

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Saturday, December 12, 2009
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Home of Dale & Jo Ann Van Stone

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Kate Wilson, Associate
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
Vern Hollett, BSWCD Molly McCahon, L*A*S
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Jamie Davis, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Harry Menser, Associate; Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 4:45 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Vern moved to approve the November 2009 minutes and Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

- Vern reviewed the November financial report and moved that it be approved. Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*
- Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the July-December mileage vouchers. *The motion carried.*
- Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve paying the following bills: \$31.50 Gem State Minor, \$154 Daily Bee, \$35 IDEA Dues. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- EQIP signup deadline for 2010 is the end of January. We have received over 30 applications.
- Greg asked each board member to give him their 3 biggest conservation concerns in Bonner County by Wednesday for the 2010 ranking process.

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- The proposed Five-Year Plan for L*A*S has been completed and will be a great tool for future funding for L*A*S. Jamie suggested checking out the EPA online resource "Plan to Fund" as another method to search for funding for L*A*S.
- The Inland Northwest Community Foundation site visit was held November 18th, and Herman, Molly, and Jamie represented the district. The L*A*S grant application is for \$30,000. INCF decides in December.
- The Stormwater meeting held on December 10th was a success. The Sandpoint Urban Renewal committee needed information on stormwater management, and Molly and Jamie arranged for Rob Sampson, NRCS engineer, to speak to the Committee. Annette Duerock with Panhandle Health and Kody Van Dyk, City Public Works Director, also spoke. Among the 30 people attending were members of the Urban Renewal Committee, the City Planning Committee, as well as other interested City officials.
- Molly is working on the 2 new chapters for the L*A*S books, and they will be complete by December 28th.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- Boat Wash Station 2009: Final report submitted and final distribution received - \$5050 admin fee.
- Boat Wash Station 2010: Tom Woolf of ISDA is working on the proposal with Bonner SWCD for manning 4 boat wash stations in 2010. The grant would include hiring a supervisor and some funding for AIS information distribution by the L*A*S Coordinator.
- L*A*S: Molly and Kate will present the program at the March Chamber meeting. They will cover the L*A*S program and AIS information.
- L*A*S POBC Grant: Kate helped finalize the Bonner SWCD grant application for \$5000 funding in 2010.

- Fish Creek 319: Greg gave a tour to 7 members of the Cocolalla Lake Association (CLA) of the work on Fish Creek Road and the new culverts. The CLA has volunteered to clean out the culverts twice a year.
- Pack River Watershed Council (PRWC): Reports for 4th quarter and year-end were completed, as well as the letter of request for 2010 funding. Joe Dos Santos from Avista, and Rob Ryan from Fish & Game, will meet at our office on Monday, January 11th, to discuss the Pack River Watershed Council as well as current and planned projects in the Pack River watershed. Also attending will be Jessica Erickson, PRWC coordinator, Herman, Molly, Kate, Greg and Linda.
- Tree seedling sale: Have sold 12,500 seedlings so far, profit of \$1394.40.
- Herman, Greg and Linda attended the Legislative Breakfast in Bonners Ferry sponsored by the Boundary SCD and Farm Bureau. Senator Shawn Keough and Representative George Eskridge were there, and were well informed of the recommendations of the Interim Committee regarding the ISCC. They understood the need of technical support for districts, but are charged with weighing the overall lack of income at the state level with the priorities they need to fund. There is a \$40 million shortfall in the state budget at this point in time. They do not want to raise taxes, and also do not want to raise the sales tax. They both look forward to continuing communications with districts and the Farm Bureau.

OLD BUSINESS

IASCD State Conference Report: Alice reported that state conference went well, and that 3 new directors were chosen, including Billie Brown for Division I to replace Alice. Herman thanked Alice for her years of service on the state board. Regarding the \$1081.23 special allocation from ISCC received by each of the 51 districts, the decision at the state conference was for the districts to support the IASCD Executive Director's position with that funding. The ISCC has sent that money directly to IASCD for the past 17 years, but it was determined this year that method is illegal – it should be given to the districts and is their choice whether to support their state association. After discussion, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to send the \$1081.23 to IASCD for support of the Executive Director's position. *The motion carried.*

Resolution re Sustaining Funding for UI Research & Extension: Cassie moved and Alice seconded the motion to have Cassie and Molly gather more information regarding UI Research and Extension and determine whether the district should support this resolution. *The motion carried.*

Liability Insurance: This will be discussed at the next meeting.

ISCC: Packets of information were distributed regarding the latest ISCC and Interim Committee information.

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Wash Station 2010 Proposal: The draft proposal was reviewed.

Proposed L*A*S Five Year Plan: Most of the board members have the final draft by email, and Linda will mail Vern the final draft for discussion and approval at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of November 2009 minutes

Approval of November 2009 financial report

Approval of paying vouchers for mileage for the last 6 months of 2009.

Approval of paying bills submitted for Gem State Minor, Daily Bee, and IDEA Dues

Approval of sending \$1081.23 special allotment to IASCD

Approval of Cassie and Molly acquiring information re UI R&E and determining district's support of resolution

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