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July 20th, 2020

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor's Meeting at 6:30 PM
Thursday, July 9th, 2020

Present: Supervisors—Sigurd Jensen, Zoe Lilja, Jan Niemeyer, Curt Rosman and Susan Gardner. Associate Supervisor—David Sturman. Also in attendance; Sarah Klaus BSWC, Ben Montgomery NRCS, Zach Lenning LCCD and Heidi Fleury LCCD Conservation Coordinator. Members of the public included Jennita Speicher. Excused: Jim Simpson and Allen Branine.

Due to USDA COVID-19 restrictions the LCCD Board could not meet at our office. An in-person meeting was held at the Ronan City Park on Eisenhower SW in Ronan, MT 59864 under the Pavilion. There was also an option to join via teleconference for the regular meeting. Jan called the Regular Supervisors Meeting to order just after 6:30 pm. The June minutes were discussed. Zoe motioned to accept the minutes. Sigurd seconds, all approve June minutes as presented. Due to members of the public being present 310 business was dealt with first.

Open Mic—

- The Ronan Ag Appreciation dinner has been cancelled, we were contacted to see if we wanted a refund or to have them keep the money and put it towards the 2021 event. All agreed to have them keep it and use it towards next year's dinner.
- LCCD overpaid the Department of Revenue \$50.00 for this tax year. We can have it as a credit or get a refund. Jan requested that we get a refund check.
 - I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS-
 - a. 310 Violation—Meadow Creek—Speicher—the board reviewed the final report from River Design Group. Curt made a motion to consider this a non-project, Susan seconds. All vote in favor of this as a non-project. A formal letter will be sent to Speicher's.
 - II. OLD BUISNESS
 - a. Pollinator Initiative—the drive-in movie was cancelled due to mounting COVID-19 concerns. We are still able to monitor though and have been

out looking at participants' sites and have been very pleased with establishment success.

- b. Permissive Mill Levy-Heidi met with Scott Beggs at the county and is waiting for the final Taxable Valuation numbers to complete the final Permissive Mill Levy paperwork for 2020.
- c. DNRC Forestry Project—LCCD will be sub-awarded about \$225,000.00 for fuels reduction work in January 2021. We are working with DNRC forestry staff to create a useful framework for the cost-share guidelines.
- d. Personnel Committee—Zach will be leaving us at the end of the month to take a permanent position with NRCS in Chinook, we need to back fill his position. Zoe made a motion to fly the job announcement for a Resource Conservationist, Sigurd seconds, all vote aye.
- e. NACD-NRCS TA Grant—due to securing a more permanent funding mechanism Curt made a motion to turn down this previously accepted funding with hopes that it will stay in Montana and help another CD. Susan seconds, all vote yes to turn down this funding for 2020.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Financial Report and Bills-Curt was able to go over the financial report and all looks in order. Jan completed the monthly reconcile. Zoe made a motion to accept the financial report, Sigurd seconds. All vote affirmative to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

IV. Reports

- a. BSWC—Sarah—updated the Board on all she has been working on and discussed her interest to further her employment with LCCD.
- b. NRCS—Ben—discussed the hiring of someone to replace Zach.
- c. LCCD—Heidi and Zach—Zach informed the board of his new job and his plan for finishing up LCCD work before he leaves. Heidi discussed the new hire and new work structure for hiring another employee in January.
- d. MACD—Curt and Jim—no report (Curt). Absent (Jim)
- e. Flathead Basin Commission—Jim—absent.
- f. County Planning – Sigurd—no meeting.
- g. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—no meeting.
- h. City-County Planning –Jan N.—no meeting.

There being no further business at 7:30 pm Zoe made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Sigurd seconds, all agree. Due to COVID-19 issues LCCD will hold the August Regular Supervisors meeting at the Ronan City Park Pavilion on Eisenhower. The Regular Supervisors Meeting for August will happen on **Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 pm.**

Jan Niemeyer, Board Chair

Heidi Fleury, Coordinator