

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
American Forest Management Office, Libby
November 15, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Kathleen Johnson, Chair; Don Crawford; John DeLeo; Gary Pershall, Joe Lewicki

Absent:

Associate Supervisor(s): Wayne Maahs

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

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Rockwell

Guest(s):

Called to order: 4:06 p.m. by Kathleen Johnson, Chair

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- October 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes
 - **Motion** by Don Crawford to approve the October 18, 2023, meeting minutes. **Second** by John DeLeo.
 - **Motion** passes unanimously.
- November 9, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion** by John D. to approve November 9, 2023, special meeting Minutes. **Second** by Gary Pershall.
 - **Motion** passes unanimously.

Financial Report:

- John DeLeo provided a treasurer's report.
- **Motion** by Gary P. to approve the October financial reports. **Second** by Don C. **Motion** passes 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 and Rhonda attended the AIS Partner Meeting in Great Falls. MT FWP is looking at a new hot water on demand system for the Eureka Station. New mussel detections have been identified in Colorado as well as the Snake River in Idaho. The Lincoln CD was used as an example of a CD with a successful program utilizing a site lead. FWP is putting together the 2024 contracts.

- Rae Lynn attended the Western Montana Conservation Coalition meeting in Missoula. Commissioner Josh Letcher, Senator Mike Cuffe, and Representative Neil Durham also attended.
- Rae Lynn created a presentation for a panel discussion at the MACD Annual Meeting in Billings. The presentation focused on issues related to operating an AIS Station at the US Port of Entry.

Planning Board Report – Jessie Haag
No report

310's

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

- Rae Lynn said she left a message with Attorney Kimberly More, in addition to sending an email. She has not received a response.

Li-11-01-23, Noble, Libby Creek

- Don C. and Brian Stephens conducted the site visit with Garret Wickham. The project is located at the old St. Regis Mill property. Work is required at the point of diversion. The plan is to dewater using supersacks and removing some concrete.
- **Motion** by Don C. to accept Li-11-01-23 as a project and approve as presented with the amendment. The 15-day wait period should be waived. **Second** by John D.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

C-11-02-23, French, Kootenai River

- Don C. and Brian S. conducted a site visit. The alleged violation occurred on Forest Service property near the Yaak Campground. The USFS staff are also investigating the matter and will communicate findings to the LCD.
- **Motion** by Joe Lewicki. to postpone C-11-02-23 to gather more information regarding the complaint. **Second** by John D.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

Li-10-01-22, Noble, Flower Creek

- The applicant has not completed the project and has requested a 1-year extension.
- **Motion** by Don C. to grant the 1-year extension. **Second** by John D.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

Li-11-03-23, Riley, Glen Creek

- Brian S. conducted the site visit. The applicant would like to construct a driveway to access property on the other side of Glen Creek. The stream is small with a lot of ground water influence. There is a 24" pipe above and below the proposed site

of construction. The proposed pipe would be 30' long and 24" in diameter. Bob Cuffe, the contractor, plans to armor the inlet and outlet.

- **Motion** by Don C. to accept Li-11-03-23 as a project, approve as submitted, and waive the 15-day wait period. **Second** by Gary P.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

Postponed 310's.

C-10-03-23, Browder, Lufholm, Mud Creek

- Brian S. conducted the site visit with Mr. Browder and Matt Lufholm, DNRC. An old ford crossing site was identified on Mr. Browder's property. The native channel is narrow, approximately 3-4 feet. The alleged violator is unknown. Brian S. said the crossing was a violation, but it is unlikely that mitigation is required. DNRC is planning on obliterating the road after completing a timber sale. Mr. Browder plans to place a gate in the area to prevent further access.
- **Motion** by Gary P. to declare C-10-03-23 a violation. No action will be taken against the violator pending identification. No mitigation is required. **Second** by Joe L.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

Li-10-05-23, Anderson, O'Brien Creek

- At the last meeting, LCD supervisors determined a violation occurred at the site. The applicant submitted a 310-application proposing to construct a bridge. John D. noted the Eco blocks lack stability for the proposed construction.
- **Motion** by John D. to deny Li-10-05-23 due to the instability of the Eco blocks for project construction. **Second** by Don C.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

New Business:

- **December Planning Meeting**
 - The Annual Plan of Work is typically updated during December. One option is to provide a meal since the evening will run long.
 - **Motion** by Gary P. to conduct a work meeting with a meal provided to develop the Annual Plan of Work and Review the Strategic Plan. **Second** by Joe L.
 - **Motion** passes unanimously.
- **MACD Resolutions**
 - Kathleen Johnson attended the MACD committee meeting via Zoom. Resolution 23-01 passed with an amendment. Resolution 23-02 passed

with an amendment. Resolution 23-03 was discussed given new information that was provided by Rebecca King. Kathleen said she changed LCD's vote to no on this resolution. The resolution failed. Resolution 23-04 was recommended to pass as was 23-05.

Unfinished Business

- **Filling Supervisor Vacancy**
 - No Action. The board has not received any applicants.

Final Inspection Reports

Li-04-01-22, Miller, Lake Creek

- Don will conduct a site visit.

Li-10-06-23, American Forest Management, Wolf Creek

- Don and Brian conducted a site visit. The work is complete, and the file can be closed.

Li-02-02-23, Southern Pines Plantation, Wolf Creek

- Don and Brian conducted a site visit. The work is complete, and the file can be closed.

Li-08-03-22, Giesey, Porcupine Creek

- John D. will conduct a site visit.

Li-10-03-22, Swanson, Kootenai River

- John D. will conduct a site visit.

Open Mic and Other Business –

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnson, Chair

Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: _____