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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 10th, 2022

March 7th, 2022

Present: Supervisors:

Attended Virtually: Jan Niemeyer, Jim Simpson, Sigurd Jensen, Susan Gardner, David Sturman, Leo Rosenthal FWP 310 Rep

LCCD Staff: Sarah Klaus, Heidi Fleury

Excused: Ben Montgomery NRCS, Saige Jibben, Curt Rosman, Zoe Lilja

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes from the previous meeting

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

Open Mic

4th grade Ag Days—Sigurd updated the board on the 4th grade ag days happening. There will be stations for grain milling, cow/calves, mare/foal, dairy cows, chuck lewis will do the bees, Lena will do chicken, Claudia will do 4-h and Sarah Senecal will have a station with pigs. Susan is willing to bring sheep. The next meeting will be on March 15th at 1:30 at the extension office. Jack confirmed that there are 180 kids confirmed on Thursday and 140 on Friday.

Leopold Conservation Award - Jim mentioned the annual award that goes to a producer in MT that is doing outstanding work on their property. It's due in Mid-March. Jim was thinking that we should nominate Sigurd and David.

I. ACTIVE SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- A. LA21007—Marriott—Swan River - Bruce Anderson from WGM joined the meeting. He mentioned that he has only talked with Rod a few times, and has not yet seen the project in person. He said that via the photos he has seen, the work Rod looks good and might be up to standards. However, he is in the floodplain and he is in violation of the floodplain permit, and the 404 permits. There was discussion about concerns of the project, and the initial requirements like rock efficiently keyed in at toe, angular rock locked in together, and if the rock is the right size to ensure the stability of the work done. The last main concern is that this work does not narrow this section of the river. The board discussed getting a second opinion to confirm that it is not narrowing the river. Jim discussed that this project does not ensure long-term stability and the project

has a lot of liability depending on how the river continues to move and shift over time. Bruce mentioned that he and his firm could get something ready for the next meeting if that is the direction that Rod decides to go. Staff will send a letter to Rod outlining the discussion of this meeting, that this application is pending approval on the basis that he gets an engineer's approval.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Speaker Series- Sarah updated the board on the last CSS and the upcoming one on the 23rd of February with Liam and Ben on small acreage plantings.
- B. NACD Group Healthcare- The Mill Levy money can only be used on group healthcare benefits. NACD has an offer, but no one in the state has done this yet. Heidi is looking into this further.
- C. Realtor Workshop-12 people have already signed up for the workshop on Feb 24th. Shoreline protection, 310, and wildlife preservation will be covered.
- D. Supervisor Officer elections - Jan announced that he was stepping down from his chair position and then opened up the floor for Chair nomination. Sigurd nominated Jim, Susan seconded. Motion passed. Sigurd nominated Jan for VP. Susan seconded. Motion passed Jan opened the floor for nominations for treasurer, Jim nominated Curt Rosman, Sigurd seconded. Motion passed. As the new chair Jim mentioned that the LCCD meetings have had a tendency to run on, and he made the suggestion that all supervisors read the rules for the district, the 310 materials, and the information that is provided before each meeting so that they can be better prepared for meetings and to hopefully speed the meeting process.
- E. DNRC forestry cost-share - Heidi mentioned that there are a lot of people interested in this project. She has been meeting weekly with Tim. There was a forestry meeting with DNRC, Tribal Forestry, NRCS, and the county about creating a forestry coordinator to focus the effort.
- F. LCCD Natural Resource office - Jan has been in contact with valley bank and they are providing insights into potential funding for this project.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. LCCD Board Supervisor Elections - 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.
- B. Elections Postcards - Jim explained that the state of WA elects its CD supervisors annually in June. The whole state sends out postcards to alert them that there is an election. Jim would like to send postcards next January to Lake County residents that there are open elections to see if it would bring in other potential interests. Jim wants to know if the board agrees that this would be a good idea and if Saige should look into funding for and creating something like this. Susan agreed that the timing is critical for sending something out like this.
- C. Scholarship- Sarah gave a quick update about the scholarship due dates and asked that everyone pass on the application to any graduating highschoolers.
- D. Envirothon Team - We set aside money to support the Envirothon team. Heidi wanted to know if we could just cut the check, or if we should reimburse. Jan made a motion to

just cut the \$1,000 check for the team, Susan seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

- E. Pheasants Forever Partner Position - Heidi updated the board that this position will be an expansion of the IMWJV and a current PF position. They are still working on the contract. LCCD now does not have a role that is good for LCCD because we will still get assistance with monitoring, the no-till drill, and the pollinator initiative, but we will not have to spend as many resources on this. She also mentioned that a number of partners including the Tribe, the State, USWFS, NRCS, LCCD, PF, DU have been getting together to find projects related to Habitat and Land trust/easements-related projects. The group is called the Mission Valley Habitat Partners Alliance. There was some discussion about land easements and subdivisions of Lake County.
- F. Bills and Financial Report - Jan made a motion to approve the Financials. Sigurd Seconded. Motioned passed

IV. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Saige - absent
- B. NRCS—Ben - absent
- C. LCCD—Sarah K., and Heidi - Sarah talked about the grants she is wrapping up, and that she is part-time. Heidi talked about going back to full time and taking on some of the tasks that Sarah was formerly doing.
- D. MACD—Curt and Jim - no report
- E. EO—Heidi - Heidi is an area rep for the EO, and she worked with Julie Ralston to split up all the CDs in the area so that she only has 4. The stat is going to help fund the trips she will take out to these CD's
- F. Flathead Basin—Jim - no report
- G. County Planning—Sigurd - Susan attended as an adjacent landowner for an application. There was proposed development down in the "pothole" habitat. The question was how can you maintain agricultural use when the only way a producer can make money is to sell their land?
- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd - no report
- I. City-County Planning – Jan - Jan has not been able to get a hold of the city of Polson.

There being no further business at 8:18, Sigurd moved to adjourn. Jan seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the board meeting was adjourned.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for December will happen on **Thursday, March 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) Jim Simpson, Board Chair