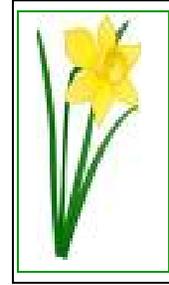


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, May 3, 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

Molly McCahon, L*A*S (left at 3:00)
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Mark Hogen, SWC
Cornel Rasor, County Commissioner

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

The board meeting was called to order at 2:05.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the April 2011 minutes and Vern seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

➤ Vern reviewed the April financial report and moved that it be approved. Dale seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- It has been arranged with the City to spread the hardwood chips at Memorial at 10:30 tomorrow, May 4th.
- Greg has been working at least 1 day a week now in CdA as Acting DC.
- Greg has been contacted by both the Schweitzer Road District and DEQ for input regarding Schweitzer road. With snow removal and graveling the road over the winter, they are worried about the amount of sediment getting into Sand Creek – also a concern with the drinking water source nearby. They will meet soon to determine the best plan for moving forward, and perhaps will need a 319 grant to help fund the project. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion for the district to support a 319 grant application for improvements on Schweitzer Road if needed. *The motion carried.*

SWC: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- New organization chart for the Commission was shared
- WQPA – payments are due by May 27th
- Bill Lillibridge is the Acting Administrator for the Commission
- There will be a TMDL meeting the 2nd week of June
- The Commission's meeting on June 8th in CdA will hear district budget requests for projects, ie Forestry Contest and Lake*A*Syst

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- She has been busy this past month with the following: Garden Show; SEEP classes in Bonner County which 7 City of Sandpoint employees attended; New city ordinance proposed requiring contractors to have SEEP or ITD training; Flowering rush – the Sandpoint Charter School helped pull; Earth Day booth had AIS information, as well as BSWCD and NRCS.
- Molly has been working on the AIS brochure that will go into the Pend Oreille Messenger – it needs approval from the Task force.

- POBC Meeting – POBC is seeking funding through Avista, and may become an adjunct of IDF&G – although at this time they are still looking at all options.
- She is just starting on the CdA LAS materials.
- She would like to submit a 319 pre-application.

Cornel Razor – Bonner County Commissioner:

The weevil project for milfoil control has been put on hold. It was determined by the Attorney General's office that transporting the milfoil is against the law, regardless. The weevil project consists of collecting weevils and propagating them on milfoil, then the milfoil with the weevil larvae is stocked back in the water. The collection of milfoil and its transport and placement back in the water body (rather than destroying it) is the issue.

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

- Boat Inspection Stations: Training is set for May 16th & 17th, station set up is May 25, and opening day is May 26th. Jim McNall is reviewing several questions Linda has had.
- CdA L*A*S: Have received the funding from IDEQ.
- EQIP-WQPA – Will incorporate the Division I account for the limited use it will have into the Bonner SWCD QuickBooks program with board approval.
- Forestry Contest: April newsletter and registration form mailed. Have received \$7127.14 so far in donations. Herman, Alice, Vern, and Harry have volunteered. The course is very wet, and changes are being made in the layout to accommodate this.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival: Linda will help with the in-class presentation at Hope Elementary May 9th.
- Tree Seedlings: Final report – 23,285 seedlings sold at a profit of \$2,533.37.
- Memorial – The board is invited to help with the wood chips – bring a shovel and pitchfork tomorrow, 10:30.
- Tree ID: Linda will go to Oldtown to teach Tree ID to Mrs. Hawn's 6th graders.

OLD BUSINESS:

QuickBooks: Desktop QuickBooks and HP laptop have been purchased.

Division I WQPA: Reported by Mark Hogen.

Farm Tour Meeting: The next Farm Tour meeting will be May 11th at 8 am at Connie's. Farm Tour will be June 16th.

ISWCC Spring Meeting Tour: The June 7th tour sites have been set and Linda is working with SWC on the details.

County Funding: Herman, Greg and Linda met with the Commissioners and requested \$7,500. The county budget will be set the beginning of August.

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Inspection Stations: The MOA with Samuels Store is the same as last year. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve the MOA. *The motion carried.*

POBC Contract for 2012: Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to write a letter to POBC regarding our willingness to administer the POBC contract for FY2012. *The motion carried.*

FY2012 Annual Plan and FY2013 Budget and June 8th SWC Budget Hearing: Due to changes in reporting, at this time an Annual Plan and Budget are not requested by the SWC. However, they are asking districts to request funding for any special projects at the June 8th Budget Hearing. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to request funding from the Soil & Water Conservation Commission for the following special projects: 1) Forestry Contest, \$1,500 for FY2012, 2) Lake*A*Syst, \$30,000 for FY2013, and 3) Pack River Watershed Council on-the-ground BMP project, \$1,500 for FY2012. *The motion carried.*

L*A*S 319 Pre-Application: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to support Molly submitting a 319 Pre-Application for Lake*A*Syst funding. *The motion carried.*

L*A*S Coordinator: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to raise Molly's hourly rate to \$15.00 per hour. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O'Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

Approval of April 2011 regular meeting minutes

Approval of April 2011 financial report

Approval of MOA for Boat Inspection Station at Samuels

Approval of writing a letter to POBC regarding our willingness to administer POBC funding for FY2012

Approval of requesting special funding for 3 projects at the June 8th SWC budget hearing

Approval of supporting 319 Pre-Application for L*A*S funding

Approval of giving Molly a raise to \$15.00/hour

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