Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 7, 2016 Time: 1:00 pm

Place: 1224 Washington Ave., Sandpoint, ID

Attendance: Herman B. Collins, BSWCD Greg Becker, NRCS

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD

Alice Wallace, BSWCD

Cassie Tauber, BSWCD

Molly McCahon, LAS

Jennifer Jensen, UI Extension

Linda O'Hare, BSWCD

Harry Menser, BSWCD

Absent: Erin Mader, POBC; Fairy Delay, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Chairman Herman Collins.

Approval of Minutes:

Harry moved, seconded by Dale, to approve the May 2016 minutes with the correction of the Incubator Kitchen proposed building being 30 x 50 feet, *the motion carried*.

Financial Report:

- Alice reviewed the May financial report and recommended approval. Alice moved, seconded by Dale, to approve the May financials, *the motion carried*.
- Alice moved, Harry seconded the motion to approve of the \$50 donation to the Land and Soil Evaluation Event, *the motion carried*.
- Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to remove Vern Hollett's name as a signatory and to add Harry Menser's name as a signatory to the district accounts at Columbia Bank, *the motion carried*.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>No-Till Drill</u>: Cassie Tauber will call the office and contact the Cattlemen's Association as soon as the Hawkins family sets the date for using their no-till drill. Linda will let the office staff and board know the date.

Ag Tourism – "Incubator Kitchen": No new progress to report.

Forestry Contest: A total of 280 competitors, 100 novices, 200 volunteers, and 80 coaches & chaperones attended the Contest, for a total around 660. Donations = \$8547, Expenses to this date = \$8295 – Balance of \$252. Overall everything went very well.

<u>Water Festival</u>: The final profit to the district of the Fly Fishing Film Tour was \$3326.45 with \$1663.23 to fund the Water Festival over 2 years. Total donations were \$9,898.22, estimated expenses are \$9582, balance around \$316. We will purchase more stakes and tension straps to secure the canopies in case of wind. At this time we are gathering information from Army Corps, the School Superintendent, 5th grade teachers, and instructors to see about moving the Festival to the beginning of October and not the same month as the Forestry Contest and boat stations opening. Dale moved and Alice seconded the motion to proceed with plans to move to October, *the motion carried*.

Boat Inspection Stations: Hired 5 new inspectors – completed all the payroll and hiring information – the district has 23 employees at this time. Training went well with ½ at Sandpoint Marine with a boat mechanic to learn about all the different kinds of boats and jet skis and how to inspect them, ½ day with station protocol and use of the power washers, and 1 full day in class. Army Corps donated items to hand out at the stations. ISDA contracted with Bonner County and law enforcement has been at every station and stops motorists with watercraft that try to skirt the inspection station. They are not fining yet, but sending the boaters back through the station. If we need another employee, Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to hire Gary Causer, *the motion carried*. Gary is working at this time at a station run by ISDA and has been through the training.





<u>Audit Proposal:</u> Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign Leonard Schulte's letter of agreement for our FY2016 audit, *the motion carried*.

<u>LAS IDEQ 2017</u>: Alice moved and Dale seconded the motion to approve signing Contract Amendment #K029 for \$8,995 for supporting implementation of the Lake Assist Program and support for the Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Program, *the motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of Hoedad: Dale moved, Harry seconded motion to purchase another hoedad, *the motion carried*.

ICRMP Premium: The 2016-17 premium estimate is \$1178, up \$56 from last year. Payroll information on 5 new employees needs to be submitted before that estimate is accurate.

NACD Farm Bill Survey: All attendees at the board meeting completed the survey – Linda will submit it.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS by Greg Becker: As technical service provider to the conservation district, Greg submitted a letter responding to a P&Z variance request for a Communication Tower to be east of the Colburn Culver dump site with his recommendations. Alice moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign the letter, *the motion carried*. Also, Bill Lillibridge visited the 2 potential sites for 319 grant requests by the district. He will complete plans along with the NRCS engineer for Schweitzer Creek which will also provide stability protection to structures. Bill will also work on cost estimates of stream relocation at the hatchery along East Spring Creek Road. Greg said he thought Avista would go for the stream relocation proposal if 319 funding were available.

LAS by Molly McCahon: Molly was busy in May with Forestry Contest, Water Festival, and WDC classes for 3rd graders. Kootenai County held its second real estate class and the evaluations rated it 5 starts and thought the class was amazing – they wish they could have taken it 30 years ago. Both Bonner and Kootenai Counties want to offer the class in the spring and in the fall – this year Bonner County did not offer a spring class as PHD was involved in a building move, and P&Z was short staffed. Molly visited the Girl Scout buffer and it is looking great – Molly feels it is the best buffer yet. They have a full-time maintenance person so they are able to keep it sprayed for deer. Molly took water samples at WDC – the algae is bad and Molly plans to work this summer to solve that problem. For POBC Molly is helping determine remedy for didymo in Priest River, outreach at launches regarding the No Wake Zone, AIS children's activity book for boat stations, and another AIS PSA mid-season.

<u>UI by Jennifer Jensen</u>: Jennifer reported receiving a lot of pasture questions, some she refers to NRCS. The Farm Tour is June 16th. Harry moved and Dale seconded the motion to pay \$30 each for two more office staff to attend, *the motion carried*.

BSWCD by Linda O'Hare: Linda reviewed her written report which is included with the minutes. Sympathy was extended to the family of Sara Braasch Schmidt who passed away Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.		
District Supervisor Signature	Date	_

Recap of Motions:

Approval of May minutes

Approval of May financial reports

Approval of donating \$50 for LSEE

Approval of adding Harry Menser's name as signatory on Columbia Bank accounts

Approval of proceeding with plans to move Water Festival to October if research suggests it is a good idea

Approval of hiring Gary Causer as a boat inspection attendant if we need another attendant

Approval of signing Contract Amendment for \$8995 IDEQ support of LAS

Approval of purchasing another hoedad

Approval of paying \$30 for two more office staff to attend Farm Tour

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