

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



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

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
 Vern Hollett, BSWCD Nick Studebaker, NRCS
 Cassie Tauber, BSWCD Molly McCahon, L*A*S
 Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
 Harry Menser, Associate Cornel Rasor, County Commissioner

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

The board meeting was called to order at 2:05

Approval of Minutes:

Dale moved to approve the August 9, 2011, regular minutes and the August 24, 2011, special meeting minutes. Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

➤ Herman reviewed the August financial report and recommended it be approved. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the August financial report, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- Fish Creek 319 Road Improvement Project: Greg reviewed the items to finish up this road improvement project, which included $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of additional road gravel, slope repair and ditch rock lining. Cassie moved and Dale seconded the motion to proceed with these three items to finish up the project. *The motion carried.*
- Schweitzer Road 319 Application: Greg reviewed the items discussed that morning in a meeting with the city, DEQ, and the Independent Highway District. The board would like information from F&G regarding the affect of the snow removal on aquatic life in Schweitzer Creek and Sand Creek. They would also like to know the full extent of the need for sediment (sand) reduction and the problems existing because of it (is the sand worse than the sodium). The board would like to know that all agencies affected are comfortable with the snow removal procedures to be established with this grant. Molly questioned getting too far into funding the infrastructure before we know how successful this process is. This item was tabled until the October meeting.

L*A*S: Molly reported as follows:

- Molly will be the lead person in the Fall SEEP (Stormwater & Erosion Education Program) classes offered on October 18th and 19th.
- The BMP projects at the Waterlife Discovery Center and Dover Bay funded by the L*A*S 319 grant are doing well. Molly has been watering, and has installed some new plants and shrubs. DEQ will visit these two sites on September 13th.
- Lake Level Fluctuation: The comment period for the Environmental Assessment was extended from August 31st to September 13th. Erin Mader is writing a comment letter to be submitted by the Pend Oreille Basin Commission. Support from the Bonner SWCD will be included with these comments.

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

- Bonner SWCD received an allotment of \$6750 from Bonner County again this year. Commissioner Rasor was thanked by the board and NRCS for keeping this office open. Cornel talked about the cuts that had been made in the County budget, and the difficult economic times.

- Boat Inspection Stations: Stations were closed today, and the wash units will be stored at IDL after winterization. As of August 31st, Samuels had 2504 inspections, Oldtown 6087. 23 fouled boats have been caught at Idaho inspection stations – 13 at Cedars, none at Samuels or Oldtown. Sales on stickers was at \$40,000 last week – a final report will be given at the next meeting.
- Tree seedlings are all sold out except for 8” White Pine. We have sold 26,915 seedlings.

OLD BUSINESS

Division I WQPA: At the August 10th meeting in Coeur d’Alene, representatives from Division I approved the FY2011 Financial Review.

Wording on Subdivision Reviews or P & Z Reports: The board approved the wording used by NRCS and the District on Subdivision Reviews.

NEW BUSINESS

Panhandle Lakes RC&D: Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay the \$150 dues for RC&D. *The motion carried.* Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to appoint Herman as the RC&D Representative, and Cassie as the Alternate. *The motion carried.* Herman will attend the September 8th annual meeting.

ICRMP: The Soil & Water Conservation Commission is paying the ICRMP \$850 premium for all districts again this year, so there will be no further payment needed. Herman and Linda would like to attend the 3rd session of ICRMP/PRIMA training scheduled for October 21st in Moscow. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay their expenses to attend. *The motion carried.*

Division I Fall Meeting: The Fall Division I Meeting will be held October 6th at the Wellness Center in Plummer, coffee starts at 9:00, meeting starts at 9:30. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to pay registration for those attending. *The motion carried.* At this time Vern, Dale, Herman, Harry, Nick and Linda said they would attend, and Dale said he would drive, and probably leave around 7:15 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted by Linda O’Hare, District Administrator.

Approved by:

District Supervisor Signature

Date

Recap of Motions:

- Approval of August 2011 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes
- Approval of August 2011 financial reports
- Approval of additional gravel, slope and ditch work for Fish Creek 319 grant
- Approval of \$150 RC&D dues
- Approval of Herman Collins as RC&D Representative and Cassie Tauber as Alternate
- Approval of paying registration expenses for those attending Division I meeting in Plummer
- Approval of paying Herman’s and Linda’s expenses for attending ICRMP training in Moscow

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