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August 9th, 2021

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, August 12th, 2021

Present:

Supervisors: Jan Niemeyer, Allen Branine, Jim Simpson Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Zoe Lilja, Associate Supervisor, David Sturman

Partners: FWP 310 Rep, Ben Montgomery

LCCD Staff: Sarah Ogden, Sarah Klaus, Heidi Fleury and BSWC members Abby Schmeichel, Jillian Herichon.

Landowners: John VanRy

Absent: Excused: Curt Rosman

Jan called the meeting to order at 6:30 and the board reviewed the minutes. Jim made a motion to approve last meetings minutes and Susan seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes from previous meeting

Open Mic

Jim mentioned that Dave Stipe is retiring and how he was very involved with the Community and CD. Jim wanted to send something over to him. Heidi is going to write and send this letter.

David talked about the the CFAC visit that he had this afternoon

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. 310 complaint—Sprenger—Swan River -- Jim was curious to see if the landowner got a building permit and see if the city would have approved the fill that has appeared in one of the pictures. Leo mentioned that someone called today to complain that the Swan in the same area as potential violation was dirty. Jim made a motion to send the letter and schedule an onsite inspection and invite the city planning people to come along. (who would provide building permits to the Planning Department)Allen mentioned that Swan landing has covenant. Susan Seconded. All voted Ay. There was some discussion about whether or not the CD needs to ask permission about site visits. Sarah will follow up Jason.
- B. 310 complaint—Hyton—Meadow Creek -- Jan informed everyone that he talked on the phone to Ray and Ray mentioned that the creek has been down for over a year, but they have not done anything to the creek. There was some discussion about the need to

schedule a site visit. Allen made a motion to schedule a site visit, and Zoe seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting will be on Monday Jan, Allen, and Jan will attend.

- C. LA21005—VanRy—Cilly Creek—Tributary Project -- The board reviewed the application. There was some discussion about the removal of wetland spoils to another part of the wetland and that this would require an army corps permit. John (the applicant) mentioned that he was aborting this part of the project and that this is outlined in his engineering plans. Jan mentioned that he can add an addendum to the application. Leo thinks the amended application was good. There was some discussion about channel dimensions and how it currently works promotes wetland and wanted to create a compromise where the channel is usable for landowner and still the water is able to access the floodplain vs. channelizing all of the water. Allen noticed that 300 linear feet of stream would be excavated with the spoils placed in the floodplain, and would still need the 404 Army Corps Engineer, unless, Jim noted, the spoils were placed out of the flood plain. Susan wanted to confirm that the stream could carry the capacity that it is supposed to, w/o draining the riparian area. Jim made a motion to (1) have the applicant provide the board with an engineered design stream channel changes and to see what the as-built channel will look like, and some typical channel cross sections and what the channel width and depths would look like and the slope of the channel banks will be. (2) also reflect that there will not be dredging on the project. (3) Additionally the headgate on the stream needs to be changed to reflect the changes. Allen seconded that motion John talked about how the spoils from the new channel would actually go up into the treeline, the board asked that this be reflected in the application. There was some more discussion about the plans. Then, the board voted all in favor. The staff will follow up with the applicant. Susan talked about how important it is to preserve ground water and to preserve wetlands is to preserve groundwater.
- D. LA21006—Bashoor—Howe Creek -- The board reviewed the application. Susan moved to declare this a project. Allen noted that this stream does flow water more than 6 months of the year, and seconded susans motion. Allen and Jan and Leo (and maybe Jim) are available to visit this site on Monday. All were in favor.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pollinator Initiative - Klaus reported that she applied for DNRC grant to create the Urban Pollinator Initiative, Jim mentioned that there is a lot of money coming into the state for fuels reduction and water. Abby updated the board that she has continued monitoring. Helped FCD with their Pollinator outreach.
- B. Pollywog Park - Sarah reported that she, Abby, and Jill went to the park clean up days and rototilled and put in solarization plots as well as put down plastic on the trails. Sarah has also been planning fall plantings.
- C. No-till Drill - Klaus has sent out storage agreements to Lake Seed and Polson Outdoor Equipment. Ogden has passed off all of the materials and files to Klaus. Jim made a motion to use no-till seed drill accumulation funds to pay Heidi to rent out drill, Sigurd seconded and all were in favor.

- D. DNRC forestry cost share/outreach - Heidi has started doing home assessments, she has a lot of interested landowners. Lately there have been a lot of people reaching out because of the Boulder Creek Fire. Jim suggested a field trip for the board.
- E. LCCD Natural Resource office- no meeting
- F. Supervisors Recruitment - Rod Richardson will be joining us next month. Do we want to have a meet and greet? Put more information about how to become a supervisor on the website.
- G. 310 Model Rule Adoption (September Public Meeting) Sarah will link to DNRC forms website. Sarah will send the rules over to the County and will post them online. And there will be public notice of the public meeting to adopt the rules

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 310 Procedure Policy - Klaus asked if the board would approve a general violation letter that could be sent out when a complaint is received. Additionally asked about regular applications' turn around time and if there was an alternate way she could get feedback from the board about applications. She will follow up about the protocol for site visits on potential violations. Susan moved to approve the new procedure and violation letter and Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- B. Meeting times/space. There was some discussion about moving the time of the meeting up. There was discussion about moving the meeting up, this conversation will be continued
- C. IMWJV Position this will be added back onto agenda in the new year
- D. MACD Convention -- Happening in Great Falls and registration for the convention is now open. There was some discussion about if it will be held. Make reservations for 5 people.
- E. MACD Survey - The Board took the survey.
- F. Personnel Meeting/DNRC Personnel Model Policy 2020 -- The personnel committee decided to have a meeting to discuss the new DNRC Model Policy on August 25th or the 26th
- G. 2021/2022 LCCD Goal Setting - this was moved to the next meeting
- H. 4th Grade Ag Days Meeting - Klaus updated the board that she will help facilitate this meeting in September or October. Sigurd asked that Susan Lake, Paul Gundsler, Josh Senecal, Stivers be invited to attend.
- I. Bank accounts -- There was some discussion about the Glacier Bank account. Taking Heidi off the checking account, and adding Sarah Klaus to it. Jim Simpson motioned to maintain board signees and change Heidi Fleury to Sarah Klaus on the Glacier Bank checking account. Sigurd Jensen seconded the motion. All were in favor.
There was a letter sent to us from the Whitefish Credit Union that our signees are out of date. Jim made a motion to keep Jim Simpson and Curt Rosman on the Whitefish Credit Union account and to take Carlos Rodriques off. In addition, add Sigurd Jensen & Sarah Klaus to the Whitefish Credit Union savings account. Sigurd seconded. All voted in favor.
- J. Bills and Financial Report - Jim made a motion to approve the financials and pay the bills.

IV. REPORTS 9:25

- A. BSWC—Jill and Abby, Jill talked about all the outreach she is preparing for the Kalispell fair & helping with non-point source pollution workshop, Abby talked about all that she has been working on including pollinator initiative stuff and creating the new lesson plans for the Jr. Conservationist Program.
- B. NRCS—Ben - Hired all these people
- C. LCCD—Sarah K., reviewed her work plan and talked about the additional things that she had been working on including, aiding Abby with Education and Outreach projects and administering 310 applications. Sarah O. - Sarah gave a report about all of what she has been working on in the last few months in her position. She talked about the drill, bumblebee surveying and the fence monitoring. and Heidi, Heidi has got the mill levy and budget and permissive mill levy done for the county.
- D. MACD—Curt and Jim - There is (400,000,000) ARPA money coming into the state of Montana for water and fuels reduction
- E. EO—Heidi - No updates
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim - no meeting
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - There is a subdivision down on rocky point and they are redoing the shoreline protection zones.
- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - no meeting
- I. City-County Planning –Jan - no meeting

There being no further business at 9:58 Allen made the motion to adjourn Jim seconded. Jan asked for a vote, all were in favor.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for July will happen on **Thursday, September 9th at 5:30 pm at the Lake County Conservation District Office.**

Submitted By:

Sarah Klaus, Conservation Coordinator

Minutes approved by LCCD Board motion made on:

(Date)

(Signature) Jan Niemeyer, Board Chair