### **Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District**

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm Meeting

Place: 4205 N Boyer Ave, Sandpoint, ID \* Zoom Teleconference

#### Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD

Brad Bluemer, BSWCD

Harry Menser, BSWCD

Sarah Garcia, BSWCD

Jessica Erickson, PRWC

Molly McCahon, POBC

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Rick Watt, BSWCD Glenn Kibbey, BSWCD Gail Bolin, WF

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Chairman Dale Van Stone.

#### Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: Rick moved, seconded by Brad, to approve the January 2022 minutes with a note that there had been a typo in the year reflected on the agenda, *the motion carried*.

<u>Financial Reports:</u> Brad moved, seconded by Rick to approve the December 2021 financials <u>the motion</u> <u>carried.</u>

**<u>Ag in the Classroom:</u>** Harry moved, seconded by Brad to support Ag in the Classroom with a \$150 membership. *the motion carried.* 

Storage Unit Renewal: Rick moved, seconded by Harry to approve the renewal of the storage units at \$95/m for each of the two units. *the motion carried*. Molly indicates that she supports the renewal as Lakes commission pays 50% of one of the units.

<u>Mileage Rate:</u> Harry moved, seconded by Rick to adjust mileage & reimbursements to 2022 rates. Mileage will increase to \$0.585. <u>the motion carried.</u>

#### **AGENCY REPORTS**

<u>Katie Yoder – ISWCC:</u> Katie let the board know that unfortunately the Governors budget did not include any funding to revive the WQPA fund. Money was directed toward fuels and fire management. The legislative session is in full swing. Katie then turned over to Terry Hoebelheinrich.

Terry Hoelbelheinrich explained the RCDP loan program to the board. The RCDP interest rate is currently 1-1.5% depending on the type & terms of the loan. Terrry encouraged the District to send any interested landowners to him.

NRCS: Sarah notified the board that Cindy had her baby early and that things were a bit influx currently. Rick moved, seconded by Harry to send \$100.00 gift card to their family, the motion carried.

<u>Molly McCahon – POBC:</u> Molly updated the board on the recent Lakes Commission Meeting including her board preparing opposition letters for both the coolin dredging project in the Priest Lake area and the development project at Trestle Creek.

Gail Bolin- Water Festival: The Water Festival steering committee met recently. Gail extended her gratitude to Brad for attending. There will be 5 stations this year and orienteering will be discontinued. Currently anticipating 420 kids for this years event. IDFG will be presenting this years noon show focused on Bears! The next meeting will be Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the extension office.

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<u>Jessica Erickson- PRWC:</u> Jessica is busy writing the native salmonoid plan with anticipation that it will be sent out to partners this spring. Jessica also highlighted work she has completed this winter including PRWC newsletter, working with Kaniksu to highlight Conservation easement opportunities.

### **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

Annual Plan of Work: Sarah reminded the Board that the annual plan of work/5yr plan is due to the commission by March 31st. The current 5yr plan is valid one additional year but will need a full review prior to 2023. Subject will be readdressed at the March meeting.

Boat Stations: There was discussion of the proposed bill that will increase the AIS sticker cost for out of state boaters and remove the sticker cost for non-motorized such as kayaks and paddle boards. There were arguments on both sides of the subject with input from attendees. Molly highlighted that even if the nonmotorized sticker is removed the person is still compelled by law to stop at the AIS stations. At the end of the discussion Brad moved, seconded by Rick that Sarah and Glenn with input from Molly draft a letter to Resource Committee regarding the matter to indicate both our support and address a few of the lingering concerns. The board discussed that the district is still waiting for response from ISDA regarding their January letter related to wages for 2022 station inspectors based on the wages already present in the area. There was concern expressed as to whether the program will be viable to administer if increases are not addressed.

Seedling Sale Update: Sarah updated the Board on the unique sale this year with the district essentially sold out.

Legislative Days: The board was provided a written overview of the legislative display & social.

IASCD Business Meeting: The board was provided a written overview of the legislative display & social.

<u>Bonner SWCD by Sarah Garcia:</u> Sarah reminded the Board that she would be out of the office several days throughout February on vacation as well as the upcoming out of office meetings that come with the forestry contest & busy season.

<u>Civil Rights / EEO:</u> There were no updates to Civil Rights/EEO.

Rick moved, Harry seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:05p.

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District Supervisor Signature

Date

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