

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: Bonner County Extension Service (4205 N Boyer Ave, Sandpoint, ID 83864)* Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:
Board members: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Harry Mesner, BSWCD;
Others: Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Georja Kriebs, BSWCD; Cindy Lewis, NRCS; Chris Elliott; Autin Terrell,
Governor's Office of Species Conservation;
Zoom Attendees: Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC; Chase Youngdahl, Bonner Co. Weed Department.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

Call to Order 1:00 PM

1. **Action Item: April 2024 Minutes**
Motioned to approve April meeting minutes by: Harry Second by: Rick Motion carried

2. **Action Item: Financial Reports**
Motioned to approve March financial report by: Rick Second by: Harry Motion carried

3. **Action Item: Update Bank Signatories**
Motioned to remove Brad, add Jeff and any other board member by: Harry Second by: Rick Motion carried

AGENCY REPORTS

1. NRCS Report – Cindy Lewis: Nick will be moving out to another position. The position will become open. Hope it will not be vacant long. Admin position interviews this week. This position will allow for the planners to focus on technical assistance and like their jobs.
2. Lakes Commission– Molly not present – Discussion was had regarding issue at the Albeni Falls Dam was identified when metal fragments were discovered. All dams are being inspected to before Lake Pend Oreille water level is fully raised, looking at end of June.
3. Water Festival: Setup is Tuesday and in class sessions are wrapping up.
4. SWC Report – Jenna Ditzel: Basic overview of grant submittal dates.
5. GOSC- Austin Terrell: There has been zero conflicts of grizzly bears. Governor office received HB592 funding which \$75K is for bear compensation such as fencing, and \$150K is reserved for livestock depredation. Outreach activities are the NW Hunt Fest, Bear Fair on Sept 28th at Bonners Ferry fairgrounds. The carcass Pick-up Program so far has collected 12 animals this year.
6. Bonner County Weed Department- Chase Youngdahl: Idaho registration rule has been approved/updated for noxious weed and pesticides. Noxious weed Buffalo Weed has been dropped and Japanese Blood grass was added. Spraying of noxious weeds start late June-August. You can go on the website to get special forms and sign for no spray.
7. AIS/Boat Stations- Sarah & Tom Fleer: All stations are now open 16hrs a day. 0530 to 2100 hours. So far this year around 620 inspections. No infested boats so far. A Sagle bound boat was found with mussels at a MT inspection station. The vessel is currently being cleaned and

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detailed. Mussels were most likely dead since boat has been out of water for more than 30 days. Department of Ag. is working with the boat owner. The final inspection/decontamination will be this Friday at Albeni Station. IDSA crew will inspect and hot was as needed.

All station supervisors and three new employees are at a training today in Coeur d'Alene for hands-on hot washing experience. Since the last board meeting, we hired three new employees; two at Clark Fork and one at Samuels. All openings were created when current employees had to quit due to personal or family issues. Indeed was again the best recruiting method for us. Would like the board to consider approving hats with Clean Drain Dry logo. Estimated cost \$15-\$18 per hat. Could initial order 30. Should BSWCD logo be added to the hat?

- *Action Item:* Logo wear: Board decided to not move forward with this action item for the season.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. *Action Item:* National Association of Conservation District (NACD) membership
Motioned to continue NACD membership at \$775 by: Harry Second by: Rick Motion carried
2. *Action Item:* 319 Grant- Upper Pack River
Motioned to proceed forward with grant by: Rick Second by: Harry Motion carried
3. *Action Item:* 4-H Sponsorship Request
Motioned to donate/sponsor 3 belt buckles (\$270.00) for Small Animal Round Robin, Sheep Breeding, and Meat Goat Showman by: Rick Second by: Harry Motion carried
4. County Commissioner Meeting Report- The request was altered from \$18,000 to \$19,500 due to mix up from Clerk Office from Commissioner last year, so submitted request letter to reclaim the \$1,500 from last year and requesting \$19,500 for this year.
5. Tree Seedling report: 100 trees remaining. PSP has been invoiced. Starting the separation from District funds. BSWCD is about 50% of the sell and cost of PSP.

DISTRICT UPDATES

BSWCD Report – Sarah Garcia:

- Grant Updates:
 - Rural Development: Waiting to hear back on kitchen grant submitted all required documents.
 - Urban Ag grant: Submitted and expect to hear back in May.
 - 319: next grant to be submitted
- Forestry Contest: Based on previous contest, 4 tents will be utilized at the forestry contest. Computer program crashed, had several calls with IT to try and get it up and running for contest. Tomorrow is setup over 100 kids short. Job Fair portion increased. Timber sport team will be performing a demo for the lunch show. FC donations are down. MOU still being worked on, not signed.
- *Action Item:* New Admin Laptop
Motioned to purchase new Admin Second by: Harry Motion carried

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Laptop by: Rick

Executive Session

Rick called to go into executive session per Idaho code 74206 at 3:04 PM, Harry 2nd the motion, and the motion carried.

Roll Call: Dale Van Stone, Rick Watt, and Harry Mesner

Harry called to adjourn executive session 74206 ID Code at 3:12 PM. Rick 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed, Board member appointment was discussed to fill the vacant seat on the board.


1. Action Item: Board Member Appointment

Motioned to appoint Chris Elliott to
replace Brad Bluemer on the
BSWCD Board by: Harry

Second by: Rick

Motion carried

Chris moved, seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.


District Supervisor Signature


Date

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