

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2009  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Tauber Ranch

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Kate Wilson, Associate  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate;

Around 12:30 Cassie Tauber and Greg Becker conducted a tour of the EQIP practices in progress on the Tauber Ranch after which everyone enjoyed lunch of barbecue burgers, Tauber Angus style.

The board meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Chairman Herman Collins.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Financial Report:**

Vern reviewed the October financial report and moved that it be approved. Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

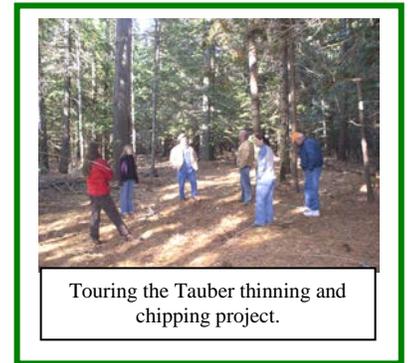
- EQIP signup deadline for 2010 is the end of January. We have more applications this year than we did at this time last year.
- CSP signup ends in January also, and we may have 3 applications.
- The County has finished their work on the 319 Fish Creek Road Restoration Project. Greg met 6 contractors on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for a site tour of the private road work job for bid on the next phase of the project. Two bids were received by the deadline. Cassie moved we accept the bid of \$14,670, Vern seconded the motion, and *the motion carried.* If the weather does not hold this fall, the private road project could be completed next May.

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

- The Steering Committee met last week and determined to develop a five-year plan for L\*A\*S.
- Molly is gathering information for future L\*A\*S BMP projects to give to Ruth Watkins in her search for grants for the district. Molly met with Mark Taylor at the Waterlife Discovery Center regarding a riparian buffer project, and with Kody Van Dyk, City Engineer, regarding a riparian buffer on the shoreline of the water treatment plant at Memorial Field. The City is also interested in extending that buffer further on the city easement, and the board agreed that the City had details to work out before that would be a possibility.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report:

- LAS: Linda will work on a draft of a 5-year plan for L\*A\*S by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Ag/Forestry meets November 12<sup>th</sup>, and Linda will suggest a program on L\*A\*S and AIS for the March Chamber meeting. Molly and Kate would provide the program.



- 319 Fish Creek: Greg will meet with the Cocolalla Lake Association volunteers on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 to tour the project and locate the culverts they have agreed to clean out twice a year.
- Inland Northwest Community Foundation Grant: A site visit will be held Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30 regarding our grant application for L\*A\*S. Molly, Herman and Kate will meet with Linda Graham from INCF, and with local committee representatives Karl Dye and Mindy Berg.
- AIS Stickers: Our final tally totaled \$5110, and the approximate total for the state was \$700,000+.
- Discussed having a paperless meeting utilizing a projector instead of copies. We will try it in January.
- Tree Seedlings: Have sold 1655 seedlings so far compared with 6400 last year.
- Jamie Davis would like to decrease her hours over the winter and save them for next spring and summer. The board was agreeable with this.
- Harry Menser invited everyone to breakfast at Appleby's in CdA to raise money for pancreatic cancer research. For \$7.00 pancake breakfast, Appleby's will donate \$5.00. Contact Harry for tickets after Nov. 17 when he returns to town.

Boat Wash Station: Herman, Greg, Molly, Kate and Linda met with Tom Woolf on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> re the district administering a grant for boat wash stations in 2010. There is a possibility of us managing ours at Samuals Station, one at Priest Lake, one at Athol, a mobile station, and coordinating on one in Montana near Heron. Included in the grant would be the funding for a supervisor to coordinate and help all of these stations. Tom will give us a proposal by November 15<sup>th</sup> to be reviewed at the December board meeting and finalized at the February meeting. Board members agreed to not get involved in any herbicide treatment or bottom barriers.

Kate Wilson reported on her state AIS meeting in Boise: Of the top 10 destination lakes in Idaho, the top 3 were Priest, Pend Oreille, and CdA Lakes. 64% of the boats go to one of the top 10 lakes. From July 4<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day, 2,660 boats went to Priest and 2,621 went to Pend Oreille, and that was before the count from our boat wash station was included.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

2009 Report of Accomplishments: The final version of this report was distributed.

QBs Master Administrator: Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to have Linda or the district employee as the Master Administrator for QuickBooks, and Herman and Alice as Company Administrators. *The motion carried.*

IASCD State Conference: Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion to select Alice as the voting delegate at the IASCD State Conference. *The motion carried.* Raffle tickets are available in the office for the rifle raffle.

Division I Meeting: The board discussed liability insurance and what it does not include, and the contracting process with the AGs office. Cassie moved and Vern seconded the motion to write a letter to Sara requesting information on the status of liability insurance and what is required of us to get a contract with the AGs office – and if we could have a response by the end of November. *The motion carried.* Herman requested we ask for information on the board as a whole and on each individual member.

\*\* Before new business could begin, members helped Cassie Tauber rescue 6 piglets that escaped their pen – we finally caught up with them in the chicken coup!



## **NEW BUSINESS**

ISCC/IASCD News Update: Linda handed out copies of information received this month: Biff Burleigh has retired and they are making staff changes; consensus items for legislative interim committee were discussed; ISCC feedback form was handed out and discussed.

**Future Grant Prioritization:** Herman, Greg, Molly, Kate and Linda met with Ruth Watkins on October 28<sup>th</sup> on their top projects to receive Ruth's help in writing grants. L\*A\*S is the number 1 project needing to be funded for 2010. Pack River, Trestle Creek, and Lightning Creek all have potential projects for 2011, as well as the treatment of Flowering Rush -- especially in the Clark Fork Delta. Vern moved and Cassie seconded the motion the district request Ruth pursue funding for the L\*A\*S program, including BMPs. The motion carried.

**Liability Insurance:** Herman reviewed and signed the D & O insurance information form. Linda will fax it to Kristin Magruder.

**Resolution re Sustainable Funding for UI Research & Extension:** The board reviewed the information given, and postponed any decision to the December meeting after more information was acquired.

The next board meeting will be our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Dale and Jo Ann Van Stone. The board meeting will be at 4:30 with dinner and a gift exchange to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

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 October 2009 minutes

Approval of October 2009 financial report

Approval of accepting the \$14,670 bid for private roads in the Fish Creek 319 Road Improvement Project

Approval of Linda O'Hare designated as Master Administrator for QuickBooks, Herman and Alice as Company Administrators

Approval of Alice as voting delegate at the IASCD state conference

Approval of Linda writing a letter to Sarah Schmidt re insurance information and contracting with AGs office

Approval of Ruth Watkins pursuing funding for the L\*A\*S program in 2010

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