

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



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

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD Erin Mader, Associate
Alice Wallace, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD Nick Studebaker, NRCS
Fairy Delay, Associate Linda O'Hare, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Associate

Absent: Vern Hollett, BSWCD; Cassie Tauber, BSWCD; Molly McCahon, L*A*S

The board meeting was called to order at 2:05

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the September 6, 2011, minutes, and Dale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Herman reviewed the September financial report and recommended it be approved. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the September financial report, as well as the transfer of \$16,000 from Avista for Grouse Creek to the LGIP and the balance of \$45,000 for Boat Inspection from LGIP to PSB. The motion carried.
- Dues are due for both NACD and IASCD. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay NACD dues of \$775 and IASCD dues of \$1500. The motion carried.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker reported as follows:

- Greg reviewed the support letter for the Schweitzer road improvement project. The board discussed the project, and Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve of sending the letter in support of the 319 project now to be sponsored by the Independent Highway District instead of BSWCD. The motion carried. Greg reported the committee is still waiting to hear from F&G regarding the effects of sodium chloride on aquatic life, as well as waiting on the final analysis on sodium chloride from the lab at Kellogg.

L*A*S: Molly's written report was reviewed by Linda:

- Regarding the EPA grant Molly was going to present to the board, she thinks it is a good fit but does not have the time to write it by the deadline of November 1. If between Linda and Molly they can find the time to submit the grant, Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to submit the grant. The motion carried.
- Meeting at Waterlife Discovery Center on October 11th at 10 a.m. to discuss a management plan with F&G.
- Is scheduling a steering committee for L*A*S for the end of October.
- SEEP classes are October 18th and 19th. SEEP and the CdA Lake Management Plan books will be Molly's focus for the next two weeks.
- Erin Mader's proposal for funding for POBC at the September 27th meeting of AVISTA met negative response from Diane Williams with Tri-State, to the surprise of the POBC representatives present. Erin said that there will be another meeting regarding their funding in a couple weeks after the AVISTA board has had more time to review the proposal after the negative input.

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

- Boat Inspection Stations: Final tallies included 2,631 inspections at Samuels, 6,584 at Oldtown. AIS sticker sales totaled 2,714 stickers sold for a total of \$41,334.50, with \$37,226.45 to IDPR in support of the program.
- Linda was approved for vacation the first week of November, with the board meeting set for November 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter re BPA/ACE Lake Level Fluctuation: The letter of support from the board was submitted. Regarding the level of the lake this year, Erin said they were doing the maximum drawdown so that next year they could keep it at 2255 for Kokanee spawning – the year the F&G deemed most important.

Fall Division I Meeting in Plummer: Dale, Alice, Nick and Linda will attend the October 6th meeting.

IASCD Annual Conference, November 13-16 in Boise: Linda and Herman plan to attend. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay Herman's and Linda's expenses, as well as the \$25 for door prizes, *the motion carried.*

Grouse Creek Project: Discussion was held on the construction bid for this project being greater than the project funding. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to authorize Herman to sign the contract once the funding is secured and equal to the bid. *The motion carried.*

Final Draft of SWC FY2012-2015 Strategic Plan: The board was given copies of the Plan for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Land & Soil Evaluation Event 2011: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to pay the \$50 for the Land & Soil Evaluation Event to West Cassia SWCD, *the motion carried.*

ICRMP Terrorism Risk Insurance: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to reject the insurance coverage under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, *the motion carried.*

Postal Survey: The board was made aware of the postal survey regarding Saturday service, among other items.

Bonner SWCD Bid Process: Discussion was held on the dollar limit to the bid process. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to increase the ceiling limit to \$50,000 for the bid process to be required. *The motion carried.*

Forest Service Reception: The board was informed of the open house to be held at the Forest Service on October 13th anytime after 1:00 pm. Eric Walker is the new Ranger, and Mary Farnsworth is the new Area Supervisor.

Waterlife Discovery Center Grant Support Letter: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve and have Herman sign the letter of support from Bonner SWCD for the grant submitted by the Master Naturalists. *The motion carried.* \$900 of match will be provided through our L*A*S program.

Conservation Partners Cooperative Working Agreement Draft: Copies were give to the board for input.

Christmas Party: Linda and Alice will look into securing a place for the Christmas Party to be held a separate date from the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Tri-State Meeting in Missoula: Herman will not be able to attend this fall, and the other supervisors were unable to change their plans to attend the October 13th meeting.

Ag/Forestry Committee Meeting: Harry Menser attended the last meeting. Mike Bauer has prepared a CD of the tour – he will make arrangements with Nick to have it shown at the next board meeting.

Priest Lake WAG: IDEQ has requested a member from the Bonner SWCD on their Priest Lake Watershed Advisory Group. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to have Molly McCahon as our representative, and her hours on that board to come from the district budget. *The motion carried.*

Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried.

Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to leave Executive Session. The motion carried.

Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to give Linda a \$500 bonus for her work on the Boat Inspection Program to be paid through payroll. The motion carried.

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 September 2011 minutes

Approval of September 2011 financial reports; and \$16,000 Avista transfer to LGIP; and \$45,000 transfer from LGIP to PSB for balance of boat inspection stations.

Approval of \$775 for NACD dues, and \$1500 for IASCD dues

Approval of support letter for Schweitzer Road Improvement project with Independent Highway District as sponsor

Approval of Molly & Linda submitting the EPA Grant due November 1st

Approval of Herman's & Linda's state conference expenses, as well as \$25 for door prize

Approval of Grouse Creek contract after grant funding meets bid

Approval of \$50 to Land & Soil Evaluation Event

Approval of increasing ceiling for bid process to start at \$50,000

Approval of support letter for L*A*S funding to match WDC F&G Grant

Approval of Molly McCahon as member of Priest Lake WAG

Approval of going into Executive Session

Approval of leaving Executive Session

Approval of \$500 bonus to Linda for Boat Inspection Program administration

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