

Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 13th, 2025

Location: 64352 US HWY 93, Ronan



Attendance:

Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curt Rosman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoe Lilja | <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Branine EXCUSED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sigurd Jensen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig McClure (via Zoom) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Hoffman, Associate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Niemeyer EXCUSED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Gardner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sturman, Assoc. |

LCCD Staff and Partners:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline McDonald, LCCD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Elkins, NRCS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashely Stivers, BSWC Member EXCUSED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicky MacLean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leo Rosenthal, FWP EXCUSED | |

1. Noting the presence of a quorum, Curt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Attendance is as noted above.

Public comment—none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved with a date correction.

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Susan
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

3. SB-310 PERMITTING: none

Other Open 310 Projects (no action needed)

- a. LA 22004(a) Hol Hubbard, Kasser Creek (extended through 7/2025)

4. COORDINATOR REPORT:

Caroline reviewed the status of existing projects and ongoing outreach activities.

5. FINANCIAL: CURRENT BILLS, & FINANCIAL REPORTS The monthly financial reports were presented and reviewed along with checks to be approved. It was moved that the reports and checks be approved as presented.

- a. Approve Current Bills, & Financial Reports

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Zoe
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

6. BUSINESS

- a. Associate Supervisor Appointment: Vicky MacLean

After attending three LCCD meetings, Vicky MacLean was offered a position on the Board as an Associate Supervisor.

FIRST	Craig	SECOND	Susan
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- b. Area V annual meeting pre-planning (tentative date: 9/30/25)
 Caroline reminded the Board that they would be hosting the 2025 Annual Area V meeting.

- c. Approve CDA application for FY2026

FIRST	Susan	SECOND	Sigurd
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- d. Review Recommendations from Scholarship Committee
 Zoe presented the recommendation from the scholarship committee that a \$1000 scholarship be offered to current HS seniors with an interest in Ag, Conservation, or related. If the committee does not receive any applications by April 15th, the competition will be opened to current college students. All applications are due May 5th.

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Susan
DISCUSSION	Caroline explained that although \$1,000 was not budgeted for a scholarship this fiscal year in the Outreach line item, there is enough underspent/unobligated in other funds to make up for the overage that will appear in Outreach.		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- e. Donation to Evergreen Foundation for Forestry Industry Promotion
 Sigurd moved to donate \$100 to the Evergreen Foundation.

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Zoe
DISCUSSION	Board members expressed concern about both the position and the lack of clarity of the deliverable described.		
RESULTS	3 opposed, 2 approved. Motion failed.		

- f. Possible Truck Sale
 Sigurd moved to accept the \$5,000 offer for the Truck from Sage Dorrington

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Susan
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, with one dissent		

7. COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- a. NRCS District Conservationist— Amy, NRCS is currently honoring existing contracts but not issuing new ones. Missoula NRCS office has had their lease cancelled.
 b. County Planning—Sigurd – no meeting
 c. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee— meeting coming up on the 25th

d. City-County Planning –Jan (Absent), no report

9. Final Public Comment

Lena and David Sturman will be attending a grazing conference. David shared syrup from his bumper crop from Norway Maple on his farm.

Flathead conservation District is appealing the 310 decision from Glacier Park.

Pheasants Forever is looking to fill a summer position. Contact Steve H. if interested.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

FIRST	Sig	SECOND	Susan
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

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

(Date)

(Supervisor Signature)

(Date)

(Preparer Signature) Caroline McDonald