

Lake County Conservation District
64352 US Highway 93
Ronan, Montana 59864-8738
Phone: 406-676-2842 ext. 190



Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:30 pm
Thursday, September 9th, 2021

September 9th, 2021

Present:

Supervisors: Allen Branine, Jan Niemeyer, Jim Simpson, Susan Gardner, Associate Supervisor, David Sturman

Partners: FWP 310 Rep Leo Rosenthal, NRCS, Ben Montgomery

LCCD Staff: Sarah Klaus, Heidi Fleury and BSWC member Abby Schmeichel, Jill Herichon

Absent: Excused: Zoe Lilja, Sigurd Jensen

Jan called the meeting to order at 5:37 and the board reviewed the 2021/2022 Goals
Curt moved to approve the goals and Susan seconded, all approved

2021/2022 LCCD Goal Setting

Minutes from previous meeting

The board reviewed the minutes. Jim made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes and seconded. All were in favor.

Open Mic

Sarah: I received LA21008—Benedict—Stream #8—Beaver Dam today and I wanted to see if the supervisor would agree to address this under 310 applications section this meeting. Jim made a motion to review the application this meeting, Susan seconded the motion. Carried, unanimous

Jim: would like to propose we set a date for visiting Heidi's fuels reduction projects. Jan mentioned that we could go on October 14th meeting at 3pm meeting in Polson at the Diamond HorseShoe

Jim mentioned that the Lakers were interested in doing mitigation on the boulder fire and that we should contact the Lakers to see what is going on. There is also a DNRC grant that could aid their efforts. Sarah and Heidi agreed to work on this

Jan mentioned that the Leadership Flathead Reservation is accepting applications and mentioned that Sarah should look into it

I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. LA21-02 complaint—Sprenger—Swan River - The board reviewed the complaint and new information. There was some discussion about Lake County Planning controlling permitting at this part of the swan river. Sarah will contact Lake County Planning about the permitting and agreements. There was talk about having a site visit to this location on Monday the 27th, Jan, Curt, Allen and Leo will plan to attend.
- B. LA22-01 complaint—Hylton—Meadow Creek - There was some discussion of this complaint, and how there was not very much information provided, however we will go visit the site. Jan, Curt, Allen and Leo will visit this site on Monday the 27th.
- C. LA21003—Weisner—Carney Creek - Wetland Project - Susan asked that the county be switched to lake county on the application. The board reviewed the proposed location for the dredging spoils. There was some discussion about the project. Jan talked about how this application does not include any valid alternatives to this proposed project. Leo talked about how we did ask the landowner to consider other alternatives, but the landowner rejected them. Jan asked for clarification from DNRC on this form and if we can extend the project to ask about the landowner alternatives. They discussed the interpretation of the law. Jim made a motion to inform the applicant that the board would like to extend their decision period for 30 days. Susan seconded the motion. There was some more discussion about the application. All voted in favor. Sarah will confirm with Jason if we have the ability to ask the applicant to explore less invasive alternatives (and if we can put this in our policy) or if we have to accept his plan, and if we do, we will ask the applicant to list the alternatives and list why they do or do not meet his needs.
- D. LA21005—VanRy—Cilly Creek—Tributary Project - John explained the changes to his application, stream restoration, new channel, tailing from channel and placement, attachments and cross sections, and removed wording of work on pond and headgate placement as this was removed from the project plans. There was some discussion about the tailing placement. Leo clarified what the project will include and confirmed that the consultant provided all the information that we had asked for. Curt moved that we approved John VanRy applications with the modifications subbitmed on 9/8/21 and waive the 14 day waiting period for the project to begin. Susan seconded. All voted in favor. Jim asked John to let us know when the project is completed.
- E. LA21006—Bashoor—How Creek - Jim explained the project and moved that we accept the project as submitted. Curt seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jim asked to waive the 14 day waiting period and Leo agreed.
- F. LA21007—Marriott—Swan River -The board reviewed the application and Jim moved that this application be declared a project, Curt seconded all voted in favor. There was some discussion about the application and Rodney Marriott discussed his plans. Curt, Allen, Jan and Leo talked about going out to visit the site next Monday the 13th at 10am.
- G. LA21008—Benedict—Stream #8—Beaver Dam - The board reviewed the application and Jim motioned to accept the project. Susan seconded. The board will plan to make a site visit on the 13th after the Marriott site visit.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pollinator Initiative - Abby updated the board on the Fall pollinator initiative plans for seed giveaways. Sarah mentioned that she got the grant for the Urban pollinator initiative and Susan made a motion to accept the grant and Curt seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- B. Pollywog Park - Because of the difficulty of getting a rototiller Sarah will likely have to delay the wildflower seeding until the spring.
- C. No-till Drill - Heidi updated the board that Liam from PF is helping us out with the drill and fall rentals have started up. Susan asked where it would live in the winter. Curt offered storing it again. Jan asked the anticipated storage date. Heidi mentioned that it was the middle of December last year.
- D. DNRC forestry cost share/outreach - Heidi mentioned that Allen and her went to visit one of her projects. We notified the board that we are now offering a home assessment. Also there was a very successful outreach event at the Brewery with Allen with about 30 participants.
- E. LCCD Natural Resource office - Jim wanted to set a date to get together to talk about this project. Friday the 17th at 1pm was the tentative date.
- F. Supervisors Recruitment - Ben talked about Rod's involvement in the conversation community. Curt mentioned that he will talk to a few people.
- G. 310 Model Rule Adoption (October Public Meeting) - Sarah will see if we can amend up to the date of adoption. Curt would like to delete 8(a) on page 5. He would also like something on the record keeping protocol (Schedule No. 9) to add a reference to this schedule into the new draft rules.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Area V Meeting - Ben would like to be Registered, Curt and Susan, Jan will zoom.
- B. Soil Health Bus Tour - Sarah asked if she could attend the soil health bus tour. She reported that she has received a sponsorship to cover admission, as well as mileage and the remaining cost would be less than \$170. Jim made a motion to support Sarah's trip, Susan seconded and all were in favor.
- C. MACD Convention - Sarah updated the board that she registered Curt, Jan, Susan, and Siguard.
- D. Minimum Allocation Grants - Water and Sewer grants through ARPA - Jim recommended that Sarah talk to the county to submit a request for some money to expand the septic program.
- E. Personnel Meeting/DNRC Personnel Model Policy 2020 - Sarah showed the board the summary of changes made to the Personnel Policy. Jim made a motion to adopt the DNRC Personnel Model Policy with the modification. Curt Seconded Motion carried, unanimous
- F. 4th Grade Ag Days Meeting - Sarah has started the conversation with Jack, and will reach out to the Farm Bureau and Stock Growers if she does not hear back.
- G. Bank accounts - Sarah will send the August Meeting minutes over to Whitefish Credit Union and Glacier Banks now that the minutes have been approved.
- H. Bills and Financial Report - The board reviewed the financial report. There was some discussion about the checking account balance, and how some money is funneling in

from different grants. Jim made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Susan seconded. All voted in favor.

IV. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Jill and Abby - Abby gave an update on Jill's happenings and how she has spent a lot of time labeling for the septic cost share. Abby updated the board on her work with the Jr. Conservationist Program and the Fall Pollinator Initiative.
- B. NRCS—Ben - Ben talked about the groups that are organizing into a more cohesive group including LCCD, FWP, PF, DU, IMWJV, FWP, USFWS, and NRCS. He mentioned that we could potentially hire Liam into the IMWJV partner position as a parttime person to spearhead these habitat projects that all these organizations are working towards. Also Ben has been talking with Seth Makepiece about some of the water compat projects.
- C. LCCD—Sarah K. and Heidi - Sarah updated the board on her Monthly happenings of 310 administration and training. She expanded on the education and outreach planning that she was assisting Abby with. Heidi talked about the Forestry cost share and how there are a few more interested landowners.
- D. MACD—Curt and Jim - Jim reported that the Area meetings are coming up.
- E. EO—Heidi - no report
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim - Jill reported on her work at the meeting. He mentioned that there is a lot of data being collected about septic systems and the pollution that they emit. Also there is data being collected about stormwater infrastructure around flathead lake.
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - not present
- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - not present
- I. City-County Planning –Jan - meeting next week

There being no further business at 9:49. 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, October 14th at 6:00 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