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March 30th, 2018

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start  
March 8th, 2018

Present: Supervisors—Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman and Zoe Lilja joined by phone; Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin, David Sturman and Lita Fonda. Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator, Karli Becher Education and Outreach Specialist arrived at 7:45 pm.

Excused: Jim Simpson, Carlos Rodriques, Lauren Odom BSWC and Ben Montgomery NRCS

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

Open Mic—None.

- I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS—No new applications.
  
- II. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Country Living Workshop—final content, advertising options and logistics were discussed and confirmed. Everyone is ready for the event on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Days—Sigurd will set a planning committee meeting for the last week of March, some stations were discussed.
  - c. Conservation Scholarship—Zoe produced two choices regarding the format of the competition for the \$500 scholarship. One requires a project and the other requires the applicant to write a 1000-1200 word essay. Merits of both were discussed and a motion was made by Curt to advertise the Scholarship as a competitive essay. Motion was seconded by Susan, all voted affirmative. The advertisement will be sent to all high schools in Lake County and the application period will run from 4/15 to 5/15.

- d. Montana Watersheds Inc. (MWI)—after discussions and consensus from the other partners in the business that include Lincoln and Flathead Conservation Districts, Curt made a motion for the Lake County Conservation District (LCCD) to withdraw from its affiliation with MWI and to advise the MWI Board to dissolve the entity. Susan seconds, all voted yes to sunset affiliation with MWI effective immediately.
- e. New Partnerships—LCCD has been approached by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) as well as the Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS) for support letters and grant assistance on two separate projects. The SWCDM project is a Statewide Augmented Reality Sandbox Education Program and the FLBS an AIS sampling outreach event. Susan made a motion for LCCD to sign support letters and provide project assistance for each, Zoe seconds. All voted yes to send support letters and enter into these new partnerships.
- f. Area V CD Supervisor Forum—the agenda and event space have been set, it will be held Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the North Lake County Library in Polson. All Area V CD's have been informed and several have RSVP'd.
- g. Sandbox Project—upgrades to the Sandbox are complete and implementation of the school program will begin next week 3/12-3/16. Carlos, Lita, Karli and Lauren have been working very hard practicing every Monday and the lessons are complete and well designed.
- h. Pollinator Initiative—we are continuing to plan our Spring outreach to local youth and landowners and a Mason Bee house making event has been set with local 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Ronan and Pablo for April.
- i. No-till Seed Drill (NTSD)—the NTSD Committee compiled a list of items that need to be purchased to complete the rental program, Curt made a motion to spend no more than \$2000.00 on additional parts. Susan seconds, all voted affirmative. LCCD and NRCS will host a No-Till Seed Drill Workshop in March, Susan made a motion to offer \$100 off for all attendees of the how-to workshop, Curt seconds. Board votes yes to offer \$100 off to all landowners in attendance of the workshop.
- j. DNRC Forestry Stewardship Cost-Share—for DNRC to draw up the funding contract that LCCD will review and vote to accept or deny, LCCD must have a DUNS number. Curt made a motion for LCCD to apply for a DUNS number, Zoe seconds. All voted yes to apply for a DUNS number.
- k. Spring Conservation Speaker Series—speakers are lined up, dates and venue have chosen and advertising for the event has begun. The speaker series will be held at Ninepipes Lodge on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Denver Holt with the Owl Research Institute will speak on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Amy Seaman with Montana Audubon will speak on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Event space rental is \$150, \$75 will be comped by Ninepipes Lodge, Susan made a motion to spend \$75 on the room rental, Zoe seconds, all voted affirmative.
- l. Swan Study—Jim was absent.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Area V 2019 MACD Convention—Jim requested that the Board weigh in on whether or not they supported Area V hosting MACD Annual. Board agrees that they support the holding Convention in 2019 in Kalispell.
- b. Tabling Display Upgrade—after attending the Ronan Trade Fair and seeing other examples of table cloths with company logos on them, Curt made a motion for LCCD to spend \$100 to upgrade our tabling display and purchase a fitted tablecloth with our logo. Susan seconds, all vote aye.
- c. DNRC Book Purchase—DNRC is offering the Women in Ag books for \$11/book. Zoe made a motion for LCCD to purchase 50 books for resale, Susan seconds, all voted affirmative to purchase books.
- d. Soil Health Trials—Ben would like to expand the Lake County Forage Improvement Study and has put together, along with Lauren, a funding request to submit to McCone CD for Soil Health money. Susan made a motion for LCCD to submit the grant request, Curt seconds. All voted yes to apply for Soil Health Funding.
- e. Financial Report – Curt went over the financial report.
- f. Bills – Zoe moves to approve the financial report and the bills. Susan seconds. All voted in favor of approving the financial report and paying the bills.

#### IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam absent.
- b. BSWC—Lauren absent.
- c. NRCS—Ben—absent.
- d. LCCD—Karli was late because she took the Sandbox to Ronan Science Night.
- e. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—absent.
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—mentioned that the County was debating between the Growth Policy being regulatory or advisory.
- g. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—if a landowner ever needs mediation assistance they can get it from the MT Dept of Ag Services.
- h. City-County Planning –Lita—no report.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Curt, seconded by Zoe, all agree. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The April Supervisors' meeting will be held **Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 pm.**

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Sigurd Jensen, Vice Chairman

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Heidi Fleury, Coordinator