

# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting  
Place: 4205 N Boyer Ave, Sandpoint, ID \* Zoom Teleconference

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### Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD  
Rick Watt, BSWCD

Jim Stevens, BSWCD  
Harry Menser, BSWCD

Molly McCahon, Lakes Comm.  
Sarah Garcia, BSWCD

The meeting was called to order at 1:25pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

### Call to Order

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of the meeting minutes was postponed to the May Board meeting  
**Financial Reports:** Rick moved, seconded by Harry to approve the February 2022 financials *the motion carried.*

Molly requested that if possible, she would like the subaward conversation to begin with DEQ as soon as possible to possibly allow for her to have in time for her May 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

### AGENCY REPORTS

**Katie Yoder – ISWCC:** Katie was unavailable to attend in person but notified Sarah via email that “WQPA has officially been signed off on by the governor. The program is still developing but if you have any project ideas you'd like to explore they are accepting proposals now. These projects would need to be either fairly quick or projects that a lot of the leg work has already been done for because they need to be COMPLETED by June of 2023 to qualify for WQPA.”

**Gail Bolin- Water Festival:** Gail sent an emailed update to board reflecting the work completed & grants secured to date as she was unable to attend.

**Boat Stations:** Glenn provided the Board with a written update related to the Boat Stations. As anticipated staffing has been a big challenge even with aggressive outreach/advertising efforts.

### DISTRICT BUSINESS

**Seedling Sale Report:** Sarah updated the Board that as of the meeting there were no unsold seedlings & in fact the program had accepted an additional 7500 oversow seedlings in order to meet some of the demand. The delivery/sorting was our smoothest to date. There were some adjustments discussed for fine tuning next year.

**Funding Request Letters:** The Board discussed their annual funding request. The discussion was also encouraged to reach out to the city of Sandpoint for their support. Rick moved, seconded by Harry to request \$18,000.00 in support from Bonner County, *the motion carried.* Rick moved, seconded by Harry to approach the City of Sandpoint and request \$2,000.00 in support. *the motion carried.*

**Public Outreach/Partnerships:** Sarah outlined the renewed partnership that is being developed with Sandpoint Parks & Rec including meetings and goals for future partnership. In addition, Sarah has begun forming a partnership on the districts behalf with the Lake Pend Oreille School District as a community/parent advisor on science curriculum for k-5. The Board members were pleased to hear of these new/renewed partnerships and look forward to working with them in the future.

**Forestry Contest:** Sarah updated the Board on the steering committee & Team meetings she is attending & the work completed to date for this years Forestry Contest to be held at Farragut State Park. Rick moved, seconded by Harry correspondence granting Sarah Garcia, District Administrator signing authority on the Boards behalf for reporting & fund requests for the Forestry Contest/NRCS grant. *the motion carried.*

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**District Vehicle:** Sarah requested the Boards approval to purchase a vehicle for District business. With the change in the structure of the AIS stations Glenn would average approximately 400/m weekly on his personal vehicle. Sarah had identified a Ford EcoSport that was advertised for \$27,000. Sarah reflected that based on the Districts holdings they would be able to purchase the vehicle outright and insure through the Districts current ICRMP policy. Harry moved, seconded by Rick for Sarah to proceed with purchasing a vehicle on the Districts behalf that does not exceed the \$27,000 discussed and is the best fit for the Districts needs. the motion carried.

**Bonner SWCD by Sarah Garcia:** Sarah had covered pending items during the District Business.

**Civil Rights / EEO:** There were no updates to Civil Rights/EEO.

Harry moved, Rick seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.

 5/3/22  
District Supervisor Signature Date

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