

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Time: 1:30 Supervisor Training, 2:00 Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Suite 101

Attendance: Herman Collins, BSWCD
Dale Van Stone, BSWCD
Vern Hollett, BSWCD
Alice Wallace, BSWCD
Cassie Tauber, BSWCD
Harry Menser, Associate

Greg Becker, NRCS
Nick Studebaker, NRCS
Mark Hogen, ISWCC
Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Absent: Fairy Delay, Associate; Ed Nurmi, Associate; Molly McCahon, L*A*S

ICRMP Supervisor Training 1:30 – 2:00: Herman, Dale, Vern, Alice, Cassie, Harry, Mark and Linda viewed the power point of the ICRMP Supervisor Training provided at the IASCD state conference in Burley by Jim McNall.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Alice moved to approve the January 2011 minutes and Cassie seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Financial Report:

Vern reviewed the January financial report and recommended that it be approved. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to approve the January financial report, the motion carried. A discussion was held regarding the Gem State Miner subscription – Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to continue the subscription at \$32.50. *The motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Greg Becker highlighted his written report which included the following:

- Greg has reviewed the plans done by River Design for bank stabilization on Grouse Creek. USFWS is providing the funding for the project. The plans use a more habitat friendly procedure than riprap.
- Greg shared a chart of moisture content for the Sandpoint area, it is average this year.
- Other items in Greg's report: EQIP has 13 2011 applications moving into contract requirements, WRP has 2 applications, CSP has 4 applications; Completed the 1st quarter audit for 2011; Small Acreage Program - Greg worked with Bonner County Planning.

L*A*S: Molly is working only Mondays until March.

ISWCC: Mark Hogen reported as follows:

- He reviewed the information from the Commission regarding block grants, and their request for input from districts on whether to pursue them. The board felt the criteria in block grants were easier to meet than WQPA criteria, as WQPA has to be in a state priority area. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to support the Commission looking into block grants and sharing that information with districts. *The motion carried.*

- Mark reviewed February's calendar for the Commission: February 8th are budget hearings with JAYFAC, February 10th are district legislative displays, February 15th confirmation for new commissioners
- Regarding Antidegradation Plans, Bill Dansart has completed district maps for all of Division I, and Mark shared Bonner County's with the board. Linda will include them in our Antidegradation Plan.
- Mark reviewed the opportunity for Conservation Improvement Grants available through NRCS.
- The Commission has paid the ICRMP premium of \$850 for this year for every participating district.

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

- Boat Inspection Stations: ICRMP reviewed the ISDA 2011 MOU for boat inspection stations and is comfortable in being able to cover everything requested with our existing policy. ICRMP requested we send them updated information on equipment once the MOU is signed.
- Received the Idaho AIS Program Summary for 2010 – of the top destination lakes in Idaho, Priest Lake is #1 with 4,514 boaters and Pend Oreille is #2 with 4,513 boaters.
- LAS: We have been approached with 2 potential funding sources for LAS for 2011, one with Tri-State and one with IDEQ. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to pursue both of these sources for LAS funding. *The motion carried.*
- Fish Creek 319 Grant: We received the check for the 2nd invoice for \$31,121.86.
- Division I districts are making plans for a Legislative Display on February 10th to be manned by Karma Bragg from Division IV who will be attending. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to support Linda preparing information for the display. *The motion carried.*
- Other items: Quarterly taxes paid, W-2 and 1099's completed; Plans have begun for the Idaho State Forestry Contest which will be May 12th, and for the Pend Oreille Water Festival which will be May 19 & 20; and Linda completed NRCS 2011 Computer Security Awareness Training.
- Tree Seedlings: 21,320 sold so far, profit around \$2100.
- Linda requested 3 vacation days in February and received verbal approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Division I Meeting March 17, 2011 in Sandpoint: ICRMP's Jim McNall has confirmed he will be able to provide Supervisor Training at the Division I meeting March 17th. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to sign the contract with Panhandle State Bank for use of their Community Room for that day for \$100 if ICRMP is comfortable with the language in the contract. Discussion followed. *The motion carried.*

Boat Inspection Program for 2011: ICRMP has reviewed and is comfortable with the language in the MOU with ISDA. Vern moved and Alice seconded the motion to have Herman sign the MOU with ISDA for 2 boat inspection stations in 2011. *The motion carried.* Discussion followed regarding the supervisor's schedule to include having Saturdays off, and if possible having 2 days in a row.

QuickBooks in FY2012: IASCD will have pertinent information for us to make our decision by the March 1st meeting.

Division I WQPA:

Greg presented information to increase the cost-share for Practice 384 Slash Treatment (after pre-commercial thinning) from \$175/acre to \$330/acre for the Division I EQIP-WQPA program. The other districts in Division I would need to approve this to have it take effect. Dale moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve changing the slash treatment rate to \$330/acre as this is a more reasonable rate for the labor involved, it creates a cleaner ground cover for cattle, and it provides more flexibility and diversity for wildlife habitat and movement. *The motion carried.* Greg and Linda will send this to the other districts for their approval.

Lance Holloway sent a copy of Amendment #1 to the original Agreement between the Commission and the districts in Division I regarding extending the end date of the WQPA Program for one year to June 30, 2012. If any districts have suggestions he would like them before the Commission meeting on February 15th when it will be presented for approval. The Districts are waiting for approval from ICRMP.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Seedling Policy: Discussion was held regarding getting late cancellations on tree seedling orders. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to put it on the order form that once an order is submitted it is final. *The motion carried.*

NRCS Section 1619 Compliance Form: Herman read the Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance form to the board. Alice moved and Vern seconded the motion to approve Herman sign the Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance form. *The motion carried.*

Antidegradation Plan: The board reviewed the Antidegradation Plan and added AIS stickers to the FY2012 Annual Plan. Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve the Antidegradation Plan. *The motion carried.*

Miscellaneous: Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to invite Erin Mader to be an Associate Member on the Bonner SWCD board. *The motion carried.* Linda will extend that invitation to her.

Correspondence: Ed Nurmi sent more pictures of his 98th birthday party that were shared, as well as newspaper clippings on the shooting in Tulsa, about 150 miles from his residence in Mesa. Sen. Keough’s reply regarding our request for support for clean water monitoring was also shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.
Respectfully submitted by Linda O’Hare, District Administrator.
Approved by:

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Recap of Motions:

- Approval of January 2011 meeting minutes
- Approval of January 2011 financial report, and paying for subscription to Gem State Minor at \$32.50
- Approval of ISWCC looking into block grants and sharing that information with districts
- Approval of pursuing 2011 LAS funding with Tri-State and with the Coeur d’Alene Tribe
- Approval of Linda submitting information for a legislative display on February 10th
- Approval of renting PSB’s Community Room for \$100 for Division I Spring meeting
- Approval of signing MOU with ISDA for boat inspection stations
- Approval of increasing cost-share for Slash Treatment under WQPA from \$175/acre to \$330/acre
- Approval of once an order for tree seedlings is submitted it is final, and putting that on the form
- Approval of signing the NRCS Section 1619 Compliance Form
- Approval of the FY2012 Antidegradation Plan
- Approval of inviting Erin Mader to be an Associate Member

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