

# Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 19th, 2024

Location: District Offices, 64352 US HWY 93, Ronan



## Attendance confirmed with roll call:

### **Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Simpson, (Excused)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoe Lilja                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Branine (excused)             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curt Rosman   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Niemeyer              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Hoffman            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sigurd Jensen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Gardner (at 6:48pm) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sturman, (at 7:28) |

### **LCCD Staff and Partners:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline McDonald, LCCD | <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Elkins, NRCS          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline McClung, BSWC  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leo Rosenthal, FWP (Zoom) |

**Members of the Public:** Risa Whitehead, Taylor Mullen, MSU Extension Lake County, Patrick Mangan, MSU Extension Flathead Reservation

## **1. Noting the presence of a quorum, Jan called meeting to order at 6:30pm.**

**Roll Call was taken. Attendance is as noted above.**

No public comment

## **2. Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.**

First: Curt

Second: Sigurd

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

## **3. SB-310 PERMITTING: None**

## **4. Coordinator's Report**

Caroline reviewed the status of existing projects and ongoing outreach activities. Note: Supervisors indicated support for Carolines to attend the Spokane Septic Mega Conference in October noting that there is sufficient training money in the budget.

## **5. BSWC Member Report**

Caroline McClung BSWC discussed her previous month's activities and projects to date including tabling/pollinator seed giveaway at Pedal-to-Plate.

## **6. MSU Extension Agent Presentation (Lake County, Taylor Mullen and Flathead Reservation, Patrick Mangan)**

MSU provides access for the community to Montana State University research. Program areas include: 4-H, agriculture, energy & natural resources, nutrition & food safety, and community development. Presenters requested that Supervisors provide input regarding community training/information needs. They also expressed interest in partnering with LCCD on training and promotion initiatives and suggested a quarterly meeting where all Lake County/Reservation service providers meet to share information.

## **7. Bills & Financial Reporting**

Review monthly financial reports & approve bills

First: Curt

Second: Sigurd

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

## **8. BUSINESS**

a. New Building Development: USDA wanted to give us an extension, but the extended terms would still not have provided enough time for due diligence.

b. Approve application to DNRC for mini-grant to support Conservation Speaker Series activities in 2025

First: Susan

Second: Zoe

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

c. Confirm Supervisor Attendance at AREA V Meeting (September 26<sup>th</sup>, Trout Creek)

d. Notice: MACD requesting AREA V representation on MACD Board

e. Review Draft Resolutions to be presented at AREA V Meeting

General support for all of the Resolutions proposed.

Follow-up question: Are there not existing weed laws already on the books?

Empower Sig, Zoe, Susan, Jim to represent our CD's interest at the Area V meeting, if necessary.

First: Curt

Second: Sigurd

Discussion: None

Passed: unanimous

f. Set Holiday Board Meeting Date, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Ninepipes Lodge

First: Sigurd

Second: Zoe

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

## **9. COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION**

a. NRCS—Amy: N/A

b. MACD— N/A

c. County Planning—Sigurd, N/A

d. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee—Sigurd N/A

e. City-County Planning –Jan, N/A

## **10. Final Public Comment - None**

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Supervisors voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

First: Sigurd

Second: Susan

Discussion: None

Passed: Unanimous

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the supervisors will be October 10th at 6:30 pm at the Conservation District Offices in Ronan***

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(Signature) *Jim Simpson, Chairperson*

*Prepared by Caroline McDonald, Conservation Coordinator*