

Lake County Conservation District Minutes

Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Location: NRCS Service Center, Ronan



Attendance:

Present Supervisors and Associate Supervisors:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curt Rosman, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig McClure - ZOOM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Hoffman, Assoc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sigurd Jensen, Vice Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Gardner, absent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sturman, Assoc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Niemeyer, Treas. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allen Branine, Zoom | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Simpson, Assoc., Absent |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> VACANT POSITION | |

LCCD Staff, Partners, and guests:

- Caroline McDonald, LCCD
- Daisy Coyne, LCCD BSWC - Excused
- Leo Rosenthal, FWP Excused
- Dillon Martini, NRCS –
Max Krantz, Dusti Johnson, Colleen Clemens, Angie Knoll, Tom Siple, Greg Shock

1. OPENING

- a. Call to order: Caroline called the roll. Observing a quorum, Curt called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- b. General Public Comment – David announced that he has samples of maple syrup!
Curt shared that several people including Cathy Gilhouse will be recognized as Citizens of the Year at an honoring ceremony at the Boys & Girls Club on Saturday at noon.

2. ELECTIONS

- a. Election of LCCD Officers

Jan Niemeyer nominated for Chair

FIRST	Craig	SECOND	Allen
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

Sigurd Jensen nominated for Vice Chair

FIRST	Jan	SECOND	Curt
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

Curt Rosman nominated for Treasurer

FIRST	Jan	SECOND	Craig
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

Caroline noted that although the positions have changed, there are no new supervisors holding office, so no changes to the financial signatories need to be made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December Minutes

FIRST	Curt	SECOND	Sigurd
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DISCUSSION	None
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous

It was noted that the January notes for the non-quorum meeting incorrectly marked Allen and Sigurd as absent. They should be marked excused.

4. SB-310 PERMITTING:

- a. *Other open 310s—no action required:* LA25001 Andrews, Crystal Creek; LA25002 Bliss, Forrey Creek; LA25003 Hubbard, Kaser Creek
Caroline noted that all property owners of active permits have been contacted for updates. It appears that 3 of the 4 will be requesting extensions due to delays in securing other permits.

5. FINANCIALS

- a. Approve Monthly Financial Reports – December & January

Jan noted that in his (previous) role of treasurer, he had reviewed the accounts and statements and found them all to be in order. Caroline also presented a new “financial snapshot” report that she will be preparing monthly in addition to the standard P&L, Balance Sheet, and Check/Debit Detail reports.

FIRST	Curt	SECOND	Sigurd
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- b. Approve Coordinator Performance Bonus for 2025 - \$3,000

Based on Caroline’s performance during 2025, it was proposed during the December meeting that she receive a bonus. The Board formally approved this recommendation.

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Craig
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- c. Direct Deposit for Supervisor Reimbursements

Caroline reminded the board that there is an option for direct deposit for approved supervisor expenses. She encouraged members to complete the provided Direct Deposit Authorization Form to participate.

6. COORDINATOR REPORT:

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

7. BUSINESS – Informational only

- a. Establish Scholarship Committee

Craig, Sigurd, and Curt agreed to be on this year’s scholarship committee. They will review the application from last year and make recommendations for the March meeting. Every effort will be made to get a completed application/process to the local high schools earlier this year.

- b. Discuss Producer Workshop Ideas

- How can I do rotational grazing with minimal time on smaller acreage when virtual fencing won’t work for me?
- Soil health week.

- Focus on water, practical tools on how to irrigate in drought. Contact Patrick from MSU Extension about the Blackfoot Challenge speaker from last year’s irrigation workshop.
 - Weed spray plan for white top.
 - Niche meat marketing – direct marketing, farm to table.
- c. Call for Demonstration Garden locations –Consider fruit and nut trees. Contact Patrick and the master gardener club for Native Plant Demonstration Garden establishment collaboration. Ask about gardens established at the Boys & Girls club under Heidi’s term. The new Ag teacher at Ronan is Jason Frost.
- d. Holiday Designation Request to Coincide with NRCS for 2025
Board formalized decision to grant Caroline 2 extra vacation Days to coincide with NRCS Holiday schedule from 2025.

FIRST	Craig	SECOND	Sigurd
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- e. Review Ops & PIR Policy Updates and Adoption – Postponed

8. COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION

- a. NRCS District Conservationist: Amy is on Vacation. Dillon shared that NRCS is processing applications but still waiting for procedural information.
- b. County Planning: Sigurd; Didn’t make the meeting
- c. Rangeland Resource Exec. Committee: Sigurd shared that the next meeting will be 3/5/26.
- d. City/County Planning: Jan attended the meeting in January, which considered adopting and denied adopting new state regulations for zoning.
- e. Supervisor Candidates Q & A
Candidates introduced themselves and discussed current membership opportunities.

9. Final Public Comment

David reminded people about the maple syrup harvest

Adjourn

There being no further business, Supervisors adjourned the unofficial meeting at 7:45 PM.

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Curt
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the supervisors will be March 12th, 6:30 PM at the district offices.

(Date)

(Supervisor Signature)

(Date)

(Preparer Signature) Caroline McDonald