

# Lake County Conservation District Minutes

Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Location: NRCS Service Center, Ronan



## Attendance:

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

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

### **LCCD Staff, Partners, and guests:**

- Caroline McDonald, LCCD
- Daisy Coyne, LCCD BSWC
- Leo Rosenthal, FWP Excused
- Amy Elkins, NRCS –Zoom
- Max Krantz
- Jim Doolittle
- Angie Knoll

## **1. OPENING**

- a. Call to order: Caroline called the roll. Observing a quorum, Jan called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- b. General Public Comment – None

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March Minutes approved with the following corrections, officers mislabeled. Craig seconded the motion on the scholarship process approval.

FIRST	Curt	SECOND	Allen
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

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

- a. LA26001 Cotton, Cilly Creek – Beaver Dam Removal  
The Team Member report was reviewed. Team members noted that the applicant will be contacting the FWP recommended Beaver Conflict Specialist to identify alternatives to relocating the beavers. Team of Curt, Allen, and Leo recommended approve the 310 permit as proposed with the modification that it is understood that the applicant will have to wait until November when beaver trapping season re-opens unless the Beaver Conflict Specialist identifies other alternatives for removal prior to that time. Caroline will forward application to the Lake County Floodplain administrator.

FIRST	Allen	SECOND	Curt
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- b. *Other open 310s—no action required:* LA2 5001 Andrews, Crystal Creek; LA25002 Bliss, Forrey Creek; LA25003 Hubbard, Kaser Creek

**4. FINANCIALS**

- a. Approve Monthly Financial Reports – March, as presented.

FIRST	Curt	SECOND	Susan
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- b. Approve FY26 Budget Amendments, as presented.

FIRST	Sigurd	SECOND	Curt
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

**5. BUSINESS**

- a. Approve FY27 CDA Grant Application Submission

FIRST	Craig	SECOND	Allen
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

- b. Revised Personnel Policy Review

The Board needs additional time to review the Revised Policies and will take up for consideration in May.

- c. Schedule Scholarship Committee Meeting (after May 4th)

The scholarship committee of Sigurd, Craig, and Curt agreed to meet to review submissions and make a recommendation at the May meeting.

- d. Set Public Hearing for Recommended 310 Adopted Rules Changes

The board requested that the new model rules, the administrator analysis, and the current adopted rules be provided to review prior to the May meeting.

- e. Supervisor Vacancy Update: Caroline reviewed the status of the current open seat and the seats that will come open in January 2027.

**6. COORDINATOR REPORT:**

Caroline reviewed the status of existing projects and ongoing outreach activities that are included in her written report. Board members requested a follow up on Ag Days logistics for those wishing to volunteer.

**7. COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION**

- a. NRCS District Conservationist: Amy, Ronan DC, will be doing soil demonstration for Ag Days (sand, clay, silt). K Canal is getting the priority this season. Lots of interest in virtual fencing. Doing a Rejuvra Ventenata trial. Amy recognized the stellar work Daisy is doing for the conservation district.
- b. County Planning: Sigurd; None
- c. Rangeland Resource Exec. Committee: Sigurd; None

- d. City/County Planning: Jan; There was a request at the February meeting to expand development on Rocky Point Road. Jan put a suggested revision to the board that they make any approval contingent on connection to municipal wastewater service if/when it is extended to the area.

**8. Final Public Comment**

David reported on the Dillon Grazing Conference, which emphasized meat as medicine theme.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

FIRST	Allen	SECOND	Curt
DISCUSSION	None		
RESULTS	Passed, unanimous		

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the supervisors will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the district offices.***

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(Supervisor Signature)

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(Preparer Signature) Caroline McDonald