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December 12, 2016

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:30 PM  
December 8, 2016

Present: Supervisors-Jim Simpson, Jack Sutphin, Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, Zoe Lilja, Susan Gardner, Mark McGuyer; Associate Supervisors-Carlos Rodriques, David Sturman and Lina Sturman; Ben Montgomery, DC, NRCS and Lita Fonda. Kristi D'Agati LCCD and Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator. Jack Stivers sat in for a bit.

Absent: Dennis DeVries and Dave Rensvold

Excused: Toni Burton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simpson at 5:32 pm. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sigurd. Motion passed.

Open Mic:

- Curt—A call for Annual Food Bank Donations

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. LA16006 Duckworth, Stinger Creek, Stream gauge-Flume installation
  1. The flumes are installed and Ben will have photos for the next meeting.
- B. LA16003 Tim Fox, Infiltration Gallery
  1. There was some confusion and the final permit (that was signed at the June 2016 meeting) was mailed to the wrong place. Final permit was delivered to Applied Water Consultants in Kalispell on 12/7/2016.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. MACD Convention—Wonderful time had by all attending. Curt enquired about SWCDM bylaws; they are still being hashed out and will be available soon. Jim has volunteered to be in line for the presidency at MACD. Carlos has decided to join the MACD Education Committee.
- B. Sandbox Project Update-The base is almost done, but not to our specs. We will have to buy some additional materials and finish the project up in house.
- C. BSWC Member—Jim put out a call to look for housing options for Karli.

- D. 2017 Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference (WMGAC)—A motion was made by Susan to invite Lisa Coverdale as well as Melinda Gauthier to the WMGAC as LCCD guests (\$40/person), Sigurd 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
- E. DNRC Grants--District Development Grant and 2017 WMGAC Grant—Our 223 grant was funded in full for \$5000. Our District Development grant was funded by half (We received \$5000 of \$10000 asked for) but after we produce a progress report we were invited to apply for the other \$5000.
- F. Landowner Conservation outreach Series—Heidi to follow up.
- G. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Days—Venues will continue to be investigated that have all the amenities we need. Planning and work will ramp up in Jan-Feb.
- H. Conservation Scholarship—there was talk of both the competitive scholarship as well as a scholarship to send a local youth to a range camp or natural resources camp. The Education Committee will meet to work out the plans for each and Heidi will investigate the camps we could send kids to. Sigurd mentioned that he would like to be involved in these efforts.
- I. No-Till Seed Drill—Ben and Heidi have a meeting with the Missoula CD 12/12/16. They recently purchased a drill and made a contract with a local business for maintenance, use and storage.
- J. Swan Resource Management Study – Jim—There was a meeting at the Swan Lake Community Center on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. It was attended by about 75 people and there was an article about it in the Missoulian as well as a short story about it on MTPR. Comments on the Study will be accepted until the end of March. Jim would like the board to decide as a group on the final day that comments will be accepted.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. January Goal Setting—the meeting will start at 5pm due to the long nature of this process and we will get Subway.
- B. Financial report –Carlos
- C. Bills—See Financial Report. Motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Curt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Motion passes to pay the bills. A discussion was had about the status of the LCCD credit card and the need for petty cash. Getting the CC will move to the top of Heidis to do list. A motion was made by Sigurd to re-up petty cash to the full \$200 (it was down to \$21.49), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan, motion to withdraw \$180 to replenish petty cash passes.

### IV. REPORTS

- A. SWCDM—No report.
- B. NRCS- Ben-The 40 acre dryland forage improvement seeding is in. this is another in the suite of treatments in the Lake County Forage Improvement Study.
- C. Flathead Basin- Jim-Aquatic invasion of mussels in the Flathead Basin.

- D. County Planning- Sigurd-Informed us of the public process that will be happening regarding development along the west shore of Lake Mary Ronan on Mike Maddy owned property.
- E. City-County Planning – Mark-No meeting
- F. Polson Fairgrounds, Inc. –Jack Stivers informed us that there was a public meeting and progress is continuing on investigating the event center.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

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Jim Simpson, Chairman

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Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator