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December 27, 2017

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:00 PM Meeting Start  
December 14th, 2017

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson, Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, Carlos Rodriques; Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin, David Sturman. Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator, Samantha Tappenbeck, SWCDM and Ben Montgomery, NRCS.  
Excused: Mark McGuyer, Susan Gardner and Lita Fonda.

The meeting was held at 5:00 pm at Ninepipes Lodge in Charlo to accommodate the annual Holiday Party. Chairman Simpson called the Regular Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Open Mic—Jim shared that he won't be at the January meeting and requested that Sigurd be prepared to run the goal setting and the meeting.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. LA17002—Ronan Creek—Schlegel Contracting—the board signed the permit. Heidi will send on to the contractor ASAP.
- b. LA16005—Dayton Creek—Tough-Go-Logging—CLT Bridge Permit Extension—the landowner and the contractor both contacted LCCD and requested the permit, that was approved in July of 2016 and accepted by the permittee in September of 2016, be extended. There is no change in the work plan, it just didn't get done. A motion was made by Curt to extend the permit one year from the date the permit expired, Zoe seconds. All voted affirmative to extend the permit to 8/12/2018, or one year from the date of expiration.
- c. Swan River—Olaf Ervin—New home construction setbacks—the contractor contacted LCCD to discuss setbacks, he was informed of the application and permit process but never submitted an application.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sandbox Project –Carlos shared how the presentation went at the 2017 MACD Convention.
- b. Pollinator Initiative—30 acres of pasture were inter-seeded with a pollinator and livestock friendly plant mix thanks to Sigurd and David who both used the no-till drill in December.
- c. No-till Seed Drill –had its maiden voyage at Sigurd’s place on 12/5 and David used it again on 12/12. Everyone learned a lot. A no-till seed drill meeting was held on 12/6 and Heidi discussed that Tom Benson from the Lake County Weed District is interested in contracting with LCCD for the check-out, check-in and storage of the drill in the growing season. A meeting with Tom will be set in January.
- d. MACD Annual Convention—All attendees had a great time. Jim Simpson was officially made the Vice President of MACD and Mark Suta took over the presidency.
- e. DNRC Forestry Stewardship Cost-Share—Waiting on DNRC.
- f. Personnel Committee—LCCD was granted partial financial assistance to add a 12-month NACD/NRCS funded FTE position. A 20% match is required to accept the contract which equates to a \$5,000.00 capital investment by LCCD. Carlos made a motion to spend \$5,000.00 to secure the 12-month position, Sigurd seconds; all voted affirmative, motion passes. Jim and Carlos completed Heidi’s 18-month review. A \$0.50/hr. raise was offered, and Heidi countered by requesting a \$2/hr. raise. Jim made a motion to approve a \$.50/hr. raise effective 1/1/2018 and investigate the feasibility of a \$2/hr. raise, if feasible the board will vote on it at the January meeting and pay retroactively to 1/1/2018. Carlos seconds, all in favor, motion passes to approve a \$0.50/hr. raise for Heidi with the possibility of a \$2/hr. raise retroactive to 1/1/2018 at the January meeting.
- g. CD Supervisor Training—was scheduled to be held in Helena on 12/8 but, due to low sign ups, was cancelled. Area V is investigating holding their own in the near future.
- h. Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference—everything is coming together speakers and finances are secured. Heidi asked who would like to attend from LCCD. Sigurd, Curt, David and Lina, Carlos and Jim are all interested.
- i. Winter Conservation Speaker Series—Jim suggested that there be three separate evening presentations at three spots throughout Lake County. Heidi will contact speakers; including Denver Holt and Amy Seaman Montana Audubon Society. Sam, Carlos and David have offered to assist.
- j. Swan Study—Jims reported that due to the time of year and the special session nothing has moved forward. He will continue to engage with congressional and house representative staffers.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Montana Watershed Coordination Council Membership—Heidi is still investigating the pros and cons and will bring more info to the January meeting.
- b. January Goal Setting—will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will be provided.
- c. Financial Report – Curt went over the monthly financial report and bills. Petty cash is getting low so Curt made a motion to re-supply it with \$200. Carlos seconds the motion, all in favor; motion passes to re-supply petty cash.
- d. Bills – Carlos moves to approve the financial report and the bills. Zoe seconds. All in favor, bills will be paid.

#### IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam mentioned the workshop on stream gauging that will be held Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in Kalispell. She'll keep us informed of more details.
- b. NRCS—Ben—No report.
- c. LCCD –Heidi mentioned the Quarterly Area V Staff Meeting that will be held on 12/19 at the LCCD office. She also requested the week of 1/1-1/5 off.
- d. MACD – Jim traveled to Helena to meet with Mark Suta and Elena on the MACD Strategic Plan.
- e. Flathead Basin Commission –Jim informed us that funding for the commission is questionable, there is a conference call 12/18 but it probably won't happen.
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—in depth Lake County growth policy review.
- g. 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.
- h. City-County Planning –Lita—not present during meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The January Supervisors' meeting will be held **Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 pm.** It will follow the LCCD Goal Setting meeting that begins at 5:00 pm.

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Jim Simpson, Chairman

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Heidi Fleury, Coordinator