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September 13, 2016

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 7:00 PM  
September 6, 2016

Present: Supervisors-Jim Simpson, Jack Sutphin, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja, Sigurd Jensen, Mark McGuyer; Associate Supervisors-Carlos Rodriques, Toni Burton; Ben Montgomery, DC, NRCS. Samantha Tappenbeck Resource Specialist MACD. Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator.

Excused: David Sturman,

Absent: Dennis DeVries and Dave Rensvold

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simpson. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve with separate lines for excused and absent was made by Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark. Motion passed.

Open Mic:

- Monthly meeting time. Toni-Change to 6pm? All agreed that this was a good idea due to the change of season. The October 13, 2016 meeting will be held at 6pm. **MEETING TIME CHANGE TO 6PM, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2016.**
- An end of term Potluck will be held in Kristi's honor at Jim's house on November 9, 2016. Details for Potluck will follow.
- Yearly County funding will be coming in around September 19<sup>th</sup> we may need more in the checking account for current expenses. Curt made a motion to transfer \$5000 from the Whitefish Credit Union savings account to the Glacier Bank checking account to cover current expenses. The money will be returned to the savings account as soon as possible. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

No new applications submitted.

A. LA16006 Duckworth, Stinger Creek, Stream gauge-Flume installation

1. Work Plan Update? Ben modified the flumes so they fit better and will be installing them very soon.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Websites-Heidi-Kate Arpin with MACD is helping transfer domains. It costs \$40/year per website so \$80 total for websites versus \$45/month (\$540/year) with Click Here Designs. Make sure we have a link on the website for archives.
- B. Sandbox Project Update- The SWCDM grant is in! Decisions will be made in the middle of September and we hope to hear back by the first of October. Once we hear about funding we will attempt to have the Sandbox operational by the MACD Convention that starts November 15. If the grant funding comes through a \$500 contribution from LCCD was pre-approved via email. Curt made a motion to contribute \$500 to the SENSE-sational Sandbox Project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zoe, motion to approve a \$500 LCCD contribution to the Sandbox project passes.
- C. LCCD/NRCS Dillon Bur Tour Collaboration Report-Heidi-\$2050 in workshop income so far projected cost is \$3105 so we are currently within the \$1500 contribution that was approved.
- D. Swan Resource Management Study – Jim-Gave a brief overview of the presentation made to the Blackfoot Challenge. Blackfoot Challenge Executive Director Gary Burnett sent a follow up email that said, although there was no motion made, he thinks the presentation went well and that there is some member interest. He mentioned that Jim should attend the upcoming Governors Conference on Forestry; this event will be the real test to see if people are interested. Jim might go but he will probably not talk about the Swan Study. General Swan Study Discussion: Curt thinks LCCD would be stepping outside of the boundaries of what it is charged with and questions why a departure from the current USFS Forest Plan is needed. Due to the Equal Access to Justice Law Curt and Susan are also concerned that LCCD will be saddled with ongoing lawsuits that pursuing the Conservation Forest could create. Jim isn't into creating additional costs or turmoil for the LCCD and agrees that if this turns into a gridlocked legal battle, then it is not worth it. Jim also clarified that this is not a comment on federal forest management but rather a new management strategy that all parties involved could benefit from.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MACD Area V Meeting-In St. Regis on Tuesday, September 27, 2016- Susan, Jim, Zoe, Carlos, Sigurd, and Heidi will attend. Items to focus our end of fiscal year 2015-2016 Area V report on were discussed and financials will not be included but all events and lots of photos will be. Joanne Simpson will be creating our donation item for the Table Auction.
- B. MACD Annual Convention-In Sidney Tues-Thurs November 15-17. Jim, Carlos, and Heidi will attend. We need to make reservations for Carlos and Heidi. Talk with Elena about a Sandbox demonstration booth if it is able to be completed by then
- C. Christmas Party Planning-Heidi will check with Nine Pipes on six different dates December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16. Partners to invite NRCS Ronan, Herb, Jack Stivers, Samantha Tappenbeck, Leo Rosenthal and Elena Evans.

- D. The Montana Water Center is hosting a FREE Ecological River Restoration Workshop October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Big Sky. Kristi would like to attend. Talk to Kristi more about what she would bring back from it and what the cost is.
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Days-We would like to focus on Highlighting the Ag industry more effectively, contact Jack Stivers to help. Start to think of the 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Days theme and what booths we want. It will be held the first week in May. Check out both the Polson Fairgrounds locations and the Ronan Fair Grounds for those dates.
- F. Budget Committee Update-Mark-Mark gave an overview of the Budget Committee meeting and how the Budget Committee will work, 4 meetings quarterly each year. On a monthly basis, budget reports will be emailed to the board on the first of the month to be reviewed before the Board Meeting. The Budget Committee Agenda was also reviewed and items that required a vote were singled out. Mark made a motion to acquire a LCCD Business Edition Visa card with Absolute Rewards from Glacier Bank. Sigurd 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes to acquire a LCCD credit card. Mark also made a motion to set up a Paypal account to be used for LCCD outreach event payments. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion to set up a Paypal account passed.
- G. Phone-Heidi-Jack made a motion to purchase Heidi an LCCD work phone and pay for the monthly service. Curt 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes to acquire a work phone for the Conservation Coordinator. Discussion: Proper use of the phone for business situations only were discussed and agreed upon.
- H. Financial report – Carlos-Still making the monthly report more user friendly and it will be sent out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month from now on to be reviewed by the board. With the County funds being deposited into our account, should we create a separate savings account at Glacier Bank to hold some of the budget line items we know we can't spend in?
- I. Bills-\$570 Don McIntyre (Swan Legal Services), \$18.75 Maresa A. Jenson (Swan Legal Services), Access Montana \$64.80, Workshop Reimbursements-Guy and Heather Meiwald \$80, Tim and Jim Dusenberry \$60=\$793.55 Motion was made by Mark to approve the bills and pay them, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sigurd, motion to pay bills passes.

#### IV. REPORTS

- A. MACD-Sam Tappenbeck-Nothing that she can find out about Rainbow Drive access site funding opportunities but she will continue to look.
- B. BSWC-Kristi-Gone
- C. NRCS- Ben-He wants to talk with other Area V CD's to get support for our 2017 Western Montana Grazing Conference at the Area V meeting. Annual seminar idea, naming and funding. Jim every year might be too much but there is general support from the board. Ben and Heidi will put together a short presentation. No-till drill sub-group was formed members are Sam, Sigurd, Mark, Curt and David. David found a neighbor who would be interested in maintaining the drill, Ben will set a meeting.

- D. Flathead Basin- Jim-no meeting
- E. County Planning- Sigurd-no meeting
- F. City-County Planning – Mark-no meeting
- G. Polson Fairgrounds, Inc. – Toni-Rodeo worked out and they made money.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm. The next meeting will be held **Thursday, October 13 at 6pm.**

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Jim Simpson, Chairman

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Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator