

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave ste 101, Sandpoint, ID * Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD	Jennifer Jensen, U of I (z)	Cindy Lewis, NRCS
Rick Watt, BSWCD	Sarah Garcia, BSWCD	Katie Yoder, ISWCC (z)
Brad Bluemer, BSWCD	Austin Terrel, Office of Species Conservation	
Harry Menser, BSWCD	Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC (z)	

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

Call to Order

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

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

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS: Cindy informed the board that the NRCS eligibility deadline had passed next would be the ranking deadline in February. There were 74 applications with 12 ineligible due to not returning necessary documents. The pathways student will not be joining the team as they are continuing to a masters degree. The NACD – TA applicant for Kootenai also declined the position discussing with Kootenai if they will repost the position. Selected a new graduate candidate potentially joining the team February or March.

Austin Terrell: Austin updated the Board on the work completed so far related to interagency work on Grizzly Bear management. This includes working on a potential post delisting management plan with approximately 10-12 agencies. In addition Austin is partnering with Fish & game on managing grizzly interactions, this year there have been 21 conflicts vs average 2 or 3 a year. Austin also briefly detailed the Wolf Predation Compensation program available to local livestock producers.

ISWCC: Katie reminded the district that the Performance Report is due Dec. 20th. The Board was informed that the Commission is hopeful that there will be another WQPA appropriation in 2024. In addition, Katie provided an overview of the work she had completed throughout the Division for the month. Bill let the Board know that at this time Norman Wright is still temporarily serving as the at large member of the Commission. Bill asked that if the board had any recommendations for someone who would be interested in serving on the commission and has a financial background to please forward their contact information

U of I: Jennifer Jensen updated that they are hiring a new 4h coordinator soon. The extension office will be focusing on engaging with kids regarding gardening and soil health. The beginning farmer & rancher grant has been going well and they are finishing their first year with goal to continue the program.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

IASCD/NACD Business Sarah and Brad provided a brief overview of the IASCD Conference. Discussion ensued on the highlights & concerns. Sarah notified the Board of the upcoming Legislative Social & Display Day (Jan. 16th & 17th) Rick moved, seconded by Harry for Sarah to attend both events as the Districts representative. *the motion carried.* Sarah presented a travel request to the board to attend the NACD Conference in New Orleans in February

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2023 the request outlined the key agenda items as well as the anticipated travel costs. Rick moved, seconded by Harry for Sarah to travel to the NACD Conference on the Districts behalf, the Board would like for Sarah to request travel assistance from Division I, IDEA, and IASCD the motion carried.

Insurance: The Board discussed the health insurance policy options for Sarah & Molly. Molly's feedback that she was happy with current policy and that the lakes commission budget could withstand the increase was noted. Brad moved, seconded by Rick for the District to renew the current blue cross policy and cover the monthly policy premium in full. the motion carried.

AIS Inspection Stations The Board reviewed the draft correspondence and letters of support addressed to ISDA Director Ceila Gould in regard to the need for salary increase for station inspectors. Harry moved, seconded by Brad for the letter to be executed and signed by all Board members. the motion carried.

Performance Report: The Board reviewed the provided Performance Report highlighting the Districts 2022 projects. Sarah discussed with the Board that she would like to reformat how the financials were laid out to match other Districts throughout the state. Rick moved, seconded by Brad to approve the Performance Report content with the knowledge that the Revenue layout would be revised, and an updated copy emailed to the board. the motion carried.

District Website: The Board discussed the meeting Sarah had with Streamline a website hosting entity specifically catering to special districts and the parameters that they work within specifically meeting notification & public information requests. Sarah presented the cost and the services that would be included in the subscription. Harry moved, seconded by Rick for Sarah to proceed with partnering with Streamline to migrate the Districts current website to the streamline platform. the motion carried.

Employee Appreciation Bonus: Brad moved, seconded by Rick to provide a \$150.00 bonus to District Employees, Sarah Garcia, Molly McCahon, Jessica Erickson, and Glenn Kibbey as well as contractor Gail Bolin.

Executive Session

Brad moved to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (B) Harry Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Dale Van Stone (Y) Harry Menser (Y) Brad Bluemer (Y) Rick Watt (Y)

Brad moved seconded by Harry to exit Executive Session. No decisions were made related to the personnel matters discussed.

Harry moved, Rick seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.



District Supervisor Signature

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Date

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