

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
North Lincoln County Annex, Eureka
June 15, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Kathleen Johnson Chairperson; Laura Garner; Darris Flanagan; Mike Garner, Katrina Newton, Don Crawford, John DeLeo

Absent:

Associate Supervisor(s): Mike Justus

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

District Administrator (Acting): Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s):

Called to order: 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Kathleen Johnson

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- May 17, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes
 - **Motion** by Darris Flanagan to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022, Public Hearing Meeting. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**
- May 17, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion** by Don C. to approve the minutes of May 17, 2022, meeting. Second by Darris F. **Motion passed.**
- May 27, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion** by Darris F. to approve the minutes of May 27, 2022, special meeting minutes. **Second** by Laura Garner. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

- May 2022 Financial Report
 - Laura Garner provided the Treasurer's Report to the board.
 - **Motion** by Laura G. to approve the May 2022 Financial Report. **Second** by Darris F. **Motion passed.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- No report

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- No report

District Administrator's Report – Rae Lynn Hays

- Volunteer hours were recorded

Planning Board Report – Laura Garner

- The planning board approved a dock off Thompson Lake.

310 Training Report

- John DeLeo, Katrina Newton, and Kathleen Johnson attended 310 training in Helena. John said it was very interesting to listen to other supervisors talk about common problems and issues across the state in addition to how they handled various situations. Katrina N. appreciated the onsite inspections and the restoration project.

310's

Li-06-01-22 – Miller, Spring Creek

- Laura G., Kathleen J., and Brian Stephens attended the onsite inspection. Brian S. noted that seepage is coming out of the bottom of the pond. The landowner hopes to increase water velocity and have more grass for grazing livestock. Brian S. said he is not sure that the landowner's plan will accomplish his objective, but it should not have a detrimental effect on anything.
- **Motion** by Laura G. to accept Li-06-01-22 as a project and approve the 310 permit with a modification that he must stay 10 feet away from the culverts. **Second** by Darris F.
- **Motion** passed

E-06-02-22– Dunlap, Murphy Creek

- A June 23 site visit is planned for this landowner.
- **Motion** by Mike Garner. to postpone E-06-02-22 until the July meeting. **Second** by Katrina N.
- **Motion** passed.

Postponed 310's

New Business:

- **Bridger Plant Material Center Donation**
 - **Motion** by Darris F. to pay a \$35 donation. **Second** by Mike G.
 - **Motion** passed.
- **District Administrator Resignation**
 - **Kathleen J.** 2022 recused herself as chairperson. Vice-Chair Mike G. assumed the chairman position.

- Rae Lynn H. summarized her letter indicating that she would rescind her resignation since the board had not been able to successfully hire a new administrator. She asked that the pay remain at \$20/ hr., and she be able to work remotely 2-3 days per week as advertised for the position. She also noted that days after sending out the board packets with her letter, a previous applicant who turned down an offer from the district asked to be reconsidered.
- Mike G. said if the applicant turned it down once I think he might do it again once he finds something better. **Motion** by Darris F. to accept Rae Lynn's letter that rescinded her resignation and reinstate her as the district administrator. **Second** by Katrina N. Kathleen J. abstained.
- **Motion** passed.
- **Motion** by Laura G. to have Darris F. continue to be Rae Lynn's direct supervisor. **Second** by John DeLeo. Kathleen J. abstained.
- **Motion** passed.

Unfinished Business:

- **Final 2022-2023 Budget**
 - Since Rae Lynn H. is now the district administrator, there is no need for the extra amount of funding that was allocated for travel. That money could be used for grants or a cost share program. Rae Lynn H. will find out costs associated with seed, equipment, and restoration projects. The budget will need to be amended this fall when the mil levy figures are finalized. At that time, money can be moved from savings to checking for costs of grants/cost share programs.
 - **Motion** by Darris F. to approve the 2022-2023 budget for \$86,531.76. The extra funding that had been included in the administrative travel section should be moved into grants and contributions. **Second** by John D.
 - **Motion** passed.
- **District Administrator Hiring Process**
 - The website as well as job boards continue to advertise the administrator vacancy.
 - **Motion** by Darris F. to stop all advertisements. **Second** by Mike G. Kathleen J. abstained.
 - **Motion** passed.

- **Website**
 - Kathleen J. resumed the chairmanship. She suggested forming a website committee to compile ideas for changing current site.
 - **Motion** by Mike G. to form a committee. Second by John D.
 - **Motion** passed. Mike G., Laura G. and John D agreed to serve. Ideas should be forwarded to Rae Lynn.
- **Best Management Practices Document**
 - Brian S. suggested leaving #10 and #13 in place. Don C. prefers that the document be left as it was presented prior to edits.
 - **Motion** by Darris F. to direct Rae Lynn to return the document to its original content and forward to Jason Garber at DNRC as well as the MACD attorney for consideration. **Second** by Don C.
 - **Motion** passed.
- **LCD Strategic Plan**
 - Don C. will be gone until late August
 - **Motion** by Darris F. to postpone until Don returns. **Second** by John D.
 - **Motion** passed.

Final Inspection Reports

Open Mic and Other Business –

- Don C. will be contacting Mr. Leader
- Mr. Rehl should be given a friendly letter or phone call to remind him of his upcoming deadline.
- The sign shared with Green Mountain CD is missing
- John D. will schedule 310s while Don C. is out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnson, Chairperson

Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: _____

