

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Bonner SWCD Tour

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Time: 1:40 p.m.
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101 – Sandpoint Field Office

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD
Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Kate Wilson, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

Harry Menser, Associate
Greg Becker, NRCS
Jamie Davis, IASCD
Molly McCahon, L*A*S
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

The board met at the office at 10:30 to travel to a ranch near Priest River to see the cost-share projects. On the way back to Sandpoint they stopped at Dover Bay to view a potential shoreline project to fund with 319 L*A*S BMP dollars. The board returned to the office by 1:30.

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the April 2009 minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the May financial report and recommended it be approved. Alice moved the May financial report be approved, Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to transfer \$3000 from LGIP to the bank account for district expenses. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

IASCD: Jamie reported as follows:

- Jamie received word regarding the DEQ Source Water Grant application that with our ranking and the amount of money they had available, they will award us \$8000 instead of the original \$20,000 we requested – if we would be willing to accept that. The board approved, and Jamie will confirm with IDEQ that we will accept the \$8,000.
- Participated in the Forestry Contest and Water Festival.
- Hosted a booth on L*A*S and Aquatic Invasive Species with Molly at Garfield Bay over Memorial weekend
- Is hosting a booth on S.E.E.P. and L.A.S. this weekend in a Home and Garden show at Dover Bay.
- Is participating in Garfield Bay's water quality celebration Father's Day weekend
- Juliet Barenti has available \$15,000 to \$20,000 specifically for bank riparian projects in the Pend Oreille Basin. Jamie will work with her on finding specific projects.
- Is meeting today with officials from the City of Sandpoint re stormwater issues behind the Panida.

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- Daily Bee – Molly has sent Keith Kinnard information for an article on LAS and aquatic invasive species
- Boat Stickers. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sell stickers. *The motion carried.* Molly and Jamie will have the stickers available at events they have a booth at, and we will sell the rest at the office. We will utilize Boater Survey funds to help advertise for the stickers.

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- He received 33 cost-share applications, and 15 have been accepted. Several of those not accepted this year will be good applications for next year's dollars.

BSWCD: Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report:

- We should receive written confirmation this week of the 319 Lake*A*Syst grant for 2009.
- Alice moved and Cassie seconded the motion to keep the seedling prices the same as last year with minor price reductions on orders over 1000. *The motion carried.*
- The Forestry Contest went very well, despite the rain. Our crowd totaled 700, with 320 contestants, 150 novices, 80 coaches and bus drivers etc., and around 150 volunteers. We received \$7,184 in donations, plus the \$5,000 from the North Idaho Timber Education and Information Program (Timberfest) Committee. Part of the \$5,000 will be used to buy more equipment due to increased participation. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to charge the Forestry Contest for Linda's time as follows: 200 hours @\$14.50/hr for a total of \$2900. *The motion carried.*
- Our existing free Division I website through K-S district is no longer large enough. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to pursue a new website for Division I for a total of around \$180, with each district paying \$45. *The motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Plan: The board reviewed the Five-Year Plan, and after a few revisions, Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve it. *The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

July and August Meetings: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have no meeting in July. *The motion carried.* The August meeting will be at Linda's on August 11th with the meeting at 4:30 and dinner at 6:00.

Audit: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Leonard Schulte do our FY2009 audit. The state now allows an audit every other year depending on number of expenses, and some board members questioned whether it was worth the expense, \$2500, to do it every year. Some members felt it was important to have that closure at the end of every fiscal year. Also, grants we pursue now have an audit fee built into their budget. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of May 2009 minutes

Approval of May financial report

Approval of \$3000 transfer from LGIP to PSB

Approval of district selling aquatic invasive species stickers for boats

Approval of keeping the seedling prices the same as last year with minor price reductions on orders over 1000

Approval of charging the Forestry Contest for Linda's hours

Approval of pursuing a new Division I website for \$45 per district

Approval of the Five-Year Plan/Annual Plan

Approval of not holding a July meeting

Approval of hiring Leonard Schulte to do our FY2009 audit

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