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Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, August 11th, 2022

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Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors: Zoe Lilja, Sigurd Jensen, Curt Rosman, [Jan Niemeyer](#), Jim Simpson and Susan Gardner.

Attended Virtually: Allen Branine and Leo Rosenthal FWP

Staff and Partners: Heidi Fleury, Saige Jibben BSWC and Ben Montgomery NRCS

Excused: David Sturman

Public: Holl Hubbard and Kate Mostad

Members of the public and Leo Rosenthal were present, so we started with Holl Hubbard's 310 application at 6:30 pm and continued with 310 business and went back to minutes and open mic after.

Minutes from the previous meeting

Curt moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting, Jan seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried to approve July 2022 minutes.

Open Mic-LCCD receives general correspondence from DEQ and other entities, what should we be doing with them? Several ideas were discussed, and it was decided that staff will scan and email out and add to the agenda if they feel they are important. Kate Mostad, a member of the public interested in learning more about our organization, introduced herself and Jim discussed what we do and what the process is to become an associate supervisor.

ACTIVE SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a) LA21007—Marriott—Swan River-Jan made a motion to draft a letter to Rod discussing County attorney involvement and talk with Bruce at WMG to see the status of a letter, Curt seconds, all vote in favor of sending the letter.
- b) Complaint—Lake Mary Ronan
- c) Swan Lake—SK Family Trust-Allen will run over and check it out and see if it is a project. Heidi will send him the information.
- d) LA22001—Hubbard-Kaser Creek—Allen made a motion to approve the project as submitted and that this is a project, Susan seconds. Discussion followed about a past project that was immediately downstream from the other project we permitted. Leo and Allen met with Holl onsite and talked about leaving the vegetation on the banks. Heidi needs to get Allen the form to fill out for the violation paperwork. Leo asked about

why there needed to be two bridges instead of one and discussed how important it is to work in the low flow windows. All vote affirmative to approve the project as submitted.

I. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference—Sigurd made a motion to approve applying for a \$5,000 grant from DNRC Rangeland for speakers and travel for the conference. Jim seconds, all vote yes.
- B. Emergency Funding Elmo Fire—LCCD has begun looking into emergency funding and will follow how private vs. public lands will be rehabbed. We will begin to get list of things that the community could use cost share for; forestry work, reseeding, fences. NRCS is looking into deferred grazing assistance that wouldn't help until Spring 2023. The Board discussed requesting \$100,000.00 as the initial ask from DNRC.
- C. Bills and Financial Report - The board reviewed the financial report. Susan made a motion to approve the financial report and paid the bills. Zoe seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Curt made a motion to re-up petty cash to \$200, Jan seconds, all vote affirmative to re-up petty cash.

II. BUSINESS REPORTS

- A. Pollinator Initiative –there was discussion of the pollinator initiative and its purpose for Kate's info. Staff discussed additional work on the pollinator grant for Area 5 and Saige will be ordering 2023 seed soon!
- B. Septic Cost-Share—LCCD recently used grant funds to purchase sandwich boards to advertise the Septic Cost Share. We will be giving them out to our partners to put around at local businesses for outreach. The Pump party will happen on September 1st in Polson at the Flathead Lakers office. Realtor outreach event is being scheduled and content created.
- C. LCCD DNRC Forestry Cost-Share—we committed most of the \$225,000 and are working to connect landowners with contractors at the moment and find projects for final funds.
- D. No-Till Seed Drill—usage and income for the fiscal year were shared.

III. REPORTS

- A. BSWC—Heidi discussed current funding opportunities for our 2023 member and Jan made a motion to apply for a 2023 BSWC member, Sigurd seconds. All vote yes to finding funding and hosting a 2023 member. There was also talk about housing for the new member and possibly giving them an extra living stipend. Saige talked about going to the Swan Valley Connections Landowner Workshop and the Flathead Basin Clean Up Event this Saturday.
- B. NRCS—will have an emergency funding opportunity for grazing and fencing in the Elmo area. They are starting planning for the Arlee irrigation TIP and they have the cover crop TIP going. Liam is working to learn more about management intensive grazing so he can help NRCS with a TIP on grazing under pivots.
- C. LCCD—Heidi and Ben talked and we will try to find new ways but and we just can't partner the same, we will work to try and partner on more things.
- D. MACD—Jim—no meeting.

- E. EO—working with statewide leadership to plan more trainings and work to address some state level issues with NRCS.
- F. Flathead Basin—no meeting.
- G. County Planning—no news.
- H. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—having a meeting in Great Falls in August, Sig might now be able to make it.
- I. City-County Planning –Jan—his email might not be working, Heidi will talk to Lita and make sure he’s on it. He missed the meeting.

There being no further business at 8:15 pm Jan moved to adjourn Zoe seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the board meeting was adjourned.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for September will happen on **Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 pm** at the Lake County Conservation District.

Submitted By:

Heidi Fleury, Conservation Coordinator

Minutes approved by LCCD Board motion made on:

(Date)

(Signature) Jim Simpson, Board Chair