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December 28th, 2018

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:00 PM Meeting Start
Thursday, December 13th, 2018

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson, Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja and Jan Niemeyer. Associate Supervisor—David Sturman. Also in attendance; Rebecca Ramsey, Samantha Tappenbeck SWCDM, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Heidi Fleury Conservation Coordinator. Lita Fonda arrived around 6 pm.
Excused: John (Jack) Sutphin.

The Regular Supervisors Meeting was held at Ninepipes Lodge. It began early at 5:00 pm to accommodate the LCCD holiday gathering.

A motion to approve the minutes from November was made by Curt, second by Jan. All approved minutes, motion passes.

Open Mic—No open mic items.

- I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS-No new or pending applications.
- II. OLD BUISNESS
 - a. Junior Conservationist Program—the second program that focused on soil conservation was held 11/20. LCCD staff completed soil painting with the kids. All seemed to enjoy. January session is on Wildlife and will be held in partnership with CSKT Wildlife.
 - b. 2019 Western Montana Grazing and Ag Conference—updates on sponsorships were shared as well as the finished schedule.
 - c. DNRC Forestry Cost Share—we received word from Erik Warrington with DNRC that the application they submitted was not chosen for funding. Future applications will be made by LCCD and local partners independently of DNRC.
 - d. 2019 Convention— Jim and Heidi went on a tour along with other interested parties and checked out venues. The MACD 2019 convention will be held in Kalispell at the Red Lion.
 - e. Swan Study—Jim published a letter in the Valley Journal thanking all who participated in giving feedback for the Swan Study over the years.


III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Legislative Breakfast—LCCD hosted a breakfast at Ninepipes on 12/12 and three representatives attended, Joe Read, Mark Nolan, Bob Keenan and Commissioner Dave Stipe. Board members Jim, Curt, Susan and David were also in attendance. It was a great meeting and we will plan for November in the future and invite Ronan and Polson City Council members.
- b. Supervisor Oaths of Office—LCCD Board members who need to complete their oath were sent with the forms.
- c. USFS Mid-Swan Project—LCCD listened to an update from Rebecca Ramsey of Swan Valley Connections about the public meeting that was held on 11/8 and the subsequent field day with USFS officials. The public comment period has been extended until 12/24. Jim made a motion to comment on the project, Sigurd seconds. The Board unanimously voted to comment on the project. Discussion about what the comment should say ensued.
- d. Montana Youth Range Camp 2020—LCCD was approached by DNRC Rangeland staff Stacey Barta about hosting the 2020 event. The board is interested and will make their final decision after the January meeting.
- e. Financial Report and Bills—Curt delivered the financial report. Sigurd made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills, Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative to accept the report and pay the bills.

IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam—discussed the results of a meeting that Jim and LCCD staff attended about a grant to support aquatic and terrestrial restoration work in the Swan Valley. Susan made a motion to write a letter of support, Jan seconds. All vote affirmative to send a letter of support to SWCDM for the EPA Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant. Grants and work on LCCD-SWCDM partnership projects on Dayton Creek were also discussed. Sam will follow up with local residents and update us at the next meeting.
- b. NRCS—Ben—discussed the Ronan Field offices plans for securing 2019 funding for projects.
- c. LCCD—Heidi—the Personnel Committee will meet with Heidi on 1/3 at 10 am to complete her 6-month review.
- d. MACD—Jim—no report.
- e. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—no meeting
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—no meeting
- g. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no meeting.
- h. City-County Planning –Jan N.—no meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. The January Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 pm at the LCCD office.**



Jim Simpson, Chairman



Heidi Fleury, Coordinator