

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
North Lincoln County Annex
June 16, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Darris Flanagan, Chairperson; Wayne Maahs, Vice-Chairperson; Laura Garner; Kathleen Johnson; Don Crawford, Mike Garner, Katrina Newton

Absent:

Associate Supervisor(s):

Advisor(s): Brian Ressel, NRCS

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s):

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

Public Comment: Wayne Maahs met with Jim Simpson, MACD President recently. Simpson said MT FW&P would like Lincoln Conservation District to monitor an AIS Inspection Station on the Canadian Border. Wayne M. asked Rae Lynn Hays to gather more information for the supervisors to consider in a future meeting.

Minutes:

- May 2021 Permissive Medical Mill Levy Hearing
 - **Motion** by Wayne M. to approve the May 2021 PMML Hearing minutes as presented. **Second** by Mike Garner. **Motion passed.**
- May 2021 Minutes
 - **Motion** by Mike G. to approve the minutes of May 2021 with one correction on Page 4. It should say "Mike" rather than "Make". **Second** by Laura Garner. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

- May 2021
 - Kathleen Johnson presented the treasurer report. **Motion** by Kathleen J. to approve the May 2021 financial report as presented. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- NRCS has been finalizing contracts for individuals approved for thinning and high tunnel projects. Staff will now begin field work for individuals applying for programs for next year. The agency is still interviewing candidates for a soil conservation position.

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- No report.

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District Administrator's Report – Rae Lynn Hays

- Volunteer hours were recorded
- Rae Lynn H. was appointed to represent Montana Conservation Districts on the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission. She was also appointed by the Montana Department of Agriculture to serve as the Lincoln County Private Applicator Training Coordinator.
- Extra pollinator seed was donated to Flathead CD. Flathead CD is also hosting a pollinator event where they will be showing the Pollinator movie and providing seed. Lincoln County residents are invited. Rae Lynn will be attending Farmer's Markets showcasing the district's work and handing out seed. She asked board members to assist.
- Kathleen Johnson and Rae Lynn will be attending the Rexford Town Council Meeting. Kathleen's appointment as an Urban Supervisor is up for renewal.
- The American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) has been hosting webinars for organizations/agencies interested in receiving money. This could be an opportunity for funding GLID projects as well as a sewer project at the fairgrounds.
- Timber Creek Graphics submitted a cost estimate for boundary signs. Rae Lynn will share this information with Flathead and Green Mountain.
- Rae Lynn met with Jeremy Cook to review the district chart of accounts and will be opening a checking and savings account at Glacier Bank in Eureka in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year.
- A tour of the Rainy Creek site will be scheduled sometime after July.

Planning Board Report – Laura Garner

- The planning board had four subdivisions that are up for approval. These included the Munro lakeshore application, Route 56 RV Park, Montana Lakes 2 Subdivision, and Montana Wild Subdivision. All were approved.

310's

Li-06-01-21 – Parmenter Water Users Association, Parmenter Creek.

- Wayne M. said the applicant received a 310 several years ago but needed to apply for a five-year maintenance permit. It is noted that a representative of the Parmenter Water Users Association signed the application. However, the landowner did not sign the application.

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- **Motion** by Wayne M. to accept Li-06-01-21 as a project and approve the application as presented. **Second** by Don C. **Opposed** by Darris Flanagan and Laura Garner.
- **Motion** passed

C-06-02-21 – Dale, Stimpson Lumber Company, Libby Creek

- The supervisors have not had an opportunity to investigate this complaint.
- **Motion** by Wayne M. to postpone C-06-02-21 until the next meeting. **Second** by Don C.
- **Motion** passed.

New Business:

- **Budget for FY 2021-2022**
 - Rae Lynn H. presented the FY2021-2022 budget. She noted that the district is carrying a large amount in savings, and this should be allocated to a specific use. It is common to maintain a savings to cover one year of expenses, but more than that should be allocated to a specific purpose. Purchase of rental equipment for Lincoln County residents as well as cost share programs such as weed management, stream restoration, and septic system repair were discussed as options. Rae Lynn H. will check into costs associated with these programs for the next meeting.
 - **Motion** by Kathleen J. to approve budget for FY2021-2022. **Second** by Mike G.
 - **Motion** passed.

Final Inspection Reports

- Li-03-05-21, Hanson, Therriault Creek
- LI-07-03-19, Wymer, Yaak River

Open Mic and Other Business – Don C. conducted a site visit on a complaint #C-07-05-21, Boss, Jones, Nalgo Creek. This complaint was received after the posted agenda and will be on the July agenda.

The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the American Forest Management Office, 138 Pipe Creek Road, Libby as well as conducted via Zoom to adhere to COVID19 guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darris Flanagan, Chairperson

Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: _____