

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm Meeting
Place: 1224 Washington Ave Ste. 101, Sandpoint, ID * Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Dale Van Stone, BSWCD; Rick Watt, BSWCD; Brad Bluemer, BSWCD; Jeff Connolly, BSWCD; Jim Stevens, BSWCD; Sarah Garcia, BSWCD; Jenna Ditzel, ISWCC; Kyle Lunsford, NRCS; Forestry Contest Steering Committee members: Bill Love, Tom Johnson, Kurt Koetter, and Ken Homik
Zoom Attendees: Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC; Jen Jensen, U of I Extension

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

Call to Order

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

Financial Reports: Rick moved, seconded by Brad to approve the October 2023 financial reports, *the motion carried.* Sarah informed the board that the District audit was received December 1st and copies were emailed to the Board.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report: Kyle Lunsford discussed the current status of EQIP for the Bonner/Boundary Team. Reminded the Board of the Town hall meeting taking place Jan. 11th at the Sandpoint Organic Ag Center.

SWC Report – Jenna D. and Bill L.: Jenna presented a powerpoint presentation of the Farm to Table Symposium she & Sarah attended presented by the Spokane Conservation District.

U and I: Jen updated the board on a pesticide workshop being held December 6th in partnership with Paul Rhodes of ISDA. Master Gardeners new class begins in January. Living on the Land series will begin in February.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Forestry Contest Steering Committee: Bill Love provided a history of the Forestry Contest and the Districts involvement since the inaugural event. Discussion was had regarding the ongoing changes and growth of the Contest. Discussion was had regarding the need for an MOU based on the changes to the program and to address expectations and potential compensation.

Action Item: Legislative Display: Rick moved, seconded by Jeff for Sarah to attend and represent the District @ legislative days in Boise, to include an overnight stay to accommodate meeting with ISDA. *the motion carried.*

Action Item: AIS Correspondence: The Board discussed the Districts needs to be able to effectively manage the AIS Boat stations in 2024. Jeff moved, seconded by Brad to approve for Sarah to represent the Districts needs on the Boards behalf to ISDA and legislators. *the motion carried.*

Action Item: Performance Report: Rick moved, seconded by Jeff tentative approval for the Performance Report as presented. The financial section needs to be updated. *the motion carried.*

Year End Appreciation Dinner & Employee Bonuses: Brad moved, seconded by Jeff to approve \$150.00 bonus to District staff members in appreciation of their work this year. *the motion carried.*

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Grant Updates: Sarah updated the Board on the current status of closing and/or reporting on grants. Waiting to hear on composting grant, should hear back by middle of January. Waiting to work on more grants until we hear from composting one.

BSWCD Report – Sarah Garcia: Sarah informed the board about the work & events she participated in throughout the month as well as highlighted upcoming events on her calendar.

Brad moved, seconded by Jeff to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Wade Van Stone 1/2/2024
District Supervisor Signature Date

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