

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
American Forest Management - Libby
November 13, 2024, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Kathleen Johnson, Chair; Don Crawford; John DeLeo (Zoom); Ed Braaten; Randy Evins (Zoom)

Absent: Gary Pershall

Associate Supervisor(s): Wayne Maahs

Advisor(s): Brian Stephens, Kurt West

District Administrator: Rhonda Rockwell

Guest(s): Crissy Day - NRCS for Brian Ressel

Called to order: 4:00 p.m. by Kathleen Johnson, Chair

Public Comment: Wayne Maahs received his 30-year pin for his service

Minutes:

- Oct 17th, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- **Motion** by Randy Evins to approve the October 17th meeting minutes.
- **Second by Ed Braaten.**
- **Motion passes unanimously**

Financial Report:

- John D. presented the October 2024 treasurer's report.
- **Motion** by Don C. to approve the treasurer's report. **Second** by Randy E.
- **Motion passes unanimously.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- Crissy Day reported that community agriculture sign ups just ended Oct. 31. Between that program and TIPS, there were about 30 applications. Clem is the new full-time forester. He is working on thinning around Glen Lake, Libby and Fortine. Clem is working on an implementation plan for Troy to coincide with the Forest Service work there. Crissy is working on a TIP (Targeted Implementation Plan) for wildlife friendly fencing. There have been burn permits coming into the office.

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- FWP Commission met, and the 2025/2026 Fishing regulations were approved. Included noteworthy amendments were to approve submerged spearing of Northern Pike in the western fishing district. Another amendment being the district standard for trout in streams from 5 daily with only 1 over 14" to 3 daily with only 1 over 14". A further amendment from the Commissioners was intended to tighten up the definition of a hook or lure.

District Administrator's Report – Rhonda Rockwell

- Volunteer hours were recorded.
- The Fall Partner Meeting was in Great Falls. Sabrina P. and Rhonda attended. Tom Woolf's report includes a new invasive species being Golden Mussels in California. Closer to home there have been 3 detections of mussels in Idaho on the Snake River, so our station is very important in the fight against AIS.
- The MACD Convention is arriving, and it is encouraged for as many as possible to come next year.
- QuickBooks migration continues
- Health Insurance for Supervisors will possibly become available
- There is a new online 310 application available to use.

Planning Board Report – Jesse Haag

- No Report

Grant Administrators Report- Rae Lynn Hays

- FWP AIS grant will be closed out pending payroll report.
- Grave Creek survey work done. Rhonda sent engineering reports to WWC, and they were lost in the mail. WWC will reimburse to get that information again. So, we are behind.
- Glen Lake Dam Survey Grant scope of work and construction information will be emailed to Catey.

310's

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

- No update

Li-11-01-24, Noble, Yaak River

- **Don C.** reported the project is in a big grassy plain that would be in the floodplain. Brian S. commented that it does not seem to be a project. The applicant has been made aware that they need to go through the process of approval with the Floodplain Department.
- **Motion** by Don C. that this is not a project. **Second** by Ed B.
- **Motion** passes unanimously.

Postponed 310's.

C-04-01-24, St. Pierre, Big Cherry Creek

John D. and Don C. did a site visit on this.

Don C. brought out that Mr. St. Pierre has taken care of the Boards concerns.

John D. asked if the whole dam would be removed, and Don C. said a portion would be sufficient. Don C. added there is no threat to the property to the west, and Mr. St. Pierre has removed everything the Board has asked.

It was brought out the need to consider our final inspection in August 2025 and then do a site visit to close this out.

The board agreed that no action needs to be taken at this point.

C-06-02-24, Sill, Less, Kootenai River

- No updates

New Business:

Proxy signatures on Decision Forms

Don C. approves of however works best, /s/ and his name would be one way.

MPERA-AIS Workers

It does not seem any other district has this situation. It was discussed at the fall partner meeting and Tom Woolf said it sounds unique. Stephanie Criswell is asking the legal department if we really have to offer retirement. Tom Woolf has assured us that there is enough room in our grant money to cover that expense when or if it is an issue. There are still answers to be found and Rhonda will continue to work on this issue. Don C. had questions and Rhonda how it pays out.

- **December Planning Meeting-**
Will be at Abeyance Bay after regular meeting
- **Motion** to hold Strategic Planning Meeting at Abeyance Bay by **Ed B.**
- **Second** by **Don C.**
- **Motion passes unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

- **Filling Supervisor Vacancy**
 - No update

Final Inspection Reports-

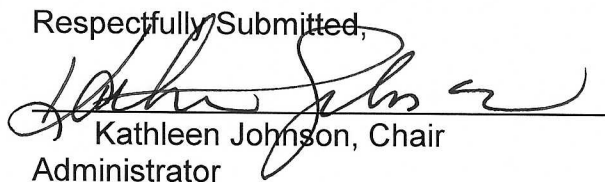
Li-09-02-24, Bushfield, Tobacco River

- **Close File**

Open Mic and Other Business –

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathleen Johnson, Chair
Administrator

 12-18-24
Rhonda Rockwell, District ADMIN

Date: Dec 18, 2024