

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave Ste. 101, Sandpoint, ID * Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD; Brad Bluemer, BSWCD; Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC, Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Zoom Attendees: Jim Stevens, BSWCD; Molly McCahon, Lakes Commission; Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Jen Jensen, U of I Extension
The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

Call to Order

Revised Agenda: Brad moved seconded by Rick to accept the revised agenda for the September Board Meeting, *the motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes: Harry moved, seconded by Rick to approve the August Minutes. *the motion carried.*

Financial Reports: Brad moved, seconded by Rick to approve the July 2023 financial reports, *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Cindy discussed boundary adjustments for the joint chiefs scattered land area to include everything south of the Lake. The Hwy 95 corridor Joint Chiefs is pending approval. New hires and staffing were discussed. Cindy also informed the Board of a potential mid priority project on Derr Island.

Idaho SWC. - The no rise permit is still pending at the county approval level. An extension was requested to the bull trout work window into the first week of October as there are 0 documented resident bull trout.

Lakes Commission: Molly gave an overview of the trestle creek project that is being actively discussed in the community. Molly also provided an overview of the Lakes Commissions September 21st meeting agenda.

U of I Extension Office: Jen announced there would be a new Ag educator in the Boundary extension office as well as provided information on a new "living on the land program."

Boat Stations: The group reviewed the written report provided by Glenn Kibbey on station operations for the month. The group reviewed the proposed inspector bonus structure based on the number of hours worked & location. Rick moved, seconded by Harry, to accept the bonus structure with a \$50 increase to two inspectors, and a \$100 increase to one supervisor based on above & beyond behavior by those individuals throughout the season. *the motion carried.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Division 1 Meeting: The Board was updated on potential scheduling conflict for the IASCD Executive Director. The Board recommended proceeding with the scheduled date as plans had already been made.

2025 Seedling Numbers: Harry moved, seconded by Brad to proceed with the projected order numbers for 2025. Based on most recent year sales the district has reduced their overall annual order.

IASCD Annual Conference: Discussion was held regarding the fact that the District still did not have an agenda or registration forms for the conference. Rick moved, seconded by Brad to approve district covering all expenses for District Board & staff who will attend the conference. *the motion carried.*

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Local Work Group: The Board discussed potential local work group dates for Bonner & Boundary Counties. Brad moved, seconded by Harry to recommend the local work group be scheduled for October 25th between 1-4pm. *The motion carried.*

Master Forest Stewards: The Board was informed that the District had been invited to participate with the Master Forest Steward class taking place on October 4th. The board was asked to have one member participate.

Fair: Sarah thanked the Board and Austin who helped to staff the District booth through the fair as well as shared images of the booth and highlighted some of the great conversations and potential future projects.

District Report: Sarah updated the board on work that had been completed in August. Conversation was had regarding recent notices from both PERSI & ICRMP. Sarah sought and received the boards support to proceed with coordinating a soil health workshop with KSSWCD to be held at the Lazy JM Ranch.

Brad moved, seconded by Rick to enter executive session per Idaho code 74-206 (b). Roll Call: Dale, aye; Harry, aye, Rick, aye; Brad, aye. No minutes were taken.

Rick moved, seconded by Brad to exit executive session. *The motion carried.*

Rick moved, seconded by Brad to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

 10/3/2023
District Supervisor Signature Date

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