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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Thursday, March 10th, 2022

April 7th, 2022

**Present: Supervisors:** Jim Simpson, Sigurd Jensen, Zoe Lilja, Curt Roseman

**Attended Virtually:** Allen Braninem, Susan Gardner, David Sturman

**LCCD Staff:** Sarah Klaus, Heidi Fleury, Liam O'Connor  
Laura Dever

**Excused:** Ben Montgomery NRCS, Saige Jibben BSWC

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:32

#### **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The board reviewed the minutes and Susan moved to approve the minutes and Sigurd seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### **Open Mic**

Liam Introduced himself and his role with PF. He also talked about the Mission Valley Conservation Alliance and all of the partners involved. There was some discussion about the Alliance and its role and goals in the valley.

4th Grade Ag Days - Meeting on the 15th at 1:30 at the extension office

Laura Dever introduced herself. She is a city commissioner from Polson and wanted to attend a Lake County Conservation District meeting.

#### **I. ACTIVE S-310 APPLICATIONS**

- A. LA21007—Marriott—Swan River - Sarah updated the board on a conversation she had with Bruce . Jim asked that a letter be sent out that explained the extensions of the deadline for an engineer's approval of the work completed by Rod.

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Mission Valley Conservation Alliance-Was discussed during open mic
- B. Weed Fabric - Heidi updated the board that now is the time to order weed fabric. There was some discussion about the fabric cost and revenue. Curt made a motion to buy 24 rolls. Sigurd seconded the motion. The motion passed. Curt made an amendment to charge out of county residents an additional \$25 markup. Sigurd seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Montana Preservation Plan Survey - Sarah will send the survey over to the supervisors as well as a link to the current preservation plan.

- D. NACD Group Healthcare - Heidi updated the board on the mill levy and the issues that CD's are facing trying to use the group health care.
- E. Bills and Financial Report - Curt reported the financial report looked in order. Zoe made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Sigurd seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

### III. BUSINESS REPORTS

- A. Supervisor elections - Sarah reminded everyone that the due date for the application is the 14th of March. There was some discussion about sending out mailers to promote awareness of the supervisor elections & the costs associated. There was some discussion about putting ads in newspapers, social media, or on the radio as well. Zoe made a motion to direct staff research into an effective recruitment mechanism for supervisors in Lake County. Allen seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- B. DNRC forestry cost-share - Heidi updated the board that Gred Dennison is working on 5 different contracts that are all below 5 acres . There was some discussion about a field trip to visit all the contract sites in May
- C. Conservation Speaker Series- Sarah updated the board about the small acreage plantings talk and notified them that the last talk would be at ninepipes on Bumble Bees!
- D. Land Easements and Subdivisions- There was some discussion about conservation easements, MVCA is working on putting together maps of all of the conservation easements and getting info out about how to get one for your property. They are also looking at target areas that would fit within wildlife corridors or agricultural easements. There was some discussion about promoting easements in the area.
- E. Realtor Workshop - Heidi updated the board about the success of the realtor workshop and how she hopes to make this an annual event.
- F. LCCD Natural Resource office - no report, re-visit in May

### IV. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Saige - no report
- B. NRCS—Ben - no report
- C. LCCD—Sarah K., and Heidi - Heidi updated the board on the WRWA program and how they are asking for letters of support. The funding would preventative money on habitat loss, and Heidi wanted to see if our board would be interested in writing a letter of support.
- D. MACD— Jim - Jim reported the study bill of funding for conservation districts and is interested in increasing the funding for CD's.
- E. EO—Heidi - Heidi reported that the state put aside money for area reps to go train new CD employees. There are 5 in area V alone. Heidi has been to Green Mountain, and Eastern Sanders and Mineral County to help train those new employees. The EO is working on employee retention.
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim - Jim reported that the Basin commission is making headway on stormwater runoff management, and septic tank drain fields.
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - Sigurd reported that they went over the county shoreline protections regulations.

- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - no report
- I. City-County Planning –Jan - no report

There being no further business at 8:28 , Zoe moved to adjourn. Sigurd seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the board meeting was adjourned.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for December will happen on **Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 pm** at the Lake County Conservation District.

Submitted By:

Sarah Klaus, Conservation Coordinator

Minutes approved by LCCD Board motion made on:

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(Date)

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(Signature) Jim Simpson, Board Chair