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April 3rd, 2019

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start
Thursday, March 14th, 2019

Present: Supervisors—Jan Niemeyer, Sigurd Jensen, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja and Rebecca Ramsey. Jim Simpson joined by phone until 7:30 pm. Associate Supervisors—John (Jack) Sutphin, David Sturman and Lita Fonda. Also in attendance; Lauren Odom BSWC, Karli Becher LCCD, Jarred Worthington NRCS, Samantha Tappenbeck SWCDM and Heidi Fleury LCCD Conservation Coordinator and Ben Montgomery joined around 7:30 pm.

Excused: Susan Gardner

The Regular Supervisors Meeting began just after 6:40 pm. Jim ran the meeting via phone until Vice Chairman Jan N. was able to get there and run the meeting just after 6:50 pm. A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes was made by Curt, second by Sigurd all approved the minutes.

Open Mic—no open mic items.

- I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS-No new or pending applications. Jim mentioned that we should be ready for Emergency Permits and make sure we remember the process.
- II. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Junior Conservationist Program—Lauren informed the Board that the February lesson on Watersheds went well. March will be on plant based ag products. We got the Junior Conservationist Garden grant for \$5,500.00.
 - b. Montana Youth Range Camp 2021—Sigurd and Heidi had a conference call with Stacey Barta and Range Camp seems doable and Sigurd is working on a location. Sigurd made a motion for LCCD to host Range Camp in 2021, Zoe seconds. All vote in favor of hosting Range Camp in 2021.

- c. 4th Grade Ag Days—will be held at the Polson Fairgrounds on May 2nd and 3rd. The committee met on 2/26 and currently has more than enough ideas for stations.
- d. Conservation Speaker Series—the second event will feature Swan Valley Connections discussing their bubble cap program. It will be held on 2/21 at the Polson Brewery.
- e. Lake County Trade Fair—Curt, Jack and David attended to the booth on 3/2. There were far fewer people there than usual and they didn't feel like it was a good use of time.
- f. Conservation Scholarship Program—the committee met and hashed out the specifics of this year's scholarship application. The application will be open from 3/15-5/1.
- g. No-Till Seed Drill—we are getting ready for the season by scheduling maintenance on the drill and waiting to head back from the Lake County Weed District on whether they will head up the rental program again.
- h. Pollinator Initiative—the beekeeping workshop has been scheduled for 4/13. We are ramping up for spring planting and have been in contact with community organizations including the Lake County Park Board and the MSU Extension Ronan about establishing pollinator plantings.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2019 MACD Convention—board filled out content interest surveys.
- b. Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) BSWC AIS Funding—LCCD was approached by MWCC to accept some additional funding for our 2019 BSWC member to do AIS outreach. Curt made a motion to accept \$2,500.00 from MWCC for Lauren to complete limited AIS outreach and education in Lake County. Zoe seconds, due to the nature of the funding Rebecca recuses herself from the vote, all vote in favor of accepting the additional grant funding.
- c. MWCC Rainbow Drive Grant—Rebecca made a motion to approve LCCD turning in a \$2,200.00 grant to complete the final bank restoration of Rainbow Drive. Sigurd seconds, all vote in favor of applying for the grant.
- d. 2019 Cover Crop Cost Share—Rebecca made a motion to approve LCCD turning in a \$4,500.00 grant to the McCone CD for their Soil Health funding money to host a cover crop cost share in partnership with the Sanders County CD. Sigurd seconds, all vote yes to applying for funds for a cover crop cost share.
- e. Conservation Boot Camp—Karli was approached by MACD with the opportunity to attend NRCS Conservation Bootcamp in Nebraska for free by applying to a NACD grant program. Sigurd made a motion to support signing a letter of support for Karli to attend Bootcamp. Zoe seconds, all vote in support of sending a letter of support for Karli to attend NRCS Conservation Bootcamp.
- f. Financial Report and Bills—Curt delivered the financial report and made a motion to approve it and to add \$100 cash to petty cash. Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

IV. Reports

- a. BSWC—Lauren updated the Board on the feedback she has received from the 2019 WMGAC participant survey she sent out and on her recent trainings.
- b. SWCDM—Samantha—she and Jess continue to develop a grant proposal for DEQ funding regarding septic leachate in targeted watersheds in the Flathead Basin and the grant deadline has been extended. Lake Mary Ronan will be on the list, stay tuned for more details. She is also helping NRCS promote the CRP program and practices.
- c. NRCS—Ben—discussed the Miller Coulee TIP.
- d. LCCD—Heidi and Karli—Karli is excited to go to NRCS Bootcamp and find out if the NACD-NRCS funding for her employment is going to come through. Heidi will be on vacation from 3/22-4/1.
- e. MACD-Curt—Curt discussed funding for stream gauges in the Flathead Basin. Jim was gone.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—absent.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—updated the Board on the meeting.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no meeting. It will be Legislative Day on 3/22 in Helena for RREC.
- i. City-County Planning –Jan N.—no meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The April Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 pm at the LCCD office.**

Jan Niemeyer, Vice Chairman

Heidi Fleury, Coordinator