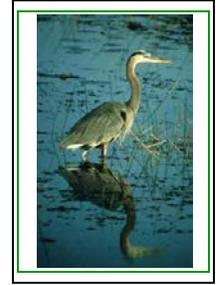


# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2011  
Time: 2:00  
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD  
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Vern Hollett, BSWCD  
Alice Wallace, BSWCD  
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD  
Greg Becker, NRCS

Nick Studebaker, NRCS  
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD  
Guests:  
Bob Tribelhorn, NRCS  
Bret Rumbeck, IASCD

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Harry Menser; Associate; Erin Mader, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S

The board meeting was called to order at 2:05. Herman introduced and welcomed our guests, Bob Tribelhorn and Bret Rumbeck.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Financial Report:**

- Vern reviewed the May financial report and moved that it be approved. Cassie seconded the motion, *the motion carried.*
- Mileage reports from the board were turned in for January-June 2011 for payment.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

- Working both the CdA office as Acting DC and the Sandpoint office is working out well so far – it was very busy for a while but things are now falling into place.

**NRCS:** Bob Tribelhorn, Assistant State Conservationist, reported as follows:

- RC&D: By law they exist, but have no funding. Of the 8 coordinators, 1 has gone to the state office, 1 to 4 are taking early retirement, Kim Golden is a Resource Conservationist and is putting his time to CTA, CRP, CSP, and EQIP. There is not a FY12 budget yet, so they don't know when the DC position in CdA will be filled – but they are hoping for October. There are several retirements at the DC level across the state. They also do plan to bring a Forester back to Division I.

**IASCD:** Bret Rumbeck, Executive Director, reported as follows:

- The new website is up and running. Bret is the web master, and is impressed with the ease with which he can use the template system to post information. He requested to have project information sent to him to post.
- The Rigby team won the Envirothon, and is going to Canada to complete.
- There is a possibility they may be moving again – all four of the NRCS employees in their office are retiring.
- Bret was asked by Congressman Simpson to be on the EPA food reform committee.
- He will be meeting with JAYFAC and an AP reporter to start networking.
- IASCD had been requested by districts to keep them updated on the IASCD budget, Bret sent out a services and products list – he will resend that.
- The next IASCD meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup> in Boise. The state conference is November 13-16 at the Double Tree in Boise. The board members suggested Bruce Vincent for a speaker.

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

- Boat Inspection Stations: Both stations opened May 26<sup>th</sup>. The roadway at Samuels has been leveled and graveled. The new Data units are working well, but difficult to download without power at the stations. We need to hire more help. Alice moved to approve Paul Cvitanich, a returnee from last season, and for Herman and Linda to interview and hire 2 more attendants who have already had training. *The motion carried.*
- WQPA: Our QBs contract is through August 31<sup>st</sup>, so I will transfer account information at that time.
- Forestry Contest: Many compliments on this year's contest, and we are able to cover our expenses. Six of the eight board members and associates helped at the contest! Thank You to Herman, Alice, Vern, Fairy, Harry, and Erin for all your help! The NACD Forestry Notes publication is going to run a story on the Forestry Contest.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival went well – weather was beautiful. We will look for more help next year in setting up the contest. Thank you to Harry for helping at this year's Festival.
- Wording on Subdivision Reviews: Tabled until the next meeting.
- Desktop QBs: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Kim Wood, an accountant in CdA, do the QBs conversion. *The motion carried.* She provides a CD with the backup information.
- MW Payroll Services did a great job on our first payroll.
- US Fish & Wildlife Service has requested input on their Strategic Plan – deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Division I WQPA:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to have Herman sign the Payment Application form for Contract #74021110CO. *The motion carried.*

**Farm Tour Meeting:** Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay for Alice, Herman, Harry and Linda to attend at \$25 each. *The motion carried.*

**ISWCC Spring Meeting Tour:** Everything is set for the Tour – Herman, Alice and Linda will attend.

**FY2012 Budget:** After review of the budget, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve. *The motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**L\*A\*S POBC 2011 Contract Amendment:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to accept the additional \$3,500 for this contract, plus \$200 for brochures. *The motion carried.*

**Pack River Watershed Council Avista Grant:** Vern moved and Alice seconded the motion to sign the Avista contract for \$3,679 for 2011 funding for the Pack River Watershed Council. *The motion carried.*

**FY2011 Audit Bid:** Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to accept the \$2,600 bid of Leonard Schulte for our FY2011 audit. *The motion carried.*

**Division I Letter from Billie Brown:** The information was discussed, no action taken.

**FY2011 SWC Survey:** The surveys were distributed to the board.

**Schedule for July and August Board Meetings:** There will be no July meeting, and the August meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> at Cassie's farm.

**Grouse Creek Project:** Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to accept the additional funding from Avista of \$16,000 to supplement USFWS's \$25,000 for this streambank stabilization project. *The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

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 May 2011 regular meeting minutes

Approval of May 2011 financial report

Approval of hiring Paul Cvitanich and 2 other boat inspection attendants

Approval of hiring Kim Wood for QBs conversion

Approval of Division I WQPA Payment Request

Approval of paying registration for 4 for Farm Tour

Approval of FY2012 Budget

Approval of L\*A\*S POBC Contract Amendment for addition \$3500 plus \$200

Approval of Avista Pack River Watershed Council Grant for 2011 for \$3,679

Approval of Leonard Schulte's bid of \$2,600 for FY2011 Audit

Approval of Grouse Creek additional funding from Avista for \$16,000.

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