

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Molly McCahon, L*A*S*(*)
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD* Guest: Mark Hogen, ISCC
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Associate
Fairy Delay, Associate
Greg Becker, NRCS* *left at 3:00

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Kate Wilson, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the September 2009 minutes and Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the September financial report on October 2nd and recommended it be approved. Cassie moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the financial report, *the motion carried.* Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve transferring \$11,190.67 from the Lower West Branch Priest River LGIP to PSB, then writing a check for the same to the IASCD Division I WQPA account. This would close out the LWBPR WQPA account and make those funds available for Division I WQPA projects. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker highlighted his written report as follows:

- The 319 application for the Pilot Septic Program was denied.
- The County has finished their work on the 319 Fish Creek Road Restoration Project, and the whole project is near 70% completed. Final inspection went OK. Hydro-seeding will not be done this fall as the nutrient component would get washed out into the creek. May add some erosion controls yet this fall.
- Helped Molly at the Dover BMP project.
- Have received 15 applications for 2010 EQIP and 2 CSP applications. Attended CSP training.
- Assessed 14 SNOW survey sites for maintenance needs in 4 Northern counties

L*A*S: Molly highlighted her written report as follows:

- Inland Northwest Community Foundation Grant – pre-application was approved and final application submitted on October 6th.
- Dover Demo site completed with several volunteers including Sandpoint High Horticulture class for 2 days, compost from Cassie Tauber, mulch from Bruce Pedersen, Native Plant Society, and Greg Becker/NRCS.
- 2 private vegetative buffers planned for spring installation
- Grant writing workshop with Ruth Watkins, working on project ranking
- Two Priest Lake logo entries have been received and were viewed by the board
- Molly designed and helped install a BMP landscape project on Priest Lake

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Boat Wash Station: Station maintenance and training was conducted September 18th by the engineer and builder, and was attended by County Weed Agent Brad Bluemer, Ed Robinson and Jim Brady from IDL, Nancy Cambron from Cocolalla Lake Association, boat wash attendants, Greg, Kate, and Linda.
- L*A*S 319: October 1st semi-annual report completed – extension of certain deliverable dates approved.
- 319 Fish Creek: Progress reviewed on September 22nd, work is going well. Final certification to be held on September 29th. October 1st semi-annual report completed.
- Inland Northwest Community Foundation Grant: Pre-application was approved for \$30,000 for L*A*S, Final application submitted on October 6th. Announcement for final grants approved is December 10th.
- Pend Oreille Basin Commission \$4500 funding for FY2011: Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to present a proposal at the next POBC meeting, *the motion carried*.
- Division I/II Training: No date set yet.
- Forestry Contest: Steering Committee met Sept. 16th to decide on Larry Fryberg Memorial – voted to recommend to Judy Fryberg a pole barn/structure for the lunch area. Mrs. Fryberg liked the idea and donated \$15,000 to get it started, and may donate another \$15,000 to help with a structure for the scoring area.
- Tree Seedlings: Order form finalized with new packaging information – same prices. Mailed previous customers order forms.
- Ruth Watkins' grant writing workshop on September 15th was very helpful. Through Avista, Ruth will be able to help us by writing a couple grants a year. Greg, Jamie, Kate, Molly and Linda will compile a list of projects for improving conservation in Bonner County, rank them, and present them for approval at the next board meeting. We have had input on projects from US Forest Service, IDL, F&G, City of Sandpoint, Tri-State WQC, and Bonner County.
- Linda reviewed the funding status for Bonner SWCD after being cut by the County from \$13,500 to \$6,750, and by the state about the same. We will be able to keep our doors open this year due to the administration fees on several grants, but will need to make cutbacks. Linda declined her raise.

OLD BUSINESS

Lower West Branch of Priest River WQPA: Biff Burleigh received approval for the state to allow a transfer of the balance of the Lower West Branch WQPA funds to the Division I WQPA account, so we will not have to return those funds to the state as was approved at the last meeting. Cassie moved and Alice seconded the motion to transfer the funds from the Lower West Branch WQPA project to the IASCD Division I EQIP-WQPA project. *The motion carried.*

IASCD State Conference: Due to our lack of funds, Herman and Dale said they would not be attending state conference, and neither will Linda. Cassie will be in the area for another obligation, and may attend. As Division I Director, Alice will attend. She will check to see if voting by the Division representative is allowed. Linda will notify Kent regarding the replacement of Herman and Dale on standing committees. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay \$25 for door prizes, *the motion carried.*

Division I Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, October 8th in Plummer at the Wellness Center. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay for registration for those attending, *the motion carried.* At this time, Alice, Herman, Vern, Greg, Molly, Harry and Linda plan to attend. Meet at the office at 7 am for a ride.

NEW BUSINESS

Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation Event: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay the \$50 donation for the Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation Event, *the motion carried.*

NACD Dues: Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay the \$775 dues for 2010, *the motion carried.*

IASCD-NRCS Farm Bill CTA Funding: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve of Bonner SWCD participating in the Farm Bill CTA Funding, *the motion carried.*

ISCC/IASCD News Update: Mark Hogen reviewed some of the correspondence from the Soil Conservation Commission, including the funding proposals. Bring questions to the Division I meeting.

The next board meeting will be at the Tauber Angus Ranch on November 3rd. Meet at the office at 12:00 for rides, and lunch will be at Cassie's at 12:30, with a short tour of their conservation projects and the meeting to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of September 2009 minutes

Approval of September financial report

Approval of \$11,190.67 transfer from Lower West Branch Priest River to PSB

Approval of submitting proposal to POBC for \$4500 for FY2010 for L*A*S

Approval of transferring the balance of funding from the Lower West Branch Priest River WQPA project to the IASCD Division I EQIP-WQPA project.

Approval of \$25 for IASCD State Conference door prizes

Approval of paying registration for those attending the Division I meeting

Approval of \$50 for Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation Event

Approval of \$775 for NACD 2010 Dues

Approval of Bonner SWCD participating in IASCD-NRCS Farm Bill CTA Funding

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