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February 27, 2017

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:00 PM Meeting Start  
February 7, 2017

Present: Supervisors-Jim Simpson, Jack Sutphin, Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Mark McGuyer; Associate Supervisors-Carlos Rodriques, David Sturman and Lita Fonda; Ben Montgomery, DC, NRCS. Karli Becher BSWC. Kristi D'Agati LCCD/SWCDM, Sam Tappenbeck SWCDM and Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator.  
Excused: Toni Burton and Zoe Lilja

The Regular Supervisors Meeting Started just after 6:00 pm. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark. Motion passed.

Open Mic:

- Vice Chair Sigurd Jensen will run the March meeting due to Jim Simpson being out of town.
- The Montana Grape and Wine Association is having their first Annual Meeting and Conference at KwaTaqNuk on March 30-April 1, 2017. We were asked to sponsor, anywhere from \$100-500. Curt made the motion to sponsor \$100, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes to sponsor the Montana Grape and Wine Association Conference.
- We need an external hard drive for photo and event storage purposes, as well as back up purposes for Quickbooks. A 1TB Hard Drive costs about \$70. Mark made a motion to purchase the hard drive, Sigurd 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Edwards/Antonucci—Lake Mary Ronan, Culvert Extension—Photos provided proved inconclusive as to whether the culvert would affect a perennial stream. A motion was made by Sigurd to table the final project decision until a site visit could be completed with the landowner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack. Board agrees and motion passes.



## II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sandbox Project Update—A few more parts are needed to complete the Sandbox. Mark made a motion to approve up to \$300 in extra costs, Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.
- B. 2017 Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference (WGMGAC)—The event will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week. Financial outlook is positive.
- C. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Days—The event will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Sigurd will meet with Jack and contact schools.
- D. Conservation Scholarship—Need to figure out the parameters, conference call to be scheduled.
- E. No-Till Seed Drill—223 Grant due April 26, 2017. Committee to meet and figure out more details.
- F. 2017 Fabric Order—6' x 300' x 20 rolls (\$75/roll) = \$1500.00  
6' x 500' x 5 rolls (\$113/roll) = \$565.00, 8 gauge - 10" x 2" x 10" = 25 boxes (\$50/box) = \$1250.00. Total order amount = \$3315.00 plus mileage for pick up not to exceed \$250.00. Curt made a motion to approve the 2017 fabric order from the Toole County CD and mileage to Shelby to pick it up for \$3565.00. Sigurd 2<sup>nd</sup>, board approves, motion passes.
- G. Lake County Trade Show—Jack and Curt to attend on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- H. Cheatgrass Seminar—All attendees learned a lot and we hope to install a biocontrol agent test plot in Lake County in the next few years.
- I. Swan Resource Management Study – Jim proposed drawing up a statement/resolution about the Lake County CDs' stance on the transfer of federal lands to state control. Several more meetings are planned around Lake County to continue gather local response to this initiative.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cheatgrass Study—Susan made a motion for LCCD to pursue grants to install a Cheatgrass bio agent study in Lake County. Sigurd 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
- B. Pollinator Initiative (3Pi)—We are beginning to ask for landowner participation in the Pollinator Planting Initiative by writing an article and putting it in the Valley Journal.
- C. Financial report –Mark
- D. Bills—See Financial Report. Motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sigurd. Motion passes to accept the financial report and pay the bills.




#### IV. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Swan Study compilation and she's about to attend her Americorps Education and Outreach Training in Bozeman February 15-17<sup>th</sup>.
- B. SWCDM—Sam is back! She has been working on the River Stewardship Workshop which will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Swan Valley Community Center. She also attended a Lake County Park Board Meeting to discuss the event further. Kristi is working hard on SWCDM and LCCD projects.
- C. NRCS- Ben-EQIP Contracting is finishing up
- D. Flathead Basin- Jim-Interesting meeting involving an update on Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force actions. See the article in the Flathead Beacon <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2017/.../faced-invasive-species-threat-flathead-basin-commission-urges-heightened-prevention-efforts/>
- E. County Planning- Sigurd-Growth policy addressed.
- F. City-County Planning – Mark-His term expired in December and he will check into what that means.
- G. Polson Fairgrounds, Inc. –Toni

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The March Supervisors' meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

  
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Jim Simpson, Chairman

  
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Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator