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October 31st, 2018

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start
Friday, October 12th, 2018

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson, Sigurd Jensen, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja and Jan Niemeyer. Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin, David Sturman, Lita Fonda. Also in attendance; Lauren Odom BSWC, Karli Becher LCCD, Ben Montgomery NRCS Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator and Rebecca Ramsey.
Excused: Susan Gardner

The Regular Supervisors meeting began at 6:30 pm.

A motion to approve the minutes from September was made by Curt, second by Sigurd. All approved meeting minutes, motion passes to approve minutes.

Open Mic—

- Rebecca Ramsey from the Swan Valley joined the meeting because she is interested in becoming a Supervisor. She gave the board an introduction to who she is and what she would bring to the organization. Board expectations were related to her as well and she seemed excited.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Swan River-Log Jam-Trusler, Kingsvogel, Frizzel, Marriott-Application submission discussion-the Board was informed of the possible log jam removal 310 application on the Swan River, landowners are divided on how to proceed and didn't know where to begin. Due to the nature of the project, and on advice from Leo Rosenthal, Jim and Heidi will set up a conference call to discuss the project and application submission further with Leo from FWP and the LCCD legal counsel.
- b. Pomajavich-Application submission discussion. Applicant came in to apply for a permit and is not the landowner, he was informed that he could apply for the permit but ultimately would have to get landowner permission to complete work on the property.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Range Days 2020—Sigurd gave the Committee report from the 10/2 information gathering meeting. A conference call with a former Range Days head will be set up to help us better understand what resources are needed to hold Range Days in Lake County in 2020.
- b. 2019 Western Montana Grazing and Ag Conference—speakers and venue are all lined up for the January 17-18 event. Sponsor solicitation will begin the second week of November.
- c. Pollinator Initiative—the Fall 2018 Pollinator Initiative is underway!
- d. No-till Seed Drill—LCCD will pick up drill from LCWD soon, Heidi will set up a date for the No-till Seed Drill Refresher and follow up on cover.
- e. Junior Conservationist Program—the first session is set up for 10/16/18.
- f. Conservation Speaker Series—having a hard time getting speakers for November and December, will start series in January.
- g. LCCD/NRCS Fencing Workshop—it was a great success for all for 20 attendees. Larry, the man running the workshop, said it's the best one he's had in 20 years.
- h. Supervisor Position—see open mic comments on Rebecca Ramsey.
- i. 2019 Big Sky Watershed Corps Member—Jan made a motion for LCCD to apply for a DNRC Watershed Management Grant for the full amount possible to support BSWC funding. Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative. A brief overview of Lauren's 2019 work was also discussed.
- j. Area V Meeting—good event in the eyes of all that attended, most lively discussion in years.
- k. MACD Convention and Resolutions—Sigurd made a motion for Curt to vote on resolutions on behalf of the LCCD board at the 2018 Convention in Billings as directed below. Zoe seconds, all vote yes and agree that Curt can change the vote if there are extenuating circumstances.
 - i. Promote Noxious Weed Control-main discussion question was, are County Weed Districts already working on this? Jim made a motion for Curt to listen to pros and cons and then make a decision, Jan seconds, all agree.
 - ii. Promoting Workshops on Invasive Weeds—unanimous support. Sigurd made a motion to vote in favor, Curt seconds. All Affirm.
 - iii. Reinstating 310 Administration Program Funding—unanimous support. Jan made a motion to vote yes on this, Curt seconds, all vote yes.
 - iv. Operational Funding for Conservation Districts—unanimous support. Curt made a motion to support, Jan seconds, board votes yes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. December Meeting Planning—reservations will be made at Ninepipes for the same day as the December regular supervisors meeting.
- b. Financial Report and Bills-Curt delivered the financial report. Zoe made a motion to approve the financial report, pay the bills and reup petty cash,

Jan seconds, all vote affirmative to accept the report and pay the bills and reup petty cash.

IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam—informed us of what the Rainbow Dr. planting looks like.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—showed her presentation that was made for her capstone BSWC presentation at the Montana Watershed Coordination Council Symposium on 10/12.
- c. NRCS—Ben—more discussion was had about the new NRCS funding format.
- d. LCCD—skipped on accident.
- e. MACD—American Prairie Reserve reps will be at Convention to discuss controversial land management decisions near the CMR Wildlife Refuge.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—the FBC has been funded \$120,000 over two years.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—no meeting.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—there was no interest from other CD's to host the Winter Grazing Seminar this year. RREC asks us to consider hosting a legislator breakfast.
- i. City-County Planning –Jan N.—Jan confirmed that his role was to represent the CD values and discussed that meeting topic was the Polson Development Code.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The November Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 pm.**

Jim Simpson, Chairman

Heidi Fleury, Coordinator