

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm Meeting

Place: USDA/ Bonner SWCD Office (1224 Washington Ave, Suite 101, Sandpoint, ID 83864)* Zoom
Teleconference

Attendance:

Board members: Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Harry Mesner, BSWCD; Chris Elliot, BSWCD; Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Jim Stevens, BSWCD

Others: Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Georja Kriebs, BSWCD; Tom Fleeer, BSWCD; Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Autin Terrell, Project Manager, Terrestrial Species Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

Call to Order 12:59 PM

1. Amend agenda to add action item for Rural Business Development Grant

Motioned to amend agenda by: Harry Second by: Jeff Motion carried

2. Action Item: June 2024 Minutes

Motioned to approve June meeting minutes by: Rick Second by: Jeff Motion carried

3. Action Item: Financial Reports

Motioned to approve financial report by: Jeff Second by: Harry Motion carried

4. Action Item: Financial Match

Motioned to approve financial match of \$18,000.00 by: Harry Second by: Rick Motion carried

AGENCY REPORTS

1. Pack River Watershed Council - Sarah Garcia: Just received new \$4,400.00 funding. \$4,000 goes to her projects, \$400 is for administrative fee. Wrapping up previous funding.
2. NRCS Report - Cindy Lewis: Will be going to Wyoming end of the month for a 120-day tour, will be here 1 week and there 1 week back and forth. Looking for someone to back fill her position but not sure if that will be possible. Nick B. old position is now open. Working on awarding 2nd round of joint chiefs. Working on getting Team 1 success story out. Working on getting Local Working Group meeting date out and creating a field day for both Boundary and Bonner SWCD boards.
3. SWC Report - Jenna Ditzel: Operations money to be sent out by end of month. Lorretta's positions are opening soon. 14 projects approved for WQPA. KSSWCD received grant funding for there no-till drill. On June 6th went on a site visit with Bill and Sarah.
4. Governor's Office-Autin Terrell: Private lands funds are now available July 1st, \$75,000. Still working on setup. Open year round call for fencing to protect livestock from Grizzly Bear, area funding available for North Ponderay and all Bonner Co. Will have a 50% match, which can be in kind or material for funds. Will be available for 4H and FFA projects, at no cost for the kids. They will help build the fence and setup to help detour bears from entering, 800-900 volts with 7-9 strands. They will be at the county fairs.

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