

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2009  
Time: 12:30 p.m.  
Place: Farmin Park

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD (5:10)  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Kate Wilson, Associate  
Jamie Davis, IASCD  
Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Cassie Tauber, BSWCD, Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board met at noon for pizza to celebrate the July birthdays of Herman Collins, Alice Wallace, Greg Becker, and Mike Duval, with the meeting following.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Chairman Herman Collins.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Alice moved to approve the June 2009 minutes and Dale seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

In order to keep this meeting brief, the financial report for June will be addressed at the August meeting.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

- There are 16 ranked EQIP contracts that he has been working on.
- Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> he will meet with local law enforcement representatives to review protocol for boats being quarantined at the boat wash station.
- The Septic Pilot proposal did not rank as high as we had hoped at the BAG meeting. Greg is presenting the proposal at the RC&D meeting on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IASCD:** Jamie reported as follows:

- A shoreline landowner at priest Lake would like a vegetative buffer put in and is willing to be a demonstration site. Jamie requested and was given board approval to submit a small proposal with the Pend Oreille Basin Commission to fund this demonstration site.
- Jamie and Molly gave a presentation on L\*A\*S at Hills Resort yesterday at priest Lake. Many good ideas were shared and they will follow up on them.
- Is hosting a booth on SEEP and L\*A\*S this weekend at Sandpoint Marina for the Wooden Boat Show. She would like to have items to sell for L\*A\*S. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to order 15 T-shirts or items of some kind with the L\*A\*S logo on them to sell. *The motion carried.*
- TransCanada Pipeline is providing \$2500 to Division I L\*A\*S to fund Jamie's position. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the MOA between Bonner SWCD and TransCanada. *The motion carried.*

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

- Molly and Jamie attended the City of Sandpoint Urban Renewal board meeting July 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding renewal efforts from Pine Street to Main Street. They suggested ideas for better stormwater control to be installed while the streets are torn up.

- Priest Lake: Molly and Jamie have attended 2 meetings at Priest Lake, and are supporting efforts for them to form a lake association. They will next attend a gathering at Huckleberry Bay. Molly is working on the planting plan for Roger Gregory's riparian buffer.
- Garfield Bay had a gathering on July 4<sup>th</sup> that Molly attended near Harbor Bay Resort. 6 books were distributed.
- Molly has been designated to be a member of the Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force.
- Molly has been contacted along with 9 other people for input on plans for the land disturbed at Sour Dough Point in Bottle Bay when the potable water system was installed.
- A site visit at Ponder Point has been turned into a demonstration site at the request of the landowner, and Molly is working on the plan for that.
- Molly is working on revisiting two previous site visits and analyzing effectiveness of BMPs installed.
- Molly is speaking to the Westwood Condos homeowners association on BMPs for water quality.
- Rep. Eric Anderson has recommended an AIS monitoring program called "Adopt a Launch/Adopt a Dock". Monitoring devices would be put on docks at all boat launches to detect mussels, and check monthly by individuals in the vicinity of the boat launch. There are 31 boat launches on Lake Pend Oreille, and 400 launches in the Panhandle. Molly will look into how L\*A\*S could help with this.
- Molly reported her cell phone minutes have not gone up appreciably. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to contribute \$10 a month to Molly's cell phone coverage, retroactive to April. *The motion carried.*

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare stated she will give a complete two-month report in August, but updated the board on the following information from ISCC:

- Sara Brausch Schmidt has been approved as the new administrator for the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission.
- The IASCD board has given their support to Dale Van Stone and Paul Woods for the opening on the Commission.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Audit:** Linda received confirmation from the state that since our expenses were under \$250,000 this year, we could go to a bi-annual audit. The auditor estimated we would have a 40% savings by doing that. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to not do an audit this year. *The motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Boat Wash Station:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the MOA between the district and the City of Sandpoint to accommodate the boat wash station at City Beach. *The motion carried.* There was a discussion on the 4 people recommended to be hired as boat wash station attendants. Around 50 people applied for the position, and 6 people were interviewed. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the Employee Agreements for Abby Jensen, Courtenay Kiebert, Ron Mainord, and Dan Pearcy. *The motion carried.* Kate will conduct training for the attendants on boat inspection and aquatic invasive species on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 to 5:00, and again on Wednesday after the station training. Greenfield Industries will deliver the station on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and conduct a one-hour training at that time. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the MOA between the district and IASCD (Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts) for IASCD to administer the payroll. *The motion carried.*

A dress code was discussed for the attendants. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve a dress code for the boat wash station attendants on closed-toe shoes, shorts thigh length or longer, shirts provided by the district, safety glasses, and gloves. *The motion carried.*

**Lake\*A\*Syst Coordinator Position Evaluation:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to raise Molly's hourly rate from \$13 an hour to \$14 an hour. *The motion carried.*

**August Meeting:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to move the August meeting at Linda's from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 and the dinner at 6:00. *The motion carried.*

**IASCD Director's Report:** Alice reported that the Legislative Interim Committee (which was set up this year to study the rules and statutes that have ruled districts since 1939) is looking at changing how the Commission board members are selected, to perhaps selecting one from each Division. They are also looking at giving the IASCD more input on funding choices.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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 June 2009 minutes

Approval of ordering items to sell for Lake\*A\*Syst at presentation booths

Approval of MOA with TransCanada re \$2500 for Division I L\*A\*S

Approval of providing \$10 a month to L\*A\*S cell phone retroactive to April

Approval of not having an audit this year

Approval of Employee Agreements for Abby Jensen, Courtenay Kiebert, Ron Mainord and Dan Pearcy

Approval of MOA with IASCD for administering payroll

Approval of dress code for boat wash station attendants

Approval of \$1/hr raise for L\*A\*S coordinator

Approval of moving August meeting from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>

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