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April 30th, 2018

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

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman and Zoe Lilja. Sigurd Jensen joined by phone; Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin and Lita Fonda. Also in attendance; Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator, Lauren Odom BSWC, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Samantha Tappenbeck SWCDM. Leo Rosenthal, FWP, joined by phone for the 310 portion of the meeting.

General Public Attendee: Prospective supervisor Jan Niemeyer.

Excused: Carlos Rodriques, David Sturman and Karli Becher LCCD Ed Outreach Specialist.

To accommodate Leo Rosenthal (FWP) attending the meeting, it began with 310 business.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Flathead Lake Biological Station—Sewer pipe removal—they were informed that, because their project is on Flathead Reservation they needed to apply for a permit with CSKT Shoreline Protection, application withdrawn.
- b. Carpenter—Culvert—they were informed that, because their project is on Flathead Reservation they needed to apply for a permit with CSKT Shoreline Protection, application withdrawn.
- c. Review of 310 permit format, additions and team member report—Jim went over the changes DNRC is working on, overall, all agreed that it was making the application more difficult to work with.
- d. 310 Jurisdiction on Flathead Reservation lands—in response to the two withdrawn applications reviewed previously; there was discussion of the current and historic state of LCCD 310 jurisdiction on CSKT tribal lands. A secondary conversation was had about state cuts in funding for 310 permit activities. Sigurd made a motion for the Board to pass all stream permitting on CSKT Flathead Reservation lands questions or applications

on to Shoreline Protection **without** LCCD conducting site visits to assert jurisdiction. Vote passes 4 (Sigurd, Curt, Zoe, Jim)-1 (Susan). Board members also see this as an opportunity to reconnect with CSKT Shoreline Protection Division to ensure ease of service for landowners in Lake County both on and off Flathead Reservation lands and will set up a meeting in the future to discuss the best ways we can work together.

Curt suggested a small clarification about phone attendee. A motion to approve the corrected minutes from March was made by Curt second by Zoe. All approved meeting minutes, motion passes to approve minutes.

Open Mic—

- Jim will be gone May 10th and requested the meeting be moved to May 17th. It worked for all in attendance, reminders will be sent out.
- Heidi requested the Board consider paying her for attendance of a Spring Quarter 2018 class at SKC, total time will be 40 hours (4 hours per week for 10 weeks). Heidi will conduct a GIS analysis of Community Fire Hazard for the benefit the Lake County Conservation District. Susan made a motion to pay Heidi for the time she is attending class the quarter, Zoe seconds. All vote in favor.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Country Living Workshop—Due to poor attendance LCCD will look into other, more cost effective, community outreach venues.
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Days—discussion of final line up and responsibilities were solidified. All seems to be coming together.
- c. Conservation Scholarship— All Lake County high schoolers private, public and homeschool were informed via email of the opportunity. Scholarship due date is 4/15, winner will be announced 5/15.
- d. Montana Watersheds Inc. (MWI)—Jim is working on setting up a dissolution meeting.
- e. Area V CD Supervisor Forum—Sam gave us an overview of the event and minutes will be emailed out to all Area V CD's. The Forum was attended by 30 representatives from 6 different CD's. We received a lot of positive feedback about the day and hope to make this a yearly event.
- f. Sandbox Project—the Education team implemented the Watershed Visualization Program in Arlee for 170 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders over three days. Everyone had a great time and we received compliments from teachers about how well done the curriculum was.
- g. Pollinator Initiative—seed is flying off the shelf! Lauren and Karli led an education outreach event building Mason bee homes with 100 Ronan 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
- h. No-till Seed Drill (NTSD)—final contract was signed for the agreement with the Lake County Weed District to rent the NTSD. Waiting on final parts to come in then we will start renting it.

- i. DNRC Forestry Stewardship Cost-Share—final discussion for our participation in an initial cost-share program ended with Sigurd making a motion to decline the \$80,000 DNRC contract. Zoe seconds, all vote yes to decline initial funding but all expressed interest in applying at a later date when we have more time to plan our cost-share.
- j. Spring Conservation Speaker Series—there was a good turnout with 50 people the first night and 35 the second, totaling 85 attendees. Due to the great turnout and low cost of hosting, LCCD is looking to develop this outreach event further into a 6 month long winter speaker series.
- k. Swan Study—Jim met with representatives from DNRC to discuss the specifics of the Good Neighbor Authority and continues to pursue support from congressional delegates.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Filling Vacant Supervisor Position—Jan Niemeyer, local resident with interest in filling the vacant Ronan Urban Supervisor role, was introduced to the Board and there was brief discussion about who we are what we do.
- b. Financial Report – Curt went over the financial report and made a motion to re-up petty cash in the amount of \$200, Zoe seconds, all vote in favor of petty cash re-up.
- c. Bills – Zoe made a motion to support fronting the cost, \$100 plus \$100 refundable deposit, for event space rental at the Leon Hall for the Xerces Society event that will be held in June in partnership with LCCD, Curt seconds, all affirm. Susan moves to approve the rest of the financial report and the bills. Zoe seconds. All voted in favor of approving the financial report and paying the bills.

### IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Clake Fork Kootenai River Basin Commission had their annual meeting in Missoula. Sam participated in the Mussel Walk at the BioStation and it was well attended.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—gave a few updates about what she was going to be up to for the rest of April.
- c. NRCS—Ben—informed the Board of the opportunity to host a Soil Health Workshop with Marlon Winger, NRCS Soil Health Specialist, the first week on June. Susan made a motion to plan the event, Sigurd seconds, all vote affirmative. LCCD will host a Soil Health Workshop with Marlon Winger the first week of June.
- d. LCCD—Karli's employment funded by the SWCDM grant ends 4/15 her new pay rate funded by NACD/NRCS funding will start for the 4/16-4/30 pay period, the accountant will be informed. Work plans and contracts for Heidi and Karli will be complete by the May meeting.
- e. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—there is a meeting in Pablo on 4/25.
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—county voted to approve a subdivision the Tribe doesn't agree with.

- g. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—Range Days event is coming up soon and RREC is looking for a CD to sponsor the Winter Grazing Seminar, they are having trouble.
- h. City-County Planning –Lita—no report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The May Supervisors' meeting will begin at 5:30 to accommodate 2018/2019 Goal Setting, Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 pm.**

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Jim Simpson, Chairman

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Heidi Fleury, Coordinator