

# Lake County Conservation District Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Location: Ninepipes Lodge, Charlo



## Attendance:

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curt Rosman, Chair        | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoe Lilja —Excused       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Hoffman, Assoc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sigurd Jensen, Vice Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig McClure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sturman, Assoc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Niemeyer, Treasurer   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Gardner | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Simpson, Assoc.—Excused      |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allen Branine |   |

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

- ☒ Caroline McDonald, LCCD
- ☐ Leo Rosenthal, FWP Excused
- ☒ Amy Elkins, NRCS
- ☒ Dillon Martini, NRCS

## **1. OPENING**

- a. Call to order: Caroline called the roll. Observing a quorum, Curt called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.
- b. General Public Comment – None

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved.**

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| FIRST      | Jan               | SECOND | Sigurd |
| DISCUSSION | None              |        |        |
| RESULTS    | Passed, unanimous |        |        |

## **3. SB-310 PERMITTING:**

- a. *Other open 310s—no action required:* LA25001 Andrews, Crystal Creek; LA25002 Bliss, Forrey Creek; LA25003 Hubbard, Kaser Creek

## **4. FINANCIALS**

- a. 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.

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| FIRST      | Jan               | SECOND | Allen |
| DISCUSSION | None              |        |       |
| RESULTS    | Passed, unanimous |        |       |

## **5. COORDINATOR REPORT:**

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

## **6. BUSINESS**

- a. Approve MT Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) MOU for 2026 BSWC

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| FIRST      | Sigurd             | SECOND | Craig |
| DISCUSSION | None               |        |       |
| RESULTS    | Passed - Unanimous |        |       |

- b. Report on Convention Resolutions

Craig reported on the MACD 2025 Convention. He reviewed the approved resolutions including amendments made. Susan noted how well and informative the committee process works to develop these resolutions over time. Craig noted that he attended the Montana Mesonet System session and recommended that we consider including a presentation for the Speaker Series or potential producer workshop. The contact is Kevin Hyde in Missoula.

- c. Operations Policy Final Revisions and Adoption —Postponed until January meeting.

## 7. COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- a. NRCS District Conservationist: Amy and NRCS personnel are back to work after the shutdown. All program deadlines have been extended to Jan 15. In the future, funding pools will be reduced to 5 for the state instead of 50+.
- b. County Planning: Sigurd; no report
- c. Rangeland Resource Executive Committee: Sigurd; no meeting
- d. City/County Planning: Jan, Planning meeting, the Shoe restaurant owner wants to put in a 4-unit mobile home for customers who have overindulged and need a place to stay overnight. The request to develop was approved (first step).

## 9. Final Public Comment

- Jan proposed that Caroline receive a merit bonus based on her 2025 performance. It will be placed on the agenda for January.
- David has a horse logging job 3 miles east of Eagle Pass Trail.

## Adjourn

There being no further business, Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

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| FIRST      | Allen             | SECOND | Sigurd |
| DISCUSSION | None              |        |        |
| RESULTS    | Passed, unanimous |        |        |

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the supervisors will be January 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the district offices.***

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(Date)

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(Supervisor Signature)

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(Date)

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(Preparer Signature) Caroline McDonald