Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

Date: **Tuesday October 6, 2026**
Time: **1:00 PM**
Place: **130 McGhee Rd Ste 220, Sandpoint ID 83864**

Attendance

Board Members: Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Harry Menser, BSWCD

Others: Sarah Garcis, BSWCD; Ashley Uzeta, BSWCD; Heather Pound, ISWCC; Megan Parnell, Farm Bureau; Tom Fleer, BSWCD,

Zoom: Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC ; Jim Stevens, BSWCD;

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

A. **Call to Order**
   1. Accepted amended agenda
   2. **September 2026 Meeting Minutes**
      a. Agreed upon.
      b. Dale Vance was appointed as the voting delegate for the upcoming November conference.
   3. **Financials**
      a. Motion to approve ICRMP renewal. – was approved for 2026-2027 policy year at rate of $2,814.
      b. Executive Session 74-206 (b) (d)

B. **Agency/Grant & Guest Reports**

1. **POBC – Molly McCahon:** Lakes Commission Meeting
2. **Pack River Watershed Council – Jessica Erickson**: Working on funding, getting a group together to look at Grouse Creek Restoration.
3. **SWC Report – Heather Pound**: Potential one-time bridge funding is being considered for WAPAW? To carry over to 2028, may be voted on in the second week of November. Plan to have a project proposal ready. Looking at changing how and what financial documents will be kept. IDWR combined budget. Interviews being held soon for vacancies.
4. **Bonner County Farm Bureau** – Megan Parnell: 3rd grade field trip called "Farm and Forest" will be held 10/21, 9am-1pm at the fairgrounds. Tristate conference being held 12/2-12/4
5. **ISDA/Boat Station – Tom Fleer**: Stations will be closing 10/31 for the year. Approx. 15k boats for the year have come through. 4200 stickers sold, with approx. $6400 in profit. Hours of operations have changed for now. ISDA did go through training.

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C. **District Business**

1. **ISWCC Sensitive Data Release:** Overview of fraud that has taken place and accounts affected due to the Commission's failure to redact PII in match reporting has led to the fraud taking place in at lease seven districts. Review of redaction requirements. IDEA, layout of handling situation and moving forward.
2. **AIS Resolution & Conference Updates:** AIS was submitted late due to wi-fi issues preventing timely submission and was rejected. Propose the idea of an emergency 2/3 vote was suggested. Poster/display proposal for ¾ AIS. Wanting to get ISDA on board. Division meeting on 10/22. Updated agenda for conference. Dale, Jeff and possibly Chris are attending.
3. **Division 1 meeting – Thursday 10/22 at Scheffelmaiers:** Planning on leaving at 7:30am to head to meeting.
4. **Water Festival Coordinator Transition:** Ashley Uzeta is taking over. She has reached out and contacted Sean from Avista and McKinley from Army Corp. Dates have been secured for 2027 festival. She has met with Gail twice to discuss details in regard to the festival and received email access and outline of scheduled activities. Has started working on funding and project plan. Planning on a storage unit visit in the next coming week for inventory.

D. District Admin Report

1. **Grant Info/Updates**
    a. **Site Visit – Phillips:** Multiple site visits have taken place recently including a 319 project at Priest Lake and a stream bank issue in Old Town.
    b. **BAG Meeting:** Priest Lake – updated pictures. Lundberg site and Boyer Slough projects will be presented in CDA on 10/15.

Dale VanStone / 11/03/26