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Thursday, January 12th, 2023

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Agenda
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:00 pm

Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors: Curt, Jan, Sigurd, Jim, David.

Present Online: Allen, Zoe and Leo Rosenthal FWP.

Staff and Partners: Heidi Fleury, Rebecca Shoemaker and Amy Elkins NRCS, Ben arrived late.

Excused: Susan Gardner

Minutes from the previous meeting

Sigurd moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting, Jan seconds. There was a mistake and Susan Gardner was present, but she wasn't listed in the official record. All voted to approve the minutes with the changes. Motion carried to approve December 2022 minutes.

Open Mic—no open mic.

1) ACTIVE SB-310 APPLICATIONS

- a) LA21-007—Marriot—Bruce, from WGM, sent the report in and Leo and the board reviewed it. Allen made a motion to accept the report and send WGM and Rod notice that the report has been accepted and the requirements for the 310 after the fact permit have been satisfied. Sigurd seconds. All vote in favor of accepting the report and sending a letter.

2) ACTION ITEMS

- a) Goals for 2023—the yearly goals, that inform yearly work plans for staff, were discussed and the board completed the document and agreed upon our common goals for work for the year.
- b) Officer Elections 2023—all officers were reinstated by acclimation for 2023. Jim is the Chair; Jan is Vice Chair and Curt is Treasurer.
- c) Scholarship for Lina—Heidi presented the estimate for costs for Lina's trip to Boise to present at the Society of Range Management Annual Meeting. Zoe made a motion to use the budgeted funds from the Conservation Scholarship (\$500) and an additional \$500 to give Lina \$1,000.00 towards her trip. Sigurd seconds. All vote in favor of giving Lina a \$1,000.00 scholarship.
- d) HR Committee—the HR Committee met, and Heidi discussed her need to step down as the Conservation Coordinator. The committee is working with Heidi to get a job description together and they will start advertising ASAP. Qualifications and salary were discussed, and a proposal will be ready by the next meeting.
- e) Bills and Financial Report—Jan discussed the balance sheet and Curt went over the financial report. Curt made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills Jan seconds. All voted in favor of paying the bills.

3) BUSINESS REPORTS

- a) Conservation Speaker Series 2023—the first one will be on 1/26 at Ninepipes. There will be two more one on 2/16 and 3/9. Topics are Fireflies in the Mission Valley, Bear Management and Wetlands of the Mission Valley.
- b) Western Montana Grazing and Ag Conference 2023—it's next week! All seems to be going ok.
- c) Big Sky Watershed Corps Member—we have hired a member and her name is Camryn Gamble. She will start on 1/23 here in Ronan.
- d) LCCD DNRC Forestry Cost-Share
 - i) Montana Forest Collaboration Network Grant—we received the grant for \$8,500 instead of \$10,000. We will process the paperwork and send the money on to the county.

4) REPORTS

- A. NRCS—Rebecca and Amy—Ben arrived a little later but was there. They introduced Amy to the board. Rebecca discussed the Civil Rights Checklist, and the board signed it and Ben discussed a future pivot grazing TIP he is working on.
- B. LCCD—Heidi is going to testify in Helena tomorrow at the legislature and will also be at the CD Rotunda Day at the capital on the 24th.
- C. MACD—Jim—statewide there is an issue with CD's understanding SMZ laws and their relationship to 310 permits. The Montana Logging Association is working with leaders at the state level to address this.
- D. Flathead Basin—the governor's office is suggesting that the Flathead Basin Commission and the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission merge, Jim introduced SB83 (the bill that addresses this) to the board. Maybe Cassidy Bender could present on the bill next meeting, Heidi will check.
- E. County Planning—no report.
- F. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd—there's a zoom call at the end of the month that he will attend, and the Soil Health Symposium is happening in Billings on 2/7-2/9.
- G. City-County Planning -Jan—no report.

The next Regular Supervisors Meeting for February will happen on **Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 pm**. Curt motioned to adjourn, Sigurd seconds. There being no further business all voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted By:

Heidi Fleury, Conservation Coordinator

(Date)

(Signature) Jim Simpson, Meeting Chair