

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Weyerhaeuser Office, Libby, Montana
November 16, 2016**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Darris Flanagan, Chairperson; Don Crawford, Vice-Chairperson; Wayne Maahs; Mark Romey;
Associate Supervisor(s): Ernie Chacon
Advisor(s):
District Administrator: Becky Lihme
Guest(s):

Called to order: 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Darris Flanagan

Public Comment

Minutes:

- a. October Minutes
 - **Motion** by Con Crawford to approve the Minutes of October 2016 as presented. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed.**
- b. Local Work Group Public Meeting, October 2016
 - **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to approve the Minutes of the Local Work Group Public Meeting, October 2016. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

- a. October 2016
 - **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to approve the Financial Report for October 2016. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- Staff noted a written report is in the Board Packet.

MTFWP Report – Mike Hensler

- No report

District Administrator's Report

- Volunteer hours were recorded for October.
- A newspaper article is in the Board Packets.
- The Montana State Fund Dividend report is in the Board Packet.
- Staff reminded the Board she will out of the office Tuesday, November 22nd through Monday November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Planning Board Report – Mark Romey

- The Planning Board Meeting was last night. Mark was not able to attend the meeting. Discussion reviewed the Lincoln County Lake Shore Regulations.

GLID Report – Valene Goff

- No report

310's

Li-11-01-16 – Pingel-Karuzas, Wood Creek

- Wayne Maahs reported on the project location.
- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to approve Li-11-01-16 as presented for as a five (5) year annual maintenance permit. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed.**

Li-11-02-16 – Young, Pipe Creek

- Wayne Maahs, Don Crawford and Mark Romey conducted a courtesy inspection with Mr. Young. Mike Hensler will need to see the project. A 310 permit application was not filed by this meeting.
- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to withdraw the number assigned. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**

Tabled 310's

New Business:

- a. Western Montana Grazing Conference – Sponsorship
 - Staff explained in 2015 the Board decided to sponsor two (2) local ranchers to attend the 2016 conference rather than offer a cash donation; Pat Flanagan and Karl Kassler attended. The District paid for the registration and hotel accommodations. The Board sponsored Supervisor Valene Goff to attend the conference.
 - Ernie Chacon stated he would like to attend the 2017 conference.
 - **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to pay the registration, hotel accommodations and mileage for Ernie Chacon, Associate Supervisor to attend the 2017 Western Montana Grazing Conference. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**
 - **Motion** by Don Crawford to sponsor two (2) ranchers for the registration and hotel accommodations to the Western Montana Grazing Conference. If in the event we do not have any attendees, the District will provide a \$100.00 sponsorship donation. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed.**
- b. MACD By-Law Changes
 - Staff reported we received two e-mails; one from Cascade CD regarding their recommendations for changes in the MACD By-Laws. A second e-mail was received from Jeff Wivholm, MACD President in response to Cascade CD. This is for information purposes for the Board. Any By-Law changes will be made at the MACD Convention this week.
- c. 2017 Annual Work Plan – Draft
 - Item will be placed on the agenda in December for discussion.

- d. Young Ag Couples Conference Nomination
 - Staff reported on the conference. No nominations.
- e. U.S.F.S. Advisor, Resignation
 - The resignation e-mail from Laura Jungst is in the Board Packet.
 - Don Crawford asked staff to contact Laura to inquire if she would like to remain on the Board but only attend the Libby meetings to fit into her new work location.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Grant Update.
 - 1. Tobacco River - Kassler
 - A. Phase 1 – DEQ 319 Grant
 - Staff is coordinating with Dave Martin, DNRC the Request for Qualifications/Bids.
 - B. Phase 2 - DNRC Reclamation Grant Application
 - The Governor's Budget was released. We received an e-mail from DNRC noting the ranking and funding. The Tobacco River Restoration Project was ranked 8th with the top seven (7) funded, if approved by the legislature. Three million dollars are available.
 - Staff reported on the three other grant applications in Lincoln County. These grants were requested under the Renewable Resource grant program. She does not know if they will be funded.
 - Town of Eureka – Ranked 30th
 - GLID – Ranked 37th
 - Lincoln County – Ranked 57th
 - 2. 223 GLID
 - Staff reported the grant extension request was approved.
 - 3. Mud Creek - DEQ 319 Grant
 - Staff reported the 319 grant request was fully funded. The project conceptual design did not include the fish barrier. We will be seeking funding for this. Two possible funding sources are the MTFW&P Fisheries Grant program and unused funds from a Kootenai River Network and Lincoln County grant project for a culvert installation. Samantha Tappenbeck participated in a teleconference call with KRN to discuss funding. Jim Dunnigan is checking to see if the funds can be used for this restoration project.

Final Inspection Reports:

On Sites Needed:

Open Mic and Other Business:

The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Office, Eureka, Montana.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darris Flanagan, Chairperson

Becky Lihme, District Administrator

Date: _____

