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Eureka, MT 59917

406-297-2233

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

February 19, 2025, 4:00 pm LINCOLN

COUNTY ANNEX

Board of Supervisors

Kathleen Johnson-Chair

Gary Pershall-Vice Chair

John DeLeo-Treasurer

Don Crawford

Randy Evins

Ed Braaten

Associate Supervisor

Wayne Maahs

Kurt West-Absent

District Administrator

Rhonda Rockwell

Advisors

Brian Stephens- MT FWP

Brian Ressel-Absent

Guests

Mike Bradeen-County Weed Dept.

Taylor Templin-MFWP

Call Meeting to Order: 4pm

Public Comment

None

Mike Bradeen- County Weed Dept.

Kathleen J. asked how and who controls the calibration. Mike B. said people are responsible for their own calibration. That makes them follow label instructions. He can send some printouts on how to calibrate. Kathleen J. said that would be super helpful. Are you requiring anybody who uses the equipment to have training or how do you handle that aspect of herbicide use? Mike B. So no, I do not. No. If I mean it's like if I spray at my house, I don't have to have any training, you know, a little scary. But most people that are going to do it have a little bit of knowledge. And you know, that's totally up to the owner. I have people that work under my license, but they are actually working for the county under me and so I'm responsible for what they do. Not going to be responsible for saying what you do at your house. Kathleen J. -Any other comments or questions? Noel Duram questioned, how's this going to affect our local sprayers-do we have a few over here? Kathleen said we have two and we run short. I know they're both just booked. It's hard to get them. Gary P. asked if they work for the Forest Service too. Noel D. said he isn't sure but does know they contract other places. Gary P. asked if it is Butts and Utter? Noel was not sure but did know they do contracts with other stuff. Gary P. said Mark Utter was laid off and Mike B. said if he was interested in starting his own business he could stay as busy as he wants. Mike exchanged his contact information with Gary P. Mike B. - Yeah, I tell people every year to start their own business, even down here. We've got one person that bought over Brent Orr, the contractor has been around for a long time. And I told him, hire as many people as you could. And he was booked out last year within a month and he's already got supposedly someone else looking to work for him. I've got one guy in the Yaak. We could use more contractors. Kathleen J. asked Crawford or Wayne, do you guys have any questions or comments about this? We are not liable for maintenance. Don C. did not have any, he mentioned it would take time for Rhonda and how and when to meet and where it would be stored. Mike said he can get it fixed as soon as possible to help, and as far as meeting



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MT FW&P- Brian Stephens

Nothing much exciting happening. It is meeting season. Some 124 Permits are starting to roll in from DNRC and Lincoln County. Hooked on Fishing Program is ongoing, and Friday there will be ice fishing at Thompson Chain of Lakes. Brian just received the paperwork back from teachers this morning and the Board should expect to see that on the March Agenda. Brian opened the discussion to questions. Don C. asked if he had any new snowpack reports. Brian said there is nothing new. He did notice the weather will change and we will have hydrologic impacts as a heads up.

District Administrators Report

Volunteer hours were recorded. Rhonda informed that 1099s were sent out and 1096 to IRS. There is Annual Report filed with Government Services. It was late due to not being on LCDs governance calendar. Rhonda was able to get it filed on the same day she found out. Rhonda suggested that in the future, DNRCs governance calendar be followed as well as LCDs. She has updated LCDs governance calendar to have the report. People have been interested in trees and grass seed, and she has been able to direct them where to order. Interbel has caused the office to miss important grant documents to sign. Interbel was contacted to turn off their extra security. If that does not help, MACD has an email that has been recommended. The website is being updated to be more aesthetic and functional, especially Minutes. Morgan Owens has been contacted to get LCD 1 acre of pollinator seed. There is funding available to have hand out events and packaging with LCDs logo. Kathleen J. asked if there was cost to the district for that and Rhonda clarified not for the seed, only for events or materials, and that could be reimbursed.

Grant Administrator Report-

Rhonda reported that Rae Lynn had submitted documents to Catey for an updated scope of work. She had also contacted WWC on Feb 12th for an update, but they were out of the office for a water conference. Kathleen reminded the Board that Rae Lynn had accepted their offer to pay 20.00 an hour out of professional services part of our budget. This is an as needed service.



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C-06-02-24, Sill, Leiss, Kootenai River-cont.

- Motion by Gary P. to postpone until more information is gathered.
- Second by Don C.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Renew Montana FWP MOU Eureka Watercraft Station

- Don c. moved to renew
- Second by Randy E.
- Motion passes unanimously.

AIS Station Training and Employee interview process for Eureka Station

There was discussion that Tom Woolf, Rae Lynn, and Catey B. said the board can use their discretion on a hiring committee and advertising. Ed B. questioned what would happen if it was not advertised. Rhonda clarified that she would halt the process if she found out differently.

- Motion by Gary P. to forgo a special board hiring committee for interviewees
- Second by Randy E.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Envirothon 2025

The last time this was approved, the board approved two teams at 150.00 each for a total of 300.00. Gary P. asked that Envirothon be explained to the Board. Kathleen said it is a competition between high school students. It involves forestry, soil, and aquatics. Gary P. wanted to know how the selection process works. Kathleen said that goes through the high school. Rhonda said yes, Derek DeShazer informed her that it is a worthwhile program that teaches critical thinking and to do it fast. Gary P. asked how many kids. Kathleen said there are 5 kids per team at 150 per team. Don C. mentioned that we have not had a lot of participation from Libby or Troy and would like them included. He thinks it is a very good program. If it is only Eureka asking, he would like to go ahead with what we did last year, Kathleen said she is not sure if Libby and Troy are involved. Don C. said they can, they have just chosen not to. Becky L. was involved when they went to State. That would be an option if anybody were so inclined. Gary P. made a motion to approve 300 for Lincoln County.



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310 Training

Training on violations with MACDs 310 mini-training handout provided good informative and interactive session on violations. We plan to continue this informal training approach as it is valuable to the board in their decision-making process both during business meetings and in the field.

Filling Supervisor Vacancy

Nothing new

Final inspection Reports

None

Open mic and other business

Wayne asked if the March meeting was a Zoom meeting. Kathleen said yes. April in Eureka, May in Libby.

- Motion to adjourn by Gary P.
- Second by Randy E.

Adjourned at 5:52 pm


X

Kathleen Johnson-Chair

Date 4-3-25


X

Rhonda Rockwell-Administrator

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