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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 9th, 2021

January 7th, 2022

Present: Supervisors: Jan Niemeyer, Jim Simpson, Curt Rosman, Susan Gardner, Sigurd Jensen, David Sturman Ben Montgomery NRCS

Attended Virtually: Allen Branine, Leo Rosenthal FWP 310 Rep

LCCD Staff: Sarah Klaus

Excused: Heidi Fleury, Zoe Lilja

Jan called the meeting to order at 5:06

Minutes from previous meeting

The board reviewed the minutes and Jim moved to approve the minutes and Susan seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Open Mic

- Susan commended Jim for the work that he has done with MACD.

I. ACTIVE SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. LA21003—Weisner—Carney Creek—Wetland Project - Allen and Leo were able to make a site visit. There was some discussion about the project and their plans. Leo spoke to the jurisdiction of Carney creek as it is a tributary to the Swan River. Leo mentioned that they offered alternatives, but that they were not interested in the alternatives, but he struggles to see how we could recommend denial of this project. Jim agrees with Leo, but also would like to follow up with the landowner on the work that is being done. Allen made the recommendation that we approve the project with the condition that they do work when the ground is solid to reduce stream flow and turbidity, and should set up straw waddles and/or sediment fences around excavated areas to decrease sediment and tributaries downstream . Curt seconded the motion. Susan abstained from the vote. Motion Passed.
- B. LA21007—Marriott—Swan River - There was some discussion about the work Mr. Marriott has done on his project. Leo and Allen pointed out that this is the second time he has done work without a permit. There was some discussion about the problem and concerns of the work that was done. Jim would like us to send the letter again to reiterate the expectations, the code that applies to fines, and in a narrative form mention the ability to fine. Allen added that we emphasize that no other work can or

should happen until we receive this new information. Leo discussed that we want to approve this project if done properly, otherwise we will keep revisiting this project year after year. Allen added that we should reiterate that it is in the landowners best interest to follow the advice of the expert to save his house and bridge. Susan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Jan, Leo and Allen are willing to go down to talk to Rod about what is necessary for him to do.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. LCCD Natural Resource office - There was some discussion about funding options and possibly just going into Valley Bank sometime at the end of January.
- B. 4th Grade Ag Days Meeting - Sigurd updated the board about the meeting. Sigurd would like to see someone else taking the reins on the program. There was some discussion about setting up limitations on what we are willing to do as the conservation district.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Conservation Speaker Series - Sarah updated the board that the speakers for Jan and March are secured. (Jan-Mace from the Xerces Society & March-Jenene Lichtenberg from SKC) Do not yet have a Feb Slot, might do someone from MT bio controls.
- B. Conservation Documentary Film Series - Sarah acquired a Kiss the ground DVD and the Era of MegaFires, and hops to show them at the Polson theater as a part of their Documentary Film series in February
- C. Bank accounts - Heidi was taken off of the Glacier Bank account, and the signees are in the process of being changed at Whitefish Credit Union
- D. Bills and Financial Report - Jim made a motion to approve the financials and pay the bills Sigurd seconded all were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. REPORTS

- A. LCCD—Sarah K. - BSWC wrapped up their terms. New BSWC planning, Grant Reports, and Outreach planning. --Sarah mentioned that she got into grad school! Will help onboard and manage the new BSWC, and will be going part time at the end of January, and likely taking off in the summer.
- B. NRCS—Ben - No update except for the Local working group on Monday.
- C. MACD—Curt and Jim - NO report
- D. Flathead Basin—Jim - No meeting
- E. County Planning—Sigurd - Meeting yesterday, and went over shoreline protection stuff, and Mountain meadow resort wants to add cabins, it was tabled.
- F. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - Sigurd went to the retreat, they are trying to figure out how to make the committee name out there. The youth camp is put on hold.
- G. City-County Planning –Jan - no meeting

There being no further business at 6:22 Jim made a motion to adjourn Curt seconded, All were in favor.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for December will happen on **Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 pm** at the Lake County Conservation District.

Submitted By:

Sarah Klaus, Conservation Coordinator

Minutes approved by LCCD Board motion made on:

(Date)

(Signature) Jan Niemeyer, Board Chair