Minutes

Present: Jamie Brunner, Allen Isaacson, Denna Grangaard, Brent Leonard, Laura Laumatia, Sandra Raskell, Eric Berntsen, Molly McCahon, Marie Pengilly, Terry Leigh

The meeting was called to order at 9:04

Introductions

Adopt minutes-11/13/15  Denna moved to approve the minutes, Allen seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer’s report – Allen reported the following: Last year we brought in $22,585 and we spent $17,901.40. Total balance today is $34,398.77. Recertification class really helped our income.

Old Business

- CESCL certification via SEEP status (Allen)  No updates
- Stormwater outreach/education
  - 5-star updates –
  - Outdoor classroom – Laura reported that Jim got the bids for the survey, and the Tribe will help pay. Welch Comer will be doing the survey. Allen reiterated the Aquifer Protection District is a good source of money, and this project is perfect for the education projects that they fund.
  - Stormwater videos - Jim mentioned at the last meeting that he has been taking stormwater footage at the CDA outfall near the U of I harbor Center. He has taken more footage since the last meeting. Marie will post them to the SEEP Facebook page.
  - Camp 4 Echoes project update – Jamie heard there was some erosion happening at the site due to all the rain. Laura and Sandra will go there to see it. Deer control is somewhat of an issue at this site. Many of the plants were eaten; but they are expected to come back. The temporary fence that was put up, the deer got through. They can't put up a permanent fence, so now they are using deer spray.
  - Realtor’s Class update – Molly is organizing a January meeting to plan for the Spring training. There are 10 people on the wait list. Molly wants to talk to all the people involved to talk about the last training and what can be done to make it better.
- Kootenai County comment letter – The code revisions are still in the draft stage. People have been allowed to comment. There is another workshop scheduled for next Thursday at 6:00. The announcement did not mention a new draft. Laura reported on some of the issues of concern that were brought up by KEA. They restored the 25 foot setback. They made some changes so protective work can be done in the setback area. There is prescriptive language for allowable action for stabilization and erosion control. The committee agreed that we should wait until there is a hearing draft released to determine any comments the committee may want to submit.
- SEEP insurance (placeholder – no update) Jamie will get an application into Idaho State Insurance by the next meeting.
- NIC Planting project – The Army Corps came back with some planting requirements for planting along the dike road. A meeting is planned today to talk about options. There is irrigation there, which will
help with any planting. The May hydroseeding timing was unfortunate, so it didn’t do as well as expected. This was due to rain, then heat, then human trampling. The City of CDA turned maintenance to NIC once they finished the hydroseeding. NIC has said they will broadcast seed where needed.

- **Stormwater meeting (March)** – *Wednesday March 16th*. Eastern WA Stormwater Collaborative Group coming going to Gonzaga University. There will be student stormwater BMP project presentations; WA Ecology will talk about the TEPE (Technology Evaluation Process Ecology) which defines guidelines for stormwater BMP monitoring projects. Aimee would like SEEP members to attend to talk about our program. Aimee thinks SEEP has a lot to offer to this group, and the group has to offer a lot to offer SEEP.

**New Business**

- **Webinar hub – Kalispel Tribe** – Eric Bersten talked about a possible training opportunity being put on by the Center for Stormwater Protection – the National Watershed and Stormwater Conference Web Cast on *April 12* all day. There will be some national focus, and there will be local hub break-outs. Eric thinks SEEP is a good candidate for hosting a local hub for the conference. If the organization commits to being a host, registration is free; then, there is an additional registration fee for people who want to attend. There may be some discount registration available based on attendance. Registration is $300+otherwise. If we become a hub, Eric will work with a local panel to facilitate this. The U of I Research Park would be an ideal location. Marie will check with them to see if they are equipped for a Web cast. There was some discussion about whether this, the Stormwater Collaborative Group, Spokane River Forum, then SEEP courses would be too much for our small group to handle. We will schedule SEEP classes, get instructor commitment, and then decide on this next meeting.

- **SEEP Committee member elections** – There are 9 on the committee and 2 alternates. Jamie checked the SOP, and we can have 4-6 committee members not including officers. Jamie, Marie, Laura, Brent, and Aimee positions are up. Brent was the only person who said has been very busy with his business, so he would prefer to be an alternate or not be on the committee. Jamie suggested that he be in an emeritus position like Tom Freeman. *Laura moved that we create an emeritus position for Brent, Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed.* All other committee members that are up for renewal would like to stay on. *Allen motioned to reappoint existing committee members minus Brent and to appoint Molly and Sandra for the vacant positions. Brent second. Motion passed.*

- **Bonner County Commissioner changes to building location permits and land use code.** Molly reported that there is an effort to take away measures under Title 11 (Building Location Permit), and there is an effort to change regulations that are in place that involve the public hearing/appeals process. They have also made significant staff changes to support this effort. One person was fired because he was allegedly asked to violate code and refused to do so. The job announcement that is currently out for the Planning Director specifically states they want someone who is supportive of fewer regulations and less government. The announcement states this is more in line with community interests. This change in governance does not impact the Cities of Sandpoint, Dover, Kootenai-Ponderay. Molly will send the committee information that comes up that is relevant and apprise us of meetings that would be important to attend.

- **Recertifications** – Kayleigh Miller and Daniel Britt, both with Bonner County Planning. *Allen moved to approve their recertification applications. Marie second. Motion approved.*

**Other business**

- **Facebook material- Please “like” our website.** Also, one recertification credit is given if you “like” the site.

- **Brochure** - Denna worked with Panhandle Health District on a new brochure called “Play Clean” in the lead/metals-contaminated soils which includes a map, history of soil contamination, and ways to reduce your risk. The CDA Tribe has a section of the brochure. They are all along the Trail of the CDAs. Denna can provide them to whomever would like some. Discussion about metals contamination along the CDA Lake shoreline, Spokane River shoreline, and public beaches and education followed.

- **Upcoming SEEP CEU opportunities** None were discussed.

- **Set next meeting date and time:** *January 8th U of I Harbor Center.*

- **Meeting adjourned at 11:05*