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August 9th, 2021

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, July 8th, 2021

Present:

Supervisors: Curt Rosman, Jan Niemeyer, Allen Branine, Jim Simpson. Joining virtually were Supervisor, Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, Zoe Lilja, Associate Supervisor, David Sturman

Partners: FWP 310 Rep.

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

Absent: Excused: Ben Montgomery

Jan called the meeting to order at 6:31 and the board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. After everyone had some time to review Curt moved to approve the minutes and Allen seconded the motion.

Minutes from previous meeting

Open Mic

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. 310 complaint—Meadow Creek - The board reviewed the complaint and the 310 Permit complaint letter drafted by staff. Jim made a motion to approve the letter and Curt seconded. All were in favor. Staff will send the letter next week.
- B. LA21003—Wisener—Carney Creek—Wetland Project - Jim talked about the TMR and all of the conditions and modifications that we would like to see in order to approve this application. They are outlined in the TMR. Leo talked about being consistent about providing the information on the exact limits of this excavation. There was some discussion about asking neighbors for his property that may be affected by this project. Jim made a motion to approve the TMR as submitted and Curt seconded. All were in favor. Sarah will follow up with the landowners and ask for the additional information.

- C. LA21005—VanRy—Cilly Creek—Tributary Project - Curt and Leo talked about the site visit. They considered this project to be very similar to the Wisener project and that we ought to handle them similarly. They consider it a tributary of Cilly Creek. Leo advised that we would want the landowner to take all of the dredged material outside of the flood plain. There was some discussion about this project falling within the jurisdiction of the ArmyCorps for a different permit due to the materials being dredged. Sarah mentioned that she has connected the landowner and the ArmyCorps connection. We determined that we need more information on how he will plan to excavate this material and where the spoils will be placed, also how will control sediment that will go down stream. Allen suggested we have an aquatic engineering company certify the new stream for things like canal capacity. Jan also wanted to solicit Jim made a motion to extend the length of the application and then request an engineered steam design and a better explanation of excavation and how the material will be managed and how the trinity and sedimentation will be managed to minimize downstream sedimentation. He could use the headgate or put a sillfence. Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.
- D. LA19003—Banning—Swan River -Leo liked the way the design looked and was glad that he went to a professional. There was some discussion about the new proposed plan. Jim made a motion that we approve the application as submitted, Allen seconded. Work should happen in the low flow time of the year July 15-Sept 15th. Between now and September. All voted yes

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pollinator Initiative - Abby updated the board on the pollinator drive in and the National pollinator week. There were ~20 participants. Sarah asked for approval to apply for the DNRC pollinator cost share to increase the urban participation in the pollinator initiative. DNRC Pollinator Grant for Urban Pollinator Cost Share. Jim made a motion to approve Sarah applying for the grant and Susan seconded, all in favor.
 - 1. Jim, talked about the bird count and trying to do something about identifying the pollinators that are using the, pollinator watch day
- B. DNRC forestry cost share- Heidi updated the board about the applications and peramitaters and contracts. There was some discussion about the admin fee on the grant and open enrollment on applications.
- C. No-Till Drill - Sarah Ogeden updated the office on the most recent happenings with the drill. Lake seed might be interested in renting it there.
- D. LCCD Natural Resource office - put it back on October

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 310 Model Rule Adoption (August Public Meeting) - The board will review the rules as proposed. Jim made a motion to contact FCD and MCD to create a collaborative approach to address the wetland regulations in western Montana. Allen seconded. Jan asked for any other discussion. All were in favor. Siguard mentioned docks and how it does not jive with county planning.
- B. Supervisors Recruitment - Jim suggested that we start looking for people to replace supervisors.
- C. MACD Supervisor Area V Representative - Jim explained that there is a pending resignation.
- A. 2022 BSWC Member - Sarah Klaus updated the board that Going to have one BSWC member which would split time 25% septic 75% CD depending on funding might be closer to 50/50
 - 1. Currently we don't have any funding in the budget for a BSWC member which is a \$12,250 cost. SWCDM will provide \$3,000 w/ their 319 and FCD is going to Match \$1,000. For the remaining 8,250 we are hoping to cover with SWCDM Pollinator grants of 6,125 and then either MWCC or ARPA for the final \$2,125 Allen made a motion to apply for all of it, Siguard Seconded. All were in favor.
- D. Bills and Financial Report - Jim made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills, Susan seconded. Jan asked for discussion. All voted Aye.
- E. 2021/2022 LCCD Goal Setting

IV. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Jill and Abby, Abby updated the board on her happenings at the garden, and surveying and working on lessons. Jill talked about all the ads they are putting out for the septic program. Jill is prepping tabling at fairs this summer.
- B. NRCS—Ben - Absent
- C. LCCD—Sarah K., Sarah Klaus talked about the 310 rules and applications coming through the office that she was working on. She has been working with Abby one Edu and Outreach planning. Sarah O. - Sarah mentioned the updates on the WT symposium, the bear fence, and the No-till drill. She also mentioned that the bumblebee bee surveys were going well. and Heidi talked about the forestry contracts and stipulations that she has been working on.
- D. MACD—Curt and Jim - Jim mentioned that the MACD drafted strategic plans
- E. EO—Heidi - The EO is planning the statewide training in October, Sarah will be giving a presentation at it.
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim mentioned Kate Willson just got a new job
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - no meeting
- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd Sigurd - They are having internships, they are doing ranch visits and learning a lot. There will likely not be

a 2022 youth camp Daivd updated the board on Range days. Lina talked about WT.

- I. City-County Planning –Jan - no meeting

There being no further business at 9:09 Jim made the motion to adjourn Curt seconded. Jan asked for a vote, all said Aye.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for July will happen on **Thursday, August 12th at 6:30 pm at the Ronan City Park Pavillion.**

Submitted By:

Sarah Klaus, Conservation Coordinator

Minutes approved by LCCD Board motion made on:

(Date)

(Signature) Jan Niemeyer, Board Chair