



**Lake County
Conservation
District**

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November 30th, 2018

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start
Thursday, November 8th, 2018

Present: Supervisors—Jim Simpson, Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman and Jan Niemeyer. Associate Supervisor—David Sturman. Also in attendance; Lauren Odom BSWC, Karli Becher LCCD, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Heidi Fleury Conservation Coordinator.

Excused: Zoe Lilja and John (Jack) Sutphin.

The Regular Supervisors meeting began at 6:30 pm.

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

Open Mic—

- Sigurd made a motion for LCCD to pursue a Legislative Breakfast with local representatives in the first two weeks of December. Jan seconds, discussion on invitees was had. Commissioners and all local Montana state and house district legislators will be invited. All vote affirmative, motion carries.
- Jim's term as Urban Supervisor is up 12/31/2018. He will submit a request to be reappointed by the Polson City Council for another term ASAP.
- The Flathead Lake Biological Station is putting in a grant to DNRC for early detection and prevention efforts on Flathead Lake that our Americorps member will be assisting work on and requested a letter of support. Curt made a motion to send a letter of support, Jan seconds, all vote to send letter.
- Jim will continue to gain support for MACD Convention to be held in Area V in 2019 while attending MACD's 2018 Convention next week. As of right now Flathead, Missoula, Lake and Lincoln have expressed support.

- USFS Mid-Swan Forest Management Plan Proposal-Rebecca and Sam are both attending the public meeting that is tonight 11/8 in Swan Lake. The proposed project area overlaps with areas of the Swan Study and the board discussed commenting on the proposal. Public comment is due 11/21/2018. Jan made a motion to send in a comment in support of extending the public comment period 90 days. Sigurd seconds, all vote in favor.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a. Swan River-Log Jam-Trusler, Kingsvogel, Frizzel, Marriott-Jim, Don McIntyre, Leo Rosenthal and staff had a conference call about the complexities of this possible project. Those in attendance suggested LCCD send a letter, per our 310 rules and regulations, informing landowners we would require a specialist to make plans and calculate out the risk of taking the structure out or leaving it in. Don also mentioned that we can issue a 310 permit for work in the stream that isn't on someone's property but that the permit holder would have to get written permission from the landowner to access the area through their property. Letters were sent to landowners.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Pollinator Initiative—Karli found a Professional Development grant from Western SARE and submitted in on the due date 11/7. Funds would support her employment on implementing outreach and resources workshops to assist other Conservation Districts adopt pollinator programs throughout the state. Jan made a motion to retroactively approve the submittal of a \$70,000.00 grant to Western SARE. Susan seconds, all approve grant submittal.
- b. No-till Seed Drill—LCCD is in possession of the drill, we will handle all late fall/early winter and spring rentals. Staff and NRCS held a refresher the other day and are prepared to assist renters.
- c. Junior Conservationist Program—the first program was successful. Teachers and students had positive feedback. November's session will be on Soil and January on Wildlife in partnership with CSKT Wildlife.
- d. 2019 Western Montana Grazing and Ag Conference—sponsorship letters have been sent and final contract with DoubleTree was signed.
- e. Conservation Speaker Series—schedule for January-April was discussed.
- f. December Meeting Planning—December's Regular Supervisor Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 5 pm at Ninepipes Lodge in Charlo. Holiday party to follow.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CSKT-NPS Division Letter of Support—Chauncey Means from the CSKT Non-Point Source Pollution Division requested a letter of support for a grant to complete continued wetland monitoring of wetlands associated with the Flathead River System. Susan made a motion to send a letter of support. Jan seconds, all vote yes to send letter.

- b. Financial Report and Bills-Curt delivered the financial report. Sigurd 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—not at meeting.
- b. BSWC—Lauren—gave a recap of her first term of service.
- c. NRCS—Ben—will keep everyone updated on new funding mechanisms of NRCS.
- d. LCCD—Karli and Heidi—have been working on grant reports, funds collection and writing new ones.
- e. MACD-Jim—no report.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—no meeting
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—no meeting
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no meeting.
- i. City-County Planning –Jan N.—no meeting.

LCCD was sent a "Back to Basics Questionnaire" by new MACD ED Dan McGowan. The board went over the questions and responses will be sent to Dan ASAP.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The December Regular Supervisors meeting will be held **Thursday, December 13th at 5:00 pm at Ninepipes Lodge in Charlo. Holiday Party to follow.**



Jim Simpson, Chairman



Heidi Fleury, Coordinator

