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

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson, Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja and Jan Niemeyer. Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin, David Sturman and Lita Fonda. Also in attendance; Sam Tappenbeck SWCDM, Karli Becher LCCD, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator.
Excused: Carlos Rodriques and Lauren Odom BSWC.

The Regular Supervisors meeting began at 6:30 pm.

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

Open Mic—

- LCCD was approached by Mike Koopal, from the Whitefish Lake Institute, to write a letter of support to Sen. Pat Connell of the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) in support of a proposed Flathead Lake Watershed Septic Study Bill. WPIC has agreed to discuss the issue at their July 16-17 meeting in Helena. If approved by WPIC, the study bill will go to the legislature for consideration. Several board members expressed their support and Curt made a motion to write a letter of support. Susan seconded the motion. Jim discussed his past involvement with a group concerned with septic leachate and the results of that group. All vote in favor of sending a letter of support.
- The Lake County Fair will be held in Ronan July 22-29. Sigurd made a motion to approve the \$10 cost for LCCD to have a booth at the Lake County Fair. Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative. Information on our No-till seed drill and cover crop cost share will be highlighted.
- Sigurd presented the possibility of hosting Range Days in 2021. He would like to form a committee to investigate the feasibility in Lake County. Jim made a motion to support the committee, Zoe seconds. All vote in favor of investigating the feasibility of Range Days 2021.

- Lina Sturman won the MACD poster contest for 2018. Sigurd made a motion to support Lina's \$50 tuition to Range Days 2019. Zoe Seconds, all vote yes to cover Lina's tuition to Range Days 2019. A letter will be sent to Lina.
- Dan Burden, recent 310 applicant, may be interested in joining the LCCD board.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Swan River-Burden-Stabilize River Bank-Site visit was completed. Jim made a motion to approve the application without modifications. Susan seconds. All vote to approve the 310 permit LA18-004.

II. OLD BUISNESS

- a. DNRC Fuels Reduction Grant—a meeting with DNRC, CSKT and LCCD is being planned before the grant is due on 8/10. A notice will be sent out as soon as a date and time are set.
- b. Conservation Scholarship—this year two \$400 scholarships were awarded
- c. Pollinator Initiative—LCCD was approached by SWCDM with funding for pollinator projects, Susan made a motion to apply for the \$5000 grant. Zoe seconds, all approve going after funding. NRCS Montana introduced a Community Garden Grant project and LCCD and Ronan NRCS are talking with local community members to see if we could enter a proposal to help the Boys and Girls Club build their community garden and create a pollinator garden. Jan made a motion for LCCD to assist or partner with local community members to secure grant funding for a community garden. Sigurd seconds, all vote affirmative to seek NRCS Community Garden funding.
- d. No-till Seed Drill—a Committee meeting needs to be held to decide what to do after the Weed District stops running the program in October. Met with Alpine Tipis to see about a cover.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Personnel Committee-Karli and Heidi went through our 6 month reviews and pay was changed so the health care benefit and hourly rate are separate. A permissive mill levy to cover health costs will be investigated ASAP.
- b. Financial Report and Bills-Curt delivered the financial report. Sigurd made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills, Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative to accept the report and pay the bills.

IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—shared the SWCDM Annual Report and informed us that the Area V meeting will be in Helmville in September.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—gone, no report.
- c. NRCS—Ben—nothing to report.
- d. LCCD—our listserv is up and running and we are sending out monthly newsletters.

- e. MACD-Jim-they will welcome a new executive director, Dan McGowan, at the end of July.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—they are re-doing their strategic plan.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—updated us on the last meeting.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no report.
- i. City-County Planning –Lita—no meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The August Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, August 9th at 6:30 pm.**

Jim Simpson, Chairman

Heidi Fleury, Coordinator