



**Lake County
Conservation
District**

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**Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start
Thursday, September 13th, 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; 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 August was made by Curt, second by Susan. All approved meeting minutes, motion passes to approve minutes.

Open Mic—

- Range Days Committee will meet on October 2nd at 4 pm at the Polson Brewery to discuss the possibility of hosting Range Days in 2020. Committee members include; Sigurd, Susan, Jim, Lauren, Karli, Ben and Heidi.
 - Due to the MWCC Symposium, the October Supervisors Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 12th instead of Thursday October 11th.
 - LCCD finished our first round of Cover Crop Cost Share outreach and reimbursed 7 farmers and ranchers that planted over 400 acres of cover crops.
- I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS
 - a. Swan River-Marriott-Emergency 310-no work was done to beds and banks. No application or site visit needed.
 - II. OLD BUISNESS
 - a. DNRC Fuels Reduction Grant—the application is being submitted on 9/14 we will hear back around January.

- b. Pollinator Initiative—all pollinator seed mixes are made and seed will be ordered soon. Seed will be paid for with the \$5,000 pollinator grant from SWCDM.
- c. No-till Seed Drill—update on Committee meeting held 8/15. We will set another meeting to refresh everyone's memory on how to operate and calibrate around 10/15. Weed District stops renting it for us on 10/31/2018.
- d. Junior Conservationist Program—we received a grant from the Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation for \$1650.00 to operate our program. We have been in contact with the principal of K. William Harvey elementary and will continue to pursue a meeting with the 4th grade teachers.
- e. Conservation Speaker Series—the lineup was presented and briefly discussed. Curt made a motion to spend \$300.00 of the rights to show the film Era of Megafires at the January event. Jan seconds, all vote in favor. Advertising on the radio, internet and newspaper as well as targeted outreach will begin in October.
- f. Personnel Committee—Jim introduced Karli and Heidi's benefit package requests and discussed the conversation that the Personnel Committee had in a meeting on 9/7/2018. Sigurd made a motion to raise Karli's hourly rate from \$15.79 to \$16.00/hr. Zoe seconds, all vote yes to raise Karli's hourly rate. Zoe made a motion to give Heidi a performance benefit for FY19 of 200 hours of paid vacation time in addition to 80 hours of accrued time that is part of her normal employment agreement. Sigurd seconds, all vote in favor of giving Heidi a performance benefit of 200 hours paid vacation. Employee understands that FY19 Vacation benefit is considered use it or lose it and that there will be a 6-month review to make sure it isn't interfering with normal operations.
- g. Swan Study—after conversations with a Daines staffer Jim has decided to submit a final letter to the Valley Journal that thanks all who participated in the Study and let them know what they can do to continue to support increased local forest management.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FY18 Financial and Work Report—Heidi presented FY18 reports for comment.
- b. 2019 Mill Levy—Sigurd made a motion to request the full mill levy for FY2019 be assessed by the Lake County Treasurers Office. Zoe seconds, all vote affirmative to request the county levies the full amount LCCD can legally ask for.
- c. Fencing Workshop—Sigurd made a motion for LCCD to offer dinner at our Fencing Workshop 10/4/2018. Susan seconds, all vote in favor of having a potluck.
- d. Supervisor Position—due to unforeseen medical circumstances Carlos Rodriques is no longer able to fulfill his Supervisor duties with LCCD. Jim made a motion to resign Carlos from Supervisor duties for now until he

recovers. Susan seconds, all vote to resign Carlos and look for another willing participant to finish out his current term.

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

IV. Reports

- a. SWCDM—Sam was gone.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—updated the board on what she has been working on.
- c. NRCS—Ben—mentioned it might be time to think about getting our Local Working Group together.
- d. LCCD—Heidi joined the Food and Ag Committee at the Lake County Community Development Corporation.
- e. MACD-Jim-will attend all Area meetings this year. Also informed us of a special meeting that was held to discuss dues and membership.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—no meeting.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—more on the “Right to Farm”.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no report.
- i. City-County Planning –Lita—Jan N. has expressed interest in serving on the City-County Planning Board, Jim made a motion to appoint Jan as LCCD’s representative on the Board, Curt seconds. All vote in favor of Jan representing LCCD.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The October Regular Supervisors meeting was changed for next month and will be held **Friday, October 12th at 6:30 pm.**



Jim Simpson, Chairman



Heidi Fleury, Coordinator

