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January 31, 2018

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:00 PM Meeting Start  
January 11th, 2017

Present: Supervisors—Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, Carlos Rodriques, Zoe Lilja joined by phone; Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin, David Sturman. Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator, Karli Becher Education and Outreach Specialist, Lauren Odom Big Sky Watershed Corps member and Ben Montgomery, NRCS. Steve Lozar, local community member.

Excused: Jim Simpson, Mark McGuyer, Susan Gardner and Lita Fonda.

The meeting was held at 5:00 pm to accommodate January Goal Setting, due to unexpected low attendance, January Goal Setting was postponed until the February Meeting. There was not a quorum on site but Zoe Lilja (who was unable to get out of her driveway) was able to join via phone. Chairman Simpson was absent so, Vice Chairman Sigurd Jensen ran the meeting. Vice Chair Sigurd Jensen called the Regular Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from December by Carlos second by Curt. All approved meeting minutes, motion passes to approve minutes as revised.

Open Mic—Heidi and Ben introduced and welcomed our new 2018 Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Lauren Odom. Sigurd set the dates for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Days for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Curt brought up our involvement again this year in the Ronan Trade Fair on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Curt made a motion to approve the \$100 cost of a booth at the event, Carlos seconds, all affirm. Jack and Curt will staff the table on the 24<sup>th</sup> and LCCD Staff will get together display materials. Steve Lozar arrived at 6:30 pm and introduced himself and gave us a short description of why he is interested in learning more about becoming an Associate Supervisor for LCCD.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. LA17002—Ronan Creek—Schlegel Contracting—Heidi shared photos of the final project, a discussion ensued about how it the final construction

would hold up. A follow-up inspection was requested for the Spring. Heidi will schedule.

- b. LA16005—Dayton Creek—Tough-Go-Logging—CLT Bridge Permit Extension—Heidi forgot to have permit signed at December meeting. Attending members signed.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. January Goal Setting—it was discussed that, due to low attendance, goal setting would be postponed until the February meeting.
- b. Sandbox Project –we were invited to the Area 4 Quarterly Staff Meeting to share our Sandbox Story. The board discussed that Karli, Lauren and Heidi can attend as long as Area 4 can cover travel costs.
- c. Pollinator Initiative—excited Lauren is here. We are starting to plan our Spring outreach to local youth and landowners.
- d. No-till Seed Drill –there was a brief discussion about keeping it under cover and it was decided that for a few months it wouldn't be that big of a deal.
- e. DNRC Forestry Stewardship Cost-Share—Waiting on DNRC.
- f. Personnel Committee—Heidi shared the requested document that proved why LCCD could afford a \$2/hr. raise. After some discussion, Carlos made a motion to enact a \$2/hr. raise for Heidi effective 1/1/2018. Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative to increase Heidi's hourly wage.
- g. Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference—we are awaiting the event on the 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is going well.
- h. Winter Conservation Speaker Series—Heidi is working on it.
- i. Swan Study—Heidi shared Jim's report our on the Swan Study. He is working on a connection at the congressional level and there are three possibilities for moving forward; stand-alone legislation creating the Swan Forest, national legislation opening this opportunity for all Conservation Districts, amendment to the USFS Good Neighbor Authority legislation.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Supervisor and Associate Supervisor Elections—Heidi informed Carlos, Sigurd and Susan (via phone call and email) that they were up for re-election and gave them the forms to file with the Local Elections Office. The election (if seats are contested) will be on June 5, 2018. Voting on Associate Supervisors and Officer Positions will be postponed until the February meeting.
- b. Area V CD Supervisor Forum—at the request of several supervisors from Area V, Heidi and other Area V staff will work to hold a Supervisor Forum at the end of March. Heidi proposed three dates; March 28, 29, and 30. There was no preference shown for any of the dates. Heidi will schedule event ASAP.
- c. Montana Watershed Coordination Council—Heidi was approached about LCCD giving a letter of support for a grant MWCC is trying to secure that

would provide scholarships for women to attend their 2018 Watershed Symposium that will be in October of 2018. A motion was made by Curt to send a letter of support for their grant, Zoe seconds. All in favor. Heidi is also still investigating the pros and cons of becoming a MWCC member and will bring more info to the March meeting.

- d. Financial Report – Curt went over the monthly financial report and bills.
- e. Bills – Zoe moves to approve the financial report and the bills. Carlos seconds. All in favor of approving the financial report and paying the bills.

#### IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM–Sam was absent.
- b. BSWC—Lauren shared a little more about herself and also that she will be going to BSWC Member/Supervisor training in Bozeman January 17-19.
- c. NRCS–Ben—excited for the grazing conference.
- d. LCCD –Heidi will be attending the BSWC Member/Supervisor Training January 17 and 18 then has a Leadership Flathead Reservation on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, excited about the Grazing Conference.
- e. MACD – Jim was absent.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission –Jim was absent.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—in depth Lake County growth policy review this is a new document not a continuation of the Flathead Lakers previous work.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—again shared information on the DNRC Winter Grazing Seminar, it will be held in Helena and hosted by the Lewis and Clark Conservation District February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- i. City-County Planning –Lita—not present during meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The February Supervisors' meeting will be held **Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 pm.** It will follow the rescheduled LCCD Goal Setting meeting that begins at 5:00 pm.

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Sigurd Jensen, Vice Chairman

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Heidi Fleury, Coordinator