

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave ste 101, Sandpoint, ID * Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Harry Menser, BSWCD	Cindy Lewis, NRCS
Rick Watt, BSWCD	Jeff Connolly, BSWCD	Austin Terrell, Gov. OSC
Brad Bluemer, BSWCD	Jim Stevens, BSWCD	Gail Bolin, Water Festival
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Sarah Garcia, BSWCD	

Zoom Attendees: Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Devin Fieldings, IASCD, Bob Flagor, KSSWCD; Jessica Erickson, PRWC

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

Call to Order

Introductions were made of all attendees/

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

Financial Reports: Brad moved, seconded by Rick to approve the December 2022 financials *the motion carried.*

2023 Mileage Rate: Harry moved, seconded by Rick to adopt the 2023 GSA mileage rate of \$0.655. *the motion carried.*

Board Member Appointment: Jeff Connolly provided a brief bio of himself as a native with 40 years in the logging industry, recently served two terms as County Commissioner, and is currently the interim Priest River Mayor. Rick moved, seconded by Brad to appoint Jeff Connolly to the vacant supervisor position *the motion carried.*

AGENCY REPORTS

PRWC: Jessica updated the board on the recent PRWC newsletter that went out. She also provided information on the Pack River Delta Phase II project anticipated to begin in November 2023. The Forest Service road that was washed out on Grouse creek is expected to be routed out of the flood plain this year and the floodplain restoration will begin in 2024. Jessica participated in Redd survey this fall there were 8 Redds found in Hell Roaring 2 Bull trout adults which was a positive sign based on the removal of an artificial weir 2007 that was a project the district participated in. Work continues on the native salmonid with all projects now identified & prioritized. She will be attending a stream restoration workshop March 7th-9th.

NRCS: Cindy informed the board that her focus had been on a water control replacement project in Boundary much of last month. EQIP ranking will be finalized February 17th. She highlighted a few potential partner projects. The Resource Con. Detail will be filled by Kyle Lundsford starting 2/12 for 120days and at this time it will be mostly completed via telework. The permanent RC position will be flown in February. The recent grad has accepted the soil con. Position and working to get relocation sorted out. Expecting up to 2 more soil con positions for our area to be flown in the next year.

Water Festival: Gail provided a brief overview of the Water festival for guests not familiar with the event. For the May 2023 event expecting approximately 400 5th graders. Discussion of signage and bandana needs was had & Gail asked Sarah to proceed with purchasing the items. Bear Aware will be the lunch show this year.

ISWCC: Bill notified the Board that next week would be Katies final week as she had accepted another position. The position will be posted soon. Currently expecting another \$5 million in WQPA monies so encouraged to begin thinking about projects that would qualify.

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