusiveness of the 4 districts selling the trees. The committee agreed to move forward with minimal changes.

Idaho Panhandle National Forests Sewage Disposal Problems: Linda and Molly reviewed concerns expressed by Erin Mader regarding information she had received on the Forest Service not being able to afford to service the existing toilets in the Priest Lake area. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to write a letter to the Forest Service expressing our concerns, *the motion carried.*

Waterjet Stinger Lease Agreement: Jamie Brunner with IDEQ requested an opportunity to use the district's Waterjet Stinger on a streambank project on the St. Joe River in Kootenai County. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to add Kootenai County to the lease agreement, *the motion carried.*

Natural Resource Camp in Ketchum, Idaho, June 23-28, 2014: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to offer a \$235 registration scholarship to a local middle school student to attend the 2014 Natural Resource Camp, *the motion carried.*

Our next regular board meeting will be January 7th, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of November minutes

Approval of November financial reports

Approval of changing Lake*A*Syst name to Lake Assist

Approval of paying \$600 dues to NACD

Approval of the 2013 Performance Report

Approval of writing letter expressing concerns of closing portable toilets near Priest Lake

Approval of adding Kootenai County to waterjet stinger lease agreement

Approval of offering \$235 scholarship for Natural Resource Camp in 2014

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