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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, January 13th, 2022

January 30th, 2022

Present: Supervisors: Jan Niemeyer, Jim Simpson, Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, David Sturman

Attended Virtually: Allen Branine, Zoe Lilja, Leo Rosenthal FWP 310 Rep

LCCD Staff: Sarah Klaus, Heidi Fleury, Saige Jibben

Excused: Ben Montgomery NRCS

Jan called the meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes from the previous meeting

The board reviewed the minutes and Curt moved to approve the minutes and Sigurd seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Open Mic

- Susan, Allen, and Sigurd are up for reelection next year so Sarah printed off the application to get on the ballot and informed them that filing opens on Tuesday the January 13th, and closes March 14th.
- 4th Grade Ag Days - Sarah gave an update about the meeting that happened on the 12th at Josh Senecal's Ranch. The location was decided to be at his ranch, and the dates will be the 5th and the 6th. The group is hoping to plan another meeting in February.
 - Susan shared the idea of having a presentation about the ecosystems of ag and rangeland as a station rotation.
- Hailey Graf joined our meeting and introduced herself as the Conservation District Specialist. She discussed her new position with DNRC as support for CDs in the western part of the state.

I. ACTIVE SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. LA21007—Marriott—Swan River - Leo was pleasantly surprised about the work that Rod had done, and thought it looked better in person than in the pictures we had received. The board discussed the details of the work and decided they would still like a contractor's input to review the work done on the stream bank and for an after-the-fact application. The board decided to extend Rod's deadline to submit an after-the-fact application a week before the February meeting.

- B. LA21003—Weisner—Carney Creek - Floodplain -Sarah mentioned she had not received any response from Weisner and his contractors. Hailey and the board suggested that receipt requests be added to 30 emails and that Sarah just reach out again.
- C. LA22001—Hopkins—Bug Creek - There was some discussion about the project and where the utility line will be buried. Sarah referenced Chapter 3 (Q. Utility Line Burial - Boring b. 1) of LCCD's 310 Rules," The proposed activity may be determined by the board, after reviewing the application, to not be a project requiring a permit if utility line boring takes place a minimum of twenty (20) feet away from the top of the highest bench of the bank, and takes place a minimum of five (5) feet below the lowest part of the stream. " Dalton, the project consultant said that the project could be amended to fit these guidelines and that he would send official documentation of the amendment to the plan. Sigurd moved that this is not a project due to the appropriate placement of boring, Curt Seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pollinator Initiative - Sarah and Saige updated the board on the 2022 pollinator initiative's initial plans, and have begun the seed mixing process.
- B. Conservation Speaker Series - Saige updated the board about the 1st speaker series of the year on the 26th of January. Mace Vaughn from Xerces society will be speaking!
- C. Pollywog Park - Sarah updated to board on the plantings of pollywog park and that she is working on a final report for them.
- D. DNRC forestry cost-share - Heidi updated the board that there are 6 different landowners on the black point that are doing a project with Greg Denison.
- E. DNRC Fire Restoration Funding- Sarah updated the board that the lakers have found interested landowners and they will be starting projects in the spring
- F. LCCD Natural Resource office - There was nothing to report. Jan has talked to

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jr. Conservationist Program - Saige is beginning to plan for the Jr. Conservationist Program!
- B. Pheasants Forever Partner Position - Heidi mentioned that she, Ben, IMWJV, USWFS, and PF have been working on this position's work plan and figuring out funding.
- C. Bank accounts - Since Sarah will be leaving in April, Heidi needs to go back on the accounts. Sigurd made a motion to put Heidi back on the Valley bank and Whitefish Credit Union accounts and take Sarah Klaus off, Curt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- D. Bills and Financial Report - The board reviewed the financial statements. Sigurd moved to approve the financial to pay the bills, Zoe seconded. It was so moved.

IV. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Saige- Saige introduced herself and talked about her first week as a BSWC member
- B. NRCS—Ben - no report

- C. LCCD—Sarah K. and Heidi - Klaus has been working on wrapping up the DNRC tech grant and the DNRC mini-grant. She has made some supplemental videos for the Jr. Conservationist program called: Water Cycle Yoga, and the Mason Bee House Building. Heidi has been working on Financials things and EO duties
- D. MACD—Curt and Jim - Curt Resigned from the water board.
- E. EO—Heidi - no report
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim - no report
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - Sigurd was not able to attend the most recent meeting
- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - no meeting
- I. City-County Planning –Jan - no meeting
- J. DNRC - Hailey mentioned that they would keep the conservation district updated with a monthly report.

There being no further business at 7:56 Sigurd made a motion to adjourn Curt seconded, All were in favor.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for December will happen on **Thursday, February 10th 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