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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:30 PM Meeting Start for Goal Setting
Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

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

Excused: Carlos Rodriques, Susan Gardner

The Goal Setting portion of the night began at 5:30 pm. See attached document with results for the goals of the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

The Regular Supervisors meeting began a little after 6:30 pm.

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

- I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS
 - a. Dayton Creek-CSKT Fisheries-Channel Alteration and Irrigation Structure- After reviewing the application, the board decided an onsite evaluation of the permit request should be scheduled. A meeting on 5/24 or 5/25 was requested. Applicant will be contacted.
 - b. Benedict-Swan Valley-Jim, Heidi and Karli, along with Sam Tappenbeck of SWCDM went on a possible 310 permit visit in the Swan Valley on Marc Benedict's property. The stream was found to be intermittent and disqualified from LCCD 310 jurisdiction. The landowner was advised that there were other permits required for the scope of work proposed, LCCD provided him with the contact information for those permitting agencies.
- II. 310 Violation Discussion-a landowner called to discuss the process for lodging a formal complaint against a neighbor. Proper complaint protocol, that

mainly includes a formal written document, was shared by Leo Rosenthal FWP and will be relayed to the caller.

A motion to approve the minutes from April was made by Sigurd second by Zoe. All approved meeting minutes, motion passes to approve minutes.

Open Mic—No open mic.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Filling Vacant Supervisor Position—Heidi attended the 5/7 Ronan City Council meeting in support of Jan Niemeyer being appointed to the vacant Ronan Urban Supervisor seat, the City Council unanimously voted Jan in and asked that we thank him for his service.
- b. Personnel Committee—employment contracts for Heidi and Karli were reviewed, approved and signed.
- c. 4th Grade Ag Days—photos and stories of the day were shared along with the news that our event was featured on the front page of the Valley Journal. Inviting more schools for the 2019 event was discussed.
- d. Conservation Scholarship— 5 applications came in. The Scholarship Committee will make the final decision soon.
- e. Sandbox Project—planning will begin for the fall 2018 School year soon. Hoping to hit Polson, Ronan and Swan Valley schools.
- f. Pollinator Initiative—slowly but surely giving away the 2018 seed mixes.
- g. No-till Seed Drill (NTSD)—rental has begun! Ben set up a date for Cory Simington to go over and maintain it in the near future. We will also be on his schedule from now on. Neighbor to neighbor liability form will be created for drill swaps that don't happen at the Lake County Weed District.
- h. Swan Study—Jim has decided to put the Swan Study on pause for the moment but will continue to try to talk with legislative staffers if the opportunity presents itself.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Budget Committee—Jim, Curt and Jan will meet to complete the budgeting exercise for 2018/2019 Fiscal year on Tuesday, May 29th at 2 pm.
- b. Financial Report – Curt went over the financial report.
- c. Bills –Sigurd moves to approve the financial report and the bills. Zoe seconds. All voted in favor of approving the financial report and paying the bills.

V. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam was absent and Heidi read a report she had sent.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—updated board on her trip to Sidney for tree planting and her final BSWC training for the year, Tech Skills in Bozeman. She also informed them that she wrote and won a \$5000 grant for the 2019 Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference.
- c. NRCS—Ben—shared info on the meeting we had with the local CD working group. This group works to prioritize local management concerns

and improved practices. NRCS will also be leaving Thursdays open all summer for landowner visits.

- d. LCCD—Heidi will work to get both she and Karli business cards ASAP.
- e. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—there is a new board and Rich Janssen of CSKT is the chair.
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—nothing to report.
- g. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—Range Days event is coming up soon.
- h. City-County Planning –Lita—need a volunteer from LCCD to fill the CD spot.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The June Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 pm.**

Jim Simpson, Chairman

Heidi Fleury, Coordinator