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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start
Thursday, June 14th, 2018

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson (left at 7:30), Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja and Jan Niemeyer. Associate Supervisors— John (Jack) Sutphin and David Sturman. Also in attendance; Sam Tappenbeck SWCDM, Lauren Odom BSWC, Karli Becher LCCD, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator.
Excused: Carlos Rodriques and Lita Fonda

The Regular Supervisors meeting began a little after 6:30 pm. Chairman Simpson shared that he would need to leave early and Sigurd ran the meeting after Jim left at around 7:30 pm.

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

Open Mic—Jim discussed the upcoming Supervisor Summit in Helena in August and offered scholarship info. The Women in Ag books have arrived and LCCD will offer them to our constituents for \$15 per book, locations for book sales were discussed. Jim also discussed his interest in creating a Lake County CD Jr. Conservationist Program. Jim is willing to lead the Committee that investigates this program; Susan, Zoe and possibly Lita will also participate. The first Committee meeting will be held Monday, July 30th at 10 am. Add brainstorming new member recruitment to the agenda for September 2018.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Dayton Creek-CSKT Fisheries-Site visit and report as well as FWP reports are all collected. Sigurd made a motion to consider it a project and issue the 310 Permit, Zoe seconds, all in favor. Supervisors signed permit and it will be sent to permittee to sign.
- b. Swan River-Marriott Emergency 310-LCCD talked to contractor, no work was done on the bed or banks of the river. No application, no-project.

- c. Swan River-Burden-Stabilize River Bank-Application was reviewed; site visit will be scheduled for the last week of June.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. DNRC Fuels Reduction Grant—figures and opinions were shared about a proposed Fuels Reduction Cost Share. Susan made a motion to support submitting an application for the 2018 Western States WUI Grant for the full amount, Curt seconds, all approve applying for the grant.
- b. 2019 Big Sky Watershed Corps Member—Lauren is interested in returning. The cost of the BSWC member has gone up from \$10,000 to \$12,250. We can apply for a BSWC Watershed Management Grant to cover \$6,000 of the cost. Curt made a motion to approve applying for and spending \$6,250 on a BSWC member for 2019. Jan seconds the motion, all voted affirmative. LCCD will committee \$6,250 from savings to pay for a 2019 BSWC member if grant funding for the full \$12,250 cannot be secured.
- c. Budget Committee—Curt gave an overview of the Budget Committee meeting, took questions and then made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by the committee. Susan seconds, all vote yes to approve the budget and send to the county.
- d. Conservation Scholarship—there was a tie and Susan was asked to read the applications and vote for the tie breaker after the meeting.
- e. Sandbox Project—no report
- f. Pollinator Initiative—the Xerces Society Beneficial Insect Workshop will be held at the Leon Hall on June 19th the cost of attendance is \$25. Susan made a motion to offer \$25 scholarships to any Lake County residents that wanted to attend this workshop. Zoe seconds, all agree to offer scholarships to residents.
- g. No-till Seed Drill—the initial rental program is going well, acres planted were shared as well as income derived from the drill.
- h. Swan Study—no report.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2019 Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference—this event and other 2018/2019 events were discussed including a Fall Fencing Workshop with Gale Garrish. Susan made a motion to secure grant funding to put this workshop on. Cost will be \$1000+travel. Zoe seconds, all approve finding funding to host a Fall Fencing Workshop, outreach for event will include local fencing dealers as well.
- b. MACD Resolutions—are due the 1st of September.
- c. Area V Meeting and 2018 MACD Convention—Jim shared that we budgeted for 4 people to go to convention in Billings and all Board Members to go to Area V meeting hosted by the North Powell Conservation District.
- d. Range Tour 2018 and Range Tour 2021—Lake County is considering hosting Range Tour 2021, we will work to identify the feasibility.

- e. Financial Report and Bills-Curt delivered the financial report and made a motion to approve the report and pay the bills. Sigurd seconds, all vote affirmative to accept the report and pay the bills.

IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam attended the UC3 Meeting where they discussed AIS budgets. There are several SWCDM Riparian Grazing Seminar sessions being held throughout Western MT the last week of June.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—shared what she has been up to and expressed continued interest in being the 2019 BSWC member.
- c. NRCS—Ben—spoke on behalf of holding the Fencing Workshop. Gave an update on NRCS happenings in Lake County.
- d. LCCD—Karli asked to attend an NRCS ATV Training in Butte, Zoe made a motion to approve hotel costs of \$100 for Karli to attend the training. Curt seconds, all approve. Heidi presented her LCCD Fire Hazard Analysis tool she created from the class she took on Geographic Information Systems and Fire at the Salish Kootenai College in the Spring 2018 quarter. She requested that, in lieu of a raise, the board assist in the payment of her tuition for the class. Jan made a motion to conditionally approve tuition assistance of \$600. Jan will review LCCD financials to ensure there is enough money. Susan seconds all vote in favor of assisting Heidi with tuition.
- e. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—no report.
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—updated us on the last meeting.
- g. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—Range Days event is coming up soon.
- h. City-County Planning –Lita—no report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The July Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, July 12th at 6:30 pm.**

Jim Simpson, Chairman

Heidi Fleury, Coordinator