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May 21st, 2019

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 PM Meeting Start  
Thursday, May 9th, 2019

Present: Supervisors—Jan Niemeyer, Susan Gardner, Sigurd Jensen, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja and Rebecca Ramsey. Associate Supervisors—John (Jack) Sutphin and Lita Fonda. Also in attendance; Lauren Odom BSWC, Samantha Tappenbeck SWCDM, Ben Montgomery NRCS and Heidi Fleury LCCD Conservation Coordinator. Additionally we were joined by Kipp Belt and guest (members of the public).  
Excused: Jim Simpson, David Sturman and Karli Becher.

The Regular Supervisors Meeting began at 6:30 pm. Vice Chairman Jan N. ran the meeting due to Jim's absence. Curt motioned to approve the April minutes, Rebecca seconds, all approved the minutes. Due to members of the public attending the meeting to discuss the possible 310 violation, 310 business was dealt with first. We tried to get Leo Rosenthal (FWP) on the phone but couldn't get him then missed his call back. We will update him ASAP.

Open Mic—

- Rebecca discussed an upcoming Swan Valley Connections event that she hoped we would all attend. She also discussed LCCD donating an auction item.
- Sigurd will attend Range Days.
- Jim is unable to attend the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and asked the Board to discuss changing it to Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> so he could attend. It was a problem for several people so the meeting will remain at the regular scheduled date and time.

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS-

- a. 310 Violation—Swan—Kipp Belt attended the meeting to discuss diminished stream flow in a stream (possibly Meadow Creek) that runs through his property and submitted Form 274, the official 310 violation complaint (See complaint form). Discussion included landowner water rights (Kipp was recommended to DNRC Water Rights Division) and the exact location of Meadow Creek and whether it is a perennial stream.

Aerial images were pulled up and Kipp pointed out where the pond listed in the violation was built. Rebecca made a motion to go forward with the 310 Violation process following LCCD 310 Rules and Regulations Rule 20, Complaint Procedure. Curt seconds, all vote to move forward with complaint procedures.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. MWCC Rainbow Drive Grant—LCCD was offered additional funding for this project up to \$2,000.00. Rebecca made a motion to accept the additional funding if needed, Susan seconds, all vote affirmative.
- b. Junior Conservationist Program—Lauren updated the Board on the Junior Conservationist events left for the school year. Once the program is complete LCCD staff will meet with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers to get feedback.
- c. Montana Youth Range Camp 2021—Sigurd worked with Stacey Barta to set a date 6/22-6/24/2021. Sigurd and Zoe are going to do a site visit at Pine Ridge Camp in St. Ignatius. Still working to secure the venue contract.
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Days—LCCD staff and Board members received nothing but positive feedback and this year's event was considered a success. There was discussion of inviting Charlo to the 2020 event.
- e. Conservation Scholarship Program—the scholarship will be awarded to Kylee Wells, the lone applicant. Since the Scholarship Committee worked to make a better system for the scholarship we will be able to begin promoting it around Lake County schools much earlier and hope that will help draw more applicants in 2020.
- f. No-Till Seed Drill—the Lake County Weed District is running the program and things are going well.
- g. Pollinator Initiative—we have given away just over three acres of seed and continue to work on outreach efforts.
- h. Budget Committee and 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Planning, Employee Reviews—the Budget Committee will try and meet on 6/7/19, employee reviews will be scheduled after that meeting.
- i. NACD/NRCS Funding—we have been awarded a second year of TA grant money and need to sign the MOA to make it official. Karli, Ben and Heidi have been completing a work plan for the funding.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

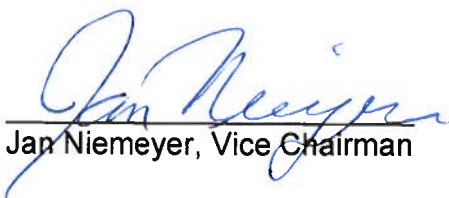
- a. Permissive Mill Levy 2019/2020—LCCD has been paying a stipend to the employee for at least one year, which makes us eligible to pursue the permissive Mill Levy. There was also discussion of the increased costs of a group medical benefit that MACD is currently working to secure and the impacts on the LCCD budget. Rebecca made a motion to move forward with the process to assess a permissive mill levy to help cover employee health care costs. Sigurd seconds, all vote yes to pursuing the permissive mill levy.

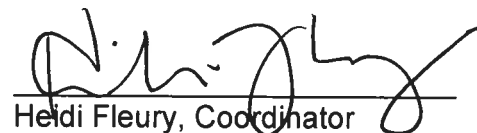
- b. LCCD Goals 2019/2020—the Board, staff and NRCS representative updated LCCD goals for the next fiscal year.
- c. Financial Report and Bills—Curt delivered the financial report. Susan made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills, Zoe seconds. All vote affirmative to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

IV. Reports

- a. BSWC—Lauren has outreached to 1,313 people so far in the first 5 months of her term of service.
- b. SWCDM—Samantha—the Septic Leachate Project that we wrote a letter of support for was funded, Sam will keep us updated. She will also be assisting NRCS in developing TIPS in the future and will work to help in any way she can.
- c. NRCS—Ben—working to develop the Forestry TIP in the Jette and Rocky Point areas.
- d. LCCD—Heidi—we have outreached to 985 people and acquired \$96,055 in grant funding so far this year.
- e. MACD—Curt—Curt discussed that funding for stream gauges in the Flathead Basin was not obtained. He also discussed the recent stance that MACD has taken on the CSKT Compact. MACD is neither for nor against it. Curt would like LCCD to consider writing a letter with our stance; it will be discussed at future meetings. Jim was gone.
- f. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—absent.
- g. County Planning – Sigurd—updated the Board on the meeting and new Lake Mary Ronan setbacks and new Swan zoning districts.
- h. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—he will be attending the RREC meeting in Big Timber on 5/15, the Range Tour is on 9/4-9/5, he will attend. RREC had its first legislature day and it went pretty well.
- i. City-County Planning –Jan N.—no meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The June Regular Supervisors meeting will be held Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at the LCCD office.

  
Jan Niemeyer, Vice Chairman

  
Heidi Fleury, Coordinator