



**Lake County
Conservation
District**

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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start
Thursday, August 9th, 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, Lauren Odom BSWC, Karli Becher LCCD, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Heidi Fleury, District Coordinator.

Excused: Carlos Rodriques.

The Regular Supervisors meeting began at 6:30 pm.

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

Open Mic—

- LCCD was approached by Jess Makus, from SWCDM, to write a letter of support to the Water Protection Bureau Chief for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality in support of continued funding for the 319 Mini-Grant Program SWCDM currently administers. Several board members expressed their support and Susan made a motion to write the letter. Sigurd seconded the motion. All vote in favor of sending a letter of support.
- Scholarship winners were awarded their monies and checks were sent to their respective colleges. 2018 LCCD Conservation Scholarship Winners were Malia Seeley and Russel Smith both from Polson High School.
- Jim discussed creating a Supervisor/Associate Supervisor Recruitment Committee, Susan, Curt, Lita and Jan will serve on the committee. First meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 10 am at the LCCD office.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Swan River-Marriott-Emergency 310-DNRC Swan Unit Forester, Allen Branine initially called LCCD about this possible 310 in June 2018 and the project made the agenda, Heidi spoke with the contractor who said no work was done on the bed or banks of the river she also tried contacting Mr. Marriott. LCCD will try and contact Rod Marriott again to see if we can follow up/talk with him about the extent of the work.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. DNRC Fuels Reduction Grant—specifics from the meeting on 8/10 with DNRC, CSKT and LCCD were shared with Board. Jim and Curt answered questions and the timeline for the grant application and award were discussed.
- b. Pollinator Initiative—Lauren and Karli updated the Board on monitoring efforts.
- c. No-till Seed Drill—a Committee meeting for 8/15 at 10 am was scheduled.
- d. Area V Meeting—agenda and meeting info was shared. A count was taken for registration.
- e. Women in Ag Books—Zoe requested that LCCD sell 9 books to the Polson Flathead Historical museum for cost (\$11/book). Curt made a motion to sell the books for \$15/book regardless of an organizations financial circumstance for a period of one year. Susan seconds. Curt and Susan vote yes to keep price at \$15. Sigurd, Zoe and Jan vote no. Motion fails. Zoe makes a motion to sell the books at cost to non-profit organizations, \$11/book. Sigurd Seconds. Discussion included adding educational entities to the list of organizations to sell books to at cost. Curt opposes, all others vote affirmative. The amended motion to sell books at cost to local non-profit and educational organizations for \$11/book passes.

III. NEW BUSINESS


- a. Junior Conservationist Program—Lauren presented on the possibility of LCCD offering a local Junior Conservationist Program that would engage 4th grade students from Ronan in a 6 week natural resources education program. Zoe made a motion for LCCD to pursue the program, Jan seconds, all approve. Zoe also made a motion for LCCD to apply for grants from the Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation and DNRC Mini-Education Grant to fund the program. Susan seconds, all vote yes for LCCD to apply for grants to assist in program implementation and supplies.
- 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. Curt made a motion to re-up petty cash by \$200.00, Sigurd seconds, all approve re-up on petty cash.

IV. Reports


- a. SWCDM—updated LCCD on what she's been working on.

- b. BSWC—Lauren—updated the board on what she has been working on.
- c. NRCS—Ben—NRCS has a new State Conservationist, with this change, there will inevitably be operational changes. Ben will attend a statewide NRCS meeting in Billings in September and will have more info in the future.
- d. LCCD—LCCD has closed out the work on a number of grants and is invoicing and sending final reports in.
- e. MACD—Jim—Dan McGowan came to visit LCCD and discuss operations and CD challenges.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—no meeting.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—missed the meeting but “Right to Farm” was the main topic.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no report, Range Tour will be 9/6 in Sidney.
- i. City-County Planning –Lita—no meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The September Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, September 13th at 6:30 pm.**



Jim Simpson, Chairman



Heidi Fleury, Coordinator

