

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2011  
Time: 2:00  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Greg Becker, NRCS  
Nick Studebaker, NRCS Soil Con.

Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S  
Erin Mader, POBC  
Tom Herron, IDEQ  
Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC Staff Engineer  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Alice Wallace, BSWCD; Harry Menser, Associate; Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate

The board meeting was called to order at 2:05. Herman introduced and welcomed Bill Lillibridge, Engineer for ISWCC out of Lewistown. Nick Studebaker, the new Soil Con for the NRCS Sandpoint Field Office, was also introduced to those who did not meet him at the December meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dale moved to approve the December 2010 minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### **Financial Report:**

Herman reviewed the December financial report and recommended that it be approved. Vern moved the December financial report be approved, Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.* A discussion was held regarding the Daily Bee subscription – Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to continue the subscription at \$154. *The motion carried.*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

- Greg reviewed the CRP information he had sent out for renewing a contract suggested by FSA. NRCS monitors the CRP projects on the ground. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to approve of Herman signing the contract. *The motion carried.*
- Greg reviewed the WQPA contract #74021110C0 he is ready to submit for payment for Thinning and Slash Treatment. There was a discussion on the cost of slash clearing, and the almost over-efficient job done by the contractor. The board recommended doubling the amount allowed by WQPA. Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to allow \$6312.00 for this contract. *The motion carried.*

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

- Due to lack of grant funds, Molly will work Mondays only in January, February, and part of March. She will try to attend Task Force meetings and complete a brochure for shoreline landowners regarding Aquatic Invasive Species. She will also attend SEEP meetings, and will get paid through SEEP for any instruction she does – she is on the board and in charge of Bonner County classes. She will also continue on the design committee for Waterlife Discovery Center, and continue with Native Plant Society in working on their book which should be published this spring. She is pursuing Herman's idea of utilizing the services of Boy Scouts for distribution of the remaining Pend Oreille Lake Guidebooks – and will attend their meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Molly found a duplicate page mistake in the Priest Guidebooks, and this will be taken care of by the printing company.

- Dale and Herman recommended Molly call Ruth again to see about any Avista funding that may be available for L\*A\*S.
- Molly was encouraged to apply for grants during her time off, and Dale moved to reimburse Molly for her time in writing any grants she receives funding for. Vern seconded the motion, *the motion carried*.

**POBC:** Erin Mader reported as follows:

- DNA testing came back negative for mussel veligers from Flathead Lake.
- Erin is currently the Chair of the AIS Task Force.
- She has been studying the Anti-degradation Proposal before the legislature. Water quality standards are included but there are no means of implementation. Tom Herron supplied information from DEQ's standpoint regarding this. Lack of funding to support water quality issues at this time is getting more prevalent. Also, EPA is still working on environmental assessment.
- Tom and Erin both hope to find more funding for the Lake\*A\*Syst program this year.

**ISWCC:** Bill Lillibridge reported as follows:

- Of the 2 vacancies with the SWCC, one has been filled. In Division 6 Brian Reid has been hired full time. The position of a deputy to Sara has been put on hold until funding from the legislature is determined.
- For the district's Antidegradation Plan that is due March 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill Dansert with ISWCC is available for any GIS maps needed for land-use analysis.
- Legislative Dates – February 8<sup>th</sup>, ISWCC budget hearing with JAFAC, then in March they present information on accomplishments to the legislature.
- ISWCC Annual Plan/Strategic Plan Update is scheduled for this year. If you would like to help provide input into this update, contact Sara. The current plan is on their website.
- The Commission's spring meeting will be held in the northern half of the state sometime in April, May or June. Anyone interested in hosting this meeting should contact Chairman Bill Flory before the end of January.
- Bill was questioned by the board regarding getting any more funding this year through the Commission, and Bill saw no way that would be happening. There was discussion on the email sent by Sara complementing the district on their accomplishments last year, and Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to send a letter to the County appealing for more funding and include the report from Sara. *The motion carried*.

**BSWCD:** Linda O'Hare highlighted her written report which included the following:

- The MOU from ISDA was received yesterday for 2011 boat inspection stations. ICRMP will review the MOU to make sure they can cover ISDA's requests.
- LAS: Final 2010 reports for Inland Northwest Community Foundation Grant and POBC 2010 Grant have been submitted.
- Submitted two Fish Creek 319 Invoices – one includes a payment to the county for their labor. Linda is waiting to hear back from DEQ regarding supporting that request.
- Tree Seedlings: \$20,985 sold so far, profit around \$2000.
- Submitted information for SWCC quarterly newsletter, which can be accessed on the Commission's website.
- Worked on budget figures for 2010 and 2011. Board reviewed the fact sheet showing the district short by \$5180 for 2011.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Division I Meeting in March:** Division I Director Billie Brown will set the date at the IASCSD meeting this month. As soon as Linda finds out she will contact ICRMP re scheduling the director training.

**L\*A\*S Funding Status:** Covered in Molly's report.

**Boat Inspection Program for 2011:** The board briefly reviewed the MOU received from ISDA, which included the change from funding the 3 stations applied for to only 2 stations. Discussion covered utilizing our supervisor with 2 stations, covering the southern border of Bonner County without the Garwood station, sending daily data reports without internet access, and whether or not to sell AIS stickers. The board will review the MOU over the next month, send any comments to Linda to iron out with ISDA, and have a final copy by the February 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting to approve. The board felt strongly about selling the AIS stickers at our stations.

**QuickBooks in FY2012:** The board will address this at the next meeting.

**Support Letter for Kelso Lake/Beaver Creek Minimum Flow:** Greg reviewed the letter he wrote on behalf of the board to support the efforts of the Kelso Lake and Hoo Doo Watershed Council to protect a minimum lake level for Kelso Lake and a minimum flow for Beaver Creek. Dale moved to have Herman sign the letter and send it to the Watershed Council. *The motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers:** Dale moved we retain the same slate of officers as in 2010, Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Herman Collins will continue as Chairman, Dale Van Stone will continue as Vice-Chairman, and Vern Hollett will continue as Treasurer.

**IDEA Dues:** Dale moved and Cassie seconded the motion to pay the \$35 IDEA dues for 2011. *The motion carried.*

**2011 Farm Tour:** The Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce has dropped the Ag/Forestry Committee because they were not providing enough income to the Chamber. Merrill Olson with Farm Bureau contacted BSWCD regarding attending a meeting to support organizing the Farm Tour outside of Chamber support. The round table discussion will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Connie's. Herman and Linda will attend.

**Correspondence:** Ed Nurmi's Christmas card was read, which included pictures of Ed at his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday party in November. Ed was the first NRCS District Conservationist in Bonner County.

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 December 2010 meeting minutes

Approval of December 2010 financial report, and paying for subscription to Daily Bee at \$154

Approval of signing the CRP contract

Approval of allowing \$6312 for WQPA Contract #7402110C0, and signing payment request form

Approval of sending letter to county requesting more funding and attaching a copy of Sara's email regarding accomplishments of BSWCD in 2010

Approval of signing and sending letter of support to Kelso Lake and Hoo Doo Watershed Council regarding Kelso Lake Level and minimum flow of Beaver Creek

Approval of paying \$35 IDEA dues

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