

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes
Regular Supervisor Meeting, 6:30 pm
Thursday, July 13, 2023



Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors: Jim Simpson, Jan Niemeyer, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, Zoe Lilja, Susan Gardner

Present Online: Chris Hindoi (RMIS), Dustin Lobdell (RMIS), and Leo Rosenthal FWP

LCCD Staff and Partners: Caroline McDonald LCCD, Camryn Gamble BSWC, and Ben Montgomery NRCS.

Members of the Public: Ryan Currie

Excused: Allen Branine, David Sturman

1. Noting presence of a quorum, Jim called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Jim presented the Permissive Mill Levy Financial Information and opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was received. The meeting progressed, but the comment period remained open until the adjournment of the meeting.

2. Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

First: Susan

Second: Jan

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

3. SB-310 PERMITTING

a. Ryan Curry, LA-23002, Swan River, Bank Stabilization

Ryan Curry (owner) presented the 310 Permit Application. The proposed work would address major erosion to 372 feet of bank. CD typically advises landowners to contact a private design group to help with planning.

Board voted determining that the proposed Ryan Curry Bank Stabilization work is a 310 project

First: Curt

Second: Sig

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

The Board set up a site visit to prepare a (TMR) Team Member Report July 21st to include (up to three Supervisors depending on schedules) Jim, Jan, Curt, & Allen (Caroline will attend with group if schedule allows). All will meet at the Episcopal church in Ferndale at 9:30 AM.

Caroline asked for guidance regarding a 310 inquiry from Tony Hulett in the Swan. Hulett wants to do work on an existing roadway that runs through a marsh (not a creek). Supervisors stated

that any marsh that is immediately adjacent to a perennial stream requires a 310 permit. Caroline will follow up with Hulet accordingly.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. LCCD Insurance: Review Rocky Mountain Insurance Services (RMIS) Quote was comprehensively reviewed by the agent. It was determined that the NTSD property coverage listed as “Inland Marine” would be deleted along with “Property” and the physical damage portion of the auto liability. Move to accept the insurance quote and pay premium with the adjustments discussed above.

First: Jan

Second: Susan

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

- b. Re-Authorize Permissive Healthcare Mill Levy and Submit Documentation to County

First: Jan

Second: Zoe

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

- c. Approve Bills and Financial Report

First: Sig

Second: Susan

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

- d. Clarify/Establish Small-Purchase Procedures

Jan clarified that LCCD financial procedures were in the process of being updated but had not yet been adopted. It was further clarified that the coordinator is authorized to make purchases (debit card/petty cash) if there is money budgeted, the purchase supports current LCCD goals/workplan, and is under \$250. Anything else should be brought to the Board for approval.

- e. Caroline requested authorization to develop FY24 BSWC Grant Application. If funding partners can be identified, Caroline will bring the application to the Board for final approval.

First: Sig

Second: Zoe

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

5. COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- a. Organization & Committee Reports

- i. NRCS—Ben: New Tribal Liaison has been hired and is starting August 1. They are hiring a soil conservationist for Pablo and an admin in Plains, Jamie Schmidt. Noted the

need to have a working group meeting in the next 12 months (for local input on priorities).

- ii. BSWC—Camryn: Pollinator Initiative (sold out of plug kits). Pollinator week went well with trivia and chalk walk (20 for trivia and 30 for chalk walk). Jim asked for a report about Septic program number, where, etc. in September.
- iii. LCCD—Caroline: Presented her monthly report including upcoming training opportunities and community outreach. *Monthly coordinator reports are maintained in a separate file for the record.*
- iv. MACD— Jim: Refining rules and procedures. Eventually need to put together a committee on dues structure to be less burdensome. Curt requested information on how to access “members section” of MACD website from Jim.
- v. County Planning—Sigurd, nothing to report
- vi. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd, nothing to report
- vii. City-County Planning –Jan no meeting

b. Program/Project Reports

- i. No-Till Seed Drill: Nothing additional
- ii. Pollinator Initiative: Nothing additional
- iii. Septic Cost Share: Nothing additional
- iv. Forestry (Fuels-Reduction) Cost Share: Forest Walk Friday at 9:30 AM

There being no further business, Supervisors voted to adjourn the meeting and close the public comment period for the permissive mill levy

First: Sig

Second: Susan

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the supervisors will be August 10th at 6:30 pm

(Date)

(Signature) *Jim Simpson, Board Chair*