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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda  
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6 pm  
Thursday, October 14th, 2021

November 5th, 2021

**Present: Supervisors:** Allen Branine, Jan Niemeyer, Jim Simpson, Curt Rosman, Susan Gardner, Zoe Lilja, Sigurd Jensen

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

**LCCD Staff:** Sarah Klaus, Heidi Fleury and BSWC members Abby Schmeichel & Jill Herichon

Jan called the public comment meeting to order at 6:01, as no members of the public were present we continued on with regular business.

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

The board reviewed the minutes. Curt noted that his name was missing from the attendees list.

Sarah will amend the minutes to include Curt at the meeting.

Jim made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes with this modification and Allen Seconded.

All were in favor.

### **Open Mic -**

- The EQC is using CD annual reports to evaluate fundings, Jim mentioned the importance for LCCD to submit one.
- Curt showed an info book from Easter Sanders County and mentioned that he would like to see something like this for Lake County, Sarah mentioned that she will follow up with Easter Sanders and work to get something started.
- The Leadership Flathead Reservation tuition is \$1200 - Jim made a motion that if Sarah found a scholarship that they would support this. Susan seconded. All were in favor.
- LA2002—Mckee—Schmidt Creek Bridge - Project follow Up inspection was scheduled with Allen.

### **I. SB-310 APPLICATIONS**

- A. 310 complaint—Sprenger—Swan River -The 310 Team explained what they saw at the site visit and how components of the project would have been recommended for approval if they had applied, but some components would not have been recommended for approval. The 310 team made the recommendation that the landowner apply for an after the fact permit for the doc and deck, but for the rock pile there might need to be some remediation by removing the rocks and planting certain plants. Jim made a motion that we declare this a violation and we send a letter outlining corrective measures of remediation. They need to submit an after

the fact 310 application and include remediation work on application. Allen seconded. All were in favor.

- B. 310 complaint—Hylton—Meadow Creek - Jim made a motion to declare the project not a violation, Allen seconded. All voted Aye. Sarah will contact the complainant and the landowner to notify them.
- C. LA21005—VanRy—Cilly Creek—Tributary Project - There was a work complete form submitted, so we need to schedule a site visit. Allen will complete the follow up visit.
- D. LA21003—Weisner—Carney Creek—Wetland Project - No update.
- E. LA21007—Marriott—Swan River - There was some discussion about the application and the site visit. Jim suggested that because of the complexity of the project we should suggest Mr. Marriott to a hydrologist and that we will delay our recommendation until we get the opinion of a hydrologist. Leo expanded that we need to have a better idea with the help of a consultant how the project is going to look including: how much rock, what is the size of the rock, how it's going to be keyed into the streambank. Then we need to have an amended application with these clarifications. Susan moved that Mr. Marriott received a letter with the aforementioned requests. Allen Seconded, all were in favor.
- F. LA20003— Maas—Dayton Creek - Proposed Change - Zoe and Sigurd were able to visit the location and talked about the change. Leo understands the contractors concern of preventing washout on the sharp stream curve, but taking out one of the meanders will increase the velocity of the river, he does think the area is still appropriate for the culvert. There was some discussion about the culvert placement and removing one of the meanders of the stream. The board had some questions about the dimensions of the culvert, the fill that will be over the top of the culvert and the dept, what the plan was for rock armoring up and down stream will be and the bank wall stream width. Jim made a motion to ask for more information as previously described, Curt, seconded. All were in favor.
- G. LA21008—Benedict—Stream #8—Beaver Dam - Curt moved that this is not a project, Susan seconded. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Pollinator Initiative - Abby informed the board of the fall pollinator initiative happenings and the success of the seed giveaways.
- B. Pollywog Park - We are having planting in November with some native shrubs.
- C. No-till Drill - Heidi gave an update on the drill. She asked if we could put it up around the end of OCT.
- D. DNRC forestry cost share/outreach - Heidi talked about a big project on Kings point where 5 landowners over 40 acres are interested. Tim Bebee is helping write some of the plans for the cost share.
- E. DNRC Fire Restoration Funding - Sarah updated the board on the money. Jan suggested retaining a 10% admin fee. Sarah will follow up on this.

- F. LCCD Natural Resource office - Jim updated the board on the meetings that they had with mission west, other cd's own their buildings. They are looking into financing options. They will be meeting next Monday with Mission West.
- G. Supervisors Recruitment - Jan re-upped with the City. Curt talked to Greg Shock.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 310 Model Rule Adoption - Jim made a motion to adopt the new LCCD 310 rules. Curt Seconded. All voted in favor.
- B. Area V Meeting - There were no resolutions, Jim was reelected as Area V rep. There were 7 resolutions statewide.
- C. MACD Convention - Sigurd will be unregistered. There will be discussion about carpooling at the next meeting.
- D. Minimum Allocation Grants - Steve Stanley mentioned that the county might want to do something like Jill's program. We could promote this program. Billy Lee is the admin of the funds with the county. We have an interest in participating if there is money to bring on a person to administer this program.
- E. 4th Grade Ag Days Meeting - Josh Senecal, Susan Lake, Farm Bureau, Paul Gunsler, David Sturman. Send the email out to the board.
- F. Compact Board Appointees - There was some discussion about irrigators in the area who might be interested in working on the compact board.
- G. Bank accounts - Sarah is working with Valley Banks to get the signees switched over, and has not heard back from Whitefish Credit Union.
- H. Bills and Financial Report - The board reviewed the financial report. Sigurd made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Allen seconded. All voted in favor.

### **IV. REPORTS**

- A. BSWC—Jill and Abby - Jill talked about the septic funding and how they have used 2/3rds of the funds on reimbursements. Jill did a workshop and recorded a talk on septic awareness. She also talked about the story map that she is working on for the end of her Term. Abby updated the board on her Jr. Conservationist lessons, helping with AIS monitoring.
- B. NRCS—Ben - Ben talked about the tour Last week on Bale Grazing for a potential TIP.
- C. LCCD—Sarah K., and Heidi. Sarah updated the board of her monthly happenings including: Soil health bus tour, 310 admin, Education & Outreach. Heidi talked about how she is attending SET training and working on getting invoices out for our grants, and been working on Forestry stuff.
- D. MACD—Curt and Jim - Jan was appointed the votee for the Convention in Nov
- E. EO—Heidi - The SET training is happening.
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim - no meeting
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - there was a project to build a home, they worked on shoreline protection regulations.

- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - There is a meeting in November.
- I. City-County Planning –Jan - They approved a store in Polson

There being no further business at 8:49, Allen made a motion to adjourn. Curt seconded, All were in favor.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for July will happen on **Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30pm** at the Lake County Conservation District Office.

Submitted By:

Sarah Klaus, Conservation Coordinator

Minutes approved by LCCD Board motion made on:

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(Date)

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(Signature) Jan Niemeyer, Board Chair