

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes

Regular Supervisor Meeting, 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 14, 2023,

Location: Ninepipes Lodge, Charlo



Attendance:

Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors: Jan Niemeyer, Susan Gardner, Curt Rosman, Sigurd Jensen, Zoe Lilja, Allen Branine, and David Sturman

LCCD Staff and Partners: Caroline McDonald, LCCD; Ben Montgomery, NRCS

Members of the Public: Lina Sturman

Excused: Jim Simpson; Leo Rosenthal, FWP

1. Noting presence of a quorum, Jan called meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Open mic: Sigurd requested LCCD consider hosting Range Days for 2026-27 and 2027-28. Hosting requires a study/test site and a camping site. Usually 200 attend. Typical schedule: Monday—student presentations, Tuesday—workshops, Wednesday—testing and awards. Include on next meeting agenda.

2. Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved with corrected date.

First: Sigurd

Second: Curt

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

3. SB-310 PERMITTING: Site Visit Scheduling

- a. LA22004(a) Holl Hubbard, Kasser Creek: Project is not yet complete. Will follow up in spring.
- b. LA21005 John VanRy, Cilly Creek: owner out of state. Will follow up in spring
- c. LA19004/5/6 Ben Cotton, Swan River & Cilly Creek: Owner out of state until Jan 1st. Will follow up in January if the weather permits, otherwise spring.

4. Coordinator's Report

Caroline reviewed the status of existing projects and ongoing training opportunities.

5. Bills & Financial Reporting

- a. *Approve Bills and Financial Reports as presented*

First: Curt

Second: Allen

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

- b. *Review and approve forestry cost share reimbursements to be released when money is received from DNRC.*

First: Susan
Second: Allen
Discussion: None
Passed: Unanimous

- c. Annual Financial Report: Caroline has prepared the AFR using end of fiscal year financial statements approved at the July 2023 meeting. Will submit by 12/31/23 as required.

First: Sigurd
Second: Zoe
Discussion: None
Passed: Unanimous

6. Old Business

- a. Truck maintenance: Tune up and clutch fan replaced. Running well.
b. Envirothon: State (4/21-23, Great Falls); Nat'l (7/28-8/3; Geneva, NY). Outreach ongoing.
c. 2025 MCC Fellow/Intern Opportunity: Approve application submission for Host Site

First: Sigurd
Second: Susan
Discussion: None
Passed: Unanimous

7. New Business – None

8. Communication/Discussion

- a. NRCS—Ben: NRCS is moving forward with some projects. Ben suggested LCCD add NRCS project planning to the agenda for February or even a special meeting to discuss.
b. MACD— No Report
c. County Planning—Sigurd
d. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd
e. City-County Planning –Jan: No meeting

Final Comments: Suggestion for speaker from Susan: Bats, maybe Janette Lichtenburg. There being no further business, Supervisors voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm.

First: Allen
Second: Sigurd
Discussion: None
Passed: Unanimous

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the supervisors will be January 11th at 6:30 pm at the Conservation District Offices in Ronan

(Date)

(Signature) *Jan Niemeyer, Vice Chairperson*

