

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Zoom Meeting
March 15, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Kathleen Johnson, Chairperson; Mike Garner, Vice Chairperson; Laura Garner; Don Crawford; John DeLeo; Gary Pershall

Absent:

Associate Supervisor(s): Wayne Maahs

Advisor(s): Brian Stephens, MT FW&P

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s): Jessie Haag, Lincoln County

Called to order: 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson, Kathleen Johnson

Public Comment:

Minutes:

- February 15, 2023, meeting minutes
 - **Motion** by Mike Garner to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023, meeting with one correction. Brian Ressel's name was misspelled. **Second** by Laura Garner. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report:

- Laura G. presented the February financial report.
- **Motion** by Mike G. to approve the February report. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed unanimously.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

No report

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- No Report

District Administrator's Report – Rae Lynn Hays

- Volunteer hours were recorded.
- Rae Lynn reported that she attended the Area 5 employee update and pollinator seed training. She will be talking more with Heidi Fleury at Lake County to arrange a pollinator event for Lincoln County.
- Rae Lynn also attended an AIS meeting for the upcoming season.
- Information has been given to Rocky Mountain Insurance for a quote. Many districts appear to be going with them for insurance coverage since MACo will no longer be providing insurance for special districts.

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- Keith Karolglanian said that SPP and Green Mountain would like to partner with the LCD on the Wolf Creek stream project. Keith will be in contact with LCD.
- LCD will be applying for a project grant to provide match funding for Glen Lake Irrigation District. This project, as noted during the strategic planning session, will cover engineering on the Glen Lake Dam.
- LCD received a refund check from the Department of Revenue. This was due to an error in payroll processing. Jeremy Cook's office informed LCD that the last quarter's payroll was inadvertently processed twice.
- LCD has received two applications at this point for the AIS inspection station. LCD will need to hold a special meeting to hire employees prior to training.
- Rae Lynn will be purchasing a gift certificate for Darris Flanagan to recognize his many years of service to LCD as a supervisor.
- Tree orders and soil samples continue to come into the office.
- Rae Lynn has received calls from Amy Guth and Marcia Boris regarding David Neumann.

Planning Board Report – Laura Garner

- No report

310's

C-10-02-22, Neumann, Phillips Pleasant Valley Fisher River Civil Penalty

- Don C. said procedurally, what LCD has done is fine. He does not see any point in adding to the fine and would just like to see some resolution of what has occurred. Mike G. asked what happens if Mr. Neumann does not pay the fine that is due March 17. Rae Lynn sent the file to Marcia Boris, the county attorney. She will visit with her to determine the next steps for the April meeting.

Li-03-01-23, Kissner, Yaak River

- John DeLeo reported on his discussion with DNRC. Mr. Kissner has a right to dig a ditch for stock water. However, he cannot pump to a residence. His permit is for 11 AUMs. Rae Lynn will contact Mr. Kissner to arrange for a site visit.
- **Motion** by Mike G. to accept Li-03-01-23 as a project. **Second** by John D.
- **Motion** passed unanimously.

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Li-03-02-23, Phillips, Pleasant Valley Fisher River

- Brian S. asked for a site visit to see if there would be any potential impact to the dam.
- **Motion** by Mike G. to accept as a project and postpone decision until a site visit can be conducted. **Second** by Laura G. Don C. said LCD should better understand what Mr. Neumann's water rights are. That has a bearing on what an individual can do in a stream. Laura G. would like to be on the site visit. Rae Lynn will research information on how Mr. Neumann's water rights could impact this project. John D. will arrange for a site visit.
- **Motion** passed. Don C. voted no.

Postponed 310's.

1. Li-02-01-23, Jones, Flower Creek

- John D. and Brian S. conducted the site visit. He is proposing to raise the bridge and remove the pylons. Mr. Jones will be removing the existing bridge piece by piece.
- **Motion** by John D. to approve the project as proposed. **Second** by Don C. Brian S. recommended that nothing be in the stream between May 1 and July 15.
- **Amended motion** by John D. The applicant cannot enter the stream until after July 15. If he plans to reinstall the bridge, he will need to submit another 310-application prior to initiating the project. **Second** by Don C.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

2. C-02-02-23, Cote, Smith, Pinkham Creek

- Laura G. has not been able to make contact. If she is unable to reach Mr. Cote to arrange for a site visit, Rae Lynn will send a letter to him.
- **Motion** by Laura G. to postpone. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed unanimously.

3. Li-02-03-23, Anderson, Betts Lake

- Don C. said they are waiting for the snow to melt to conduct another site visit.
- **Motion** by Mike G. to postpone until the April meeting. **Second** by Don C.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

New Business:

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Unfinished Business:

- **Filling Supervisor Vacancy**
 - Rae Lynn reported that Hailey Graf, DNRC, said the board could appoint someone to temporarily fill the position even if they live on the north end of the county.
- **AIS Inspection Station Staff**
 - Interviews will be March 30

Final Inspection Reports

Li-08-05-22, Chappelow No Name Creek – Still too much snow

Open Mic and Other Business –

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnson, Chairperson

Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: _____