

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2009  
Time: 1:45 00 p.m.  
Place: Bird Museum, Garfield Bay

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Kate Wilson, Associate  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S

Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
Kim Golden, PLRC&D  
Guest: Tom Herron, IDEQ

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser, Associate;

Prior to the meeting the group toured the site for the proposed Septic Pilot Project in Garfield Bay. Seven separate septic systems would be pumped to one large leach field located at least 300 feet from the water. We will find out soon on the state ranking of our 319 grant proposal for this project.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 by Chairman Herman Collins.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

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

## **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the August financial report and recommended it be approved with a 40¢ change. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the corrected financial report, *the motion carried.* Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve transferring \$354 from the Forestry Contest LGIP to PSB to cover the cost of the 100 Idaho wood award plaques contracted this year. *The motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS:** Greg Becker reported as follows:

- He has been working with the County on the 319 Fish Creek Road Restoration Project. Culverts and other supplies will be delivered today and they will begin work tomorrow.
- Conservation Stewardship Program: We have received two signups and the deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- They are busy certifying existing contracts – have concluded 4 in the last 2 weeks.

**L\*A\*S:** Molly reported as follows:

- The Priest Lake L\*A\*S logo contest flyers have been distributed – Hill's Resort is offering a \$50 gift certificate to the winner. The deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested to have the Steering Committee pick the winner.
- Priest Lake BMP demonstration sites: Plants have been ordered from Plants of the Wild and Molly will help the two landowners with following the designs and lining out the plants on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Cassie volunteered compost for these projects.
- Helped Kate with the aquatic plant survey on Priest Lake for the Department of Ag and IDEQ
- Dover BMP Project: Gayle Bolin has accepted a job in Moscow.
- Molly has completed more follow-up phone calls regarding last year's site visits with mixed response. Some landowners love the L\*A\*S book and use it all the time, some are not interested.
- Fairbooth had lots of responses from children and adults on "Why I Love the Lake" and "How I Keep it Clean".
- Continues to work with the Urban Renewal committee for the City.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare reviewed her written report for June and July:

- Boat Wash Station: The engineer and the builder will meet with us September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am at City Beach to review their training with our attendants and representatives from the City, County, and IDL and answer questions. The attendants have sold over \$4000 in Aquatic Invasive Species stickers at the site.
- 319 Fish Creek: Submitted first invoice to cover materials – should have funding within three weeks.
- USFWS Grouse Creek Restoration Grant: Received contract for \$25,000 grant for Grouse Creek Restoration projects, Herman signed and it has been returned.
- Inland Northwest Community Foundation Grant: Jamie, Molly and Linda submitted \$30,000 grant application.
- Pend Oreille Basin Commission funding for FY2011: Kate said there is around \$4500 funding available through POBC for projects. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to have the district submit a request for funding to support the L\*A\*S program in FY2011, *the motion carried*.
- Division I/II Training: IDEA is finalizing plans for a Division I and II website training to enable blogging to take place on conservation/legislation issues. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Linda attend, *the motion carried*. Funding for travel will be covered by IDEA.
- Linda is working on the mailing list for the Fall Newsletter, the Annual Report with the new template, the Fall Division Report.
- Forestry Contest: Mrs. Fryberg would like to donate a lump sum of money to the Forestry Contest in memory of her husband Lawrence, and would like the Forestry Contest Steering Committee to determine how best to use the funds for the Forestry Contest. The Steering Committee will meet in September to decide the details. Kim Golden said he will look into the best methods of investing the money to utilize the interest each year. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to accept the donation for the Forestry Contest, *the motion carried*.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Division I Meeting:** Scheduled for Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in Plummer at the Wellness Center. Linda will coordinate with everyone regarding transportation.

**Lower West Branch of Priest River WOPA:** The district has \$11,873.50 left for this project and the deadline is in 10 months. The landowner Greg had contacted is not interested in pursuing a project. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion that if we don't have someone step forward in one week that is ready to complete a project, we will return the money along with a cover letter terminating the project to the state. *The motion carried*.

**Division I low interest equipment loans through Spokane Conservation District:** At this time we have no one interested in this loan, but will continue getting the information out.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ISCC/IASCD News Update:** The board reviewed the new Organizational Chart for ISCC and the Historic Overview of the Idaho Conservation Partnership, which is very interesting and a great reference. The new QuickBooks information was reviewed. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to have Herman as the Master Administrator, Linda as a Company Administrator, Alice as a Reports Administrator, and Carol Youtz for Reports and Leonard Schulte as our Accountant. *The motion carried*.

**IASCD State Conference:** Boise, November 15-18, 2009. Other information has not yet been received.

**Upcoming Board Meetings:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to hold our next meeting at Cassie's on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, *the motion carried*. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to hold our Christmas meeting at Dale's on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, *the motion carried*.

**Panhandle Lakes RC&D:** Kim Golden reported as follows:

- He has developed the tree seedling information for the 2010 sale and distributed it to districts

- He has been working with Karl Dye and the Renewable Energy Committee from this area
- He met with Mayor Heller and the Chamber recently to refresh them on RC&D activities
- Kim invited everyone to the September 10th RC&D Annual Meeting at Q'Emlin Park at 1:00.

**Idaho Department of Environmental Quality:** Tom Herron reported as follows:

- IDEQ is struggling with the same financial woes as the district and the state. There will be no BURP crew this year. They may still receive cuts next year around 10%.
- The 2010 integrated report is due on April – still looking for data.
- Baseline monitoring in the Clark Fork is difficult with all the changes taking place.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a 319 meeting, and Tom will let us know the status of our Septic Pilot Project.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

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District Supervisor Signature

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Date

**Recap of Motions:**

- Approval of August 2009 minutes
- Approval of corrected August financial report
- Approval of \$354 Forestry Contest transfer
- Approval of submitting a request for POBC project funding in 2011
- Approval of Linda attending Division I/II IDEA training
- Approval of accepting Forestry Contest donation
- Approval of terminating in one week the LWB WQPA project and returning the money if no one in that watershed is interested in a project
- Approval of QBs designees
- Approval of October board meeting at Cassie's on the 6th
- Approval of December board meeting at Dale's on the 12th

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