



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
March 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-Planning Board

District Administrator

Rhonda Rockwell

Advisors

Brian Stephens- MT FWP

Brian Ressel-NRCS

Guests

Tom Woolf-MT FWP

Tayler Templin-MT FWP

Anthony South-YVFC

Morgan Schmidt-YVFC

Noel Duram-County Commissioner

Sabrina Pickersgill-AIS Site Lead

Call Meeting to Order: 4pm

Public Comment

None

Yaak Valley Forest Council- Letters of Support

Morgan explained that they would like two letters of support. One to Montana Association of Conservation Districts and one to Watershed Coordination Council. Anthony described their outreach events. They inform people of the health of that waterway, and they are going to follow up with interest to their low-tech projects with some mailers before the event. Furthermore, education would focus on low tech process-based restoration and addressing non-point source pollution. Also identifying noxious weeds versus native plants, explaining an impaired waterway as per the definition in our current watershed will also be addressed. Anthony answered questions as to what the failure was -why they are doing the work. Much of it is silt banks so you would expect to see erosion. An aim to restore is largely due to unnatural riverbank manipulation, where portions of the river have been straightened out to maximize square footage like an old hay field or past cattle grazing. Work will be above that bank full zone. They don't do any in channel manipulation or any in channel installments. Aim is to reduce the intensity and the turbidity at the bank. Everything they do is hand work.

- Motion to approve by Gary P. provide letters of support including LCDs values to both entities
- Second by Don C.
- Motion passes unanimously.

MT FW&P Tom Woolf and Tayler Templin

Tom W. expressed thanks for the partnership LCD provides for managing the watercraft inspection station at the border. It runs exceptionally well. We have a contract that's signed now. But moving forward, there is another inspection station in Lincoln County that could be an option if there was interest. It was asked if there was a close ballpark of what the conservation district would be earning by manning the Troy station. Troy station is like Macomb Conservation district out east as far as time of operations.



District Administrators Report

There should be an ad run yearly for hiring at the AIS station, but the board does not need to interview returning employees. There were two new applicants for the AIS station that could be used for backups if someone at the station is not with us anymore. Lauren Michelson emailed, and Rhonda had a conversation with her about her interest in the District Administrator position if it becomes available. Gary Ps. oath expires in June and needs to be renewed. Rhonda is coordinating with Morgan Owens to get pollinator seeds.

Grant Administrator Report-

CDG-23-3762-Glen Lake Dam Survey Grant amendment approval

- Motion by Don C. to change name from application to amendment
- Second by Randy E.
- Motion passes unanimously

In 2023 the Conservation District applied for a planning grant through the Conservation District Bureau in the amount of \$9,890. and the purpose of that was for \$9,500 to be used for match funding in a grant that GLID had applied for. It was for a preliminary engineering report to address the high hazard dam. When the Glen Lake Irrigation district applied for this funding, they were a subrecipient- meaning that the applicant was Montana Disaster and Emergency services, and that grant was successful. They applied for that in 2021, and they were awarded those funds for engineering in 2022. As Rae Lynn mentioned before - FEMA had some internal issues in staffing, and did not get around to giving a contract for funds for those until 2024. When they did that, the Montana Disaster Emergency Services decided to use State Resiliency Funds for the match and told Glen Lake Irrigation District that their match was not required. That's when Rae Lynn approached the Board to see if they might be interested in changing the scope of work of the planning grant to provide match for the irrigation district when they put in for project implementation, which would mean for construction. The Board voted in favor. DNRC agreed that that could be done. When Rae Lynn put in the request for the grant amendment (CDG-23-3762) Rae Lynn received an email from DNRC last week, and the maximum fund on that is \$50,000. Rae Lynn only put in for about 10,000, so she asked if she could put in for the 50,000, and they said, yes. She then found out that the grant was due March 15th which gave her one week to put a whole application together. And not enough time for the board to approve her applying for \$50,000 instead of \$10,000. Then Rae Lynn spoke to Kathleen to get initial approval until the board could decide whether they support the amendment or not.

- Motion to approve amendment by Randy E
- Second by Gary P.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Rae Lynn brought out another order of business is a new grant for 50k for Grave Creek. It is due April 15th. Don c. asked what sections of Grave creek this funding would be most effectively applied to. Rae Lynn said the preliminary engineering would be applied to a couple of different sections. Mitigation on the section that is below the bridge where



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Li-03-01-25, Lucier, Wolf Creek

- Motion to accept and approve by Gary P.
- Second by Don C.
- Motion passes unanimously

C-10-02-22, Neumann, Phillips, Fisher River

Kim More has been communicating often with Rhonda. However, we have not heard anything from Amy Guth about the apparent new application being officially submitted.

Li-03-02-25, Vincent, Silver Butte Fisher River

- Motion by Don C. to accept application and postpone to conduct a site visit
- Second by Ed B.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Postponed 310s

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

Kathleen reminded the board we were looking into de minimis. Caitlin O. had communicated to Kathleen that the County Attorney – Marcia Boris-should be contacted to explain de minimis and see if she has time to review. If Marcia doesn't, it will go back to Caitlin O. LCD is always the decision maker in these matters.

- Motion by Don C. to postpone to gather information from Marcia B.
- Second by Ed B.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Envirothon 2025 Funding

- John D. motion to approve funding of 300.00 for 2 teams
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- Motion passes unanimously



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Filling Supervisor Vacancy

Nothing new

Final inspection Reports

None

Open mic and other business

Don C. asked if the April meeting was an in-person meeting. Kathleen said yes. April in Eureka, May in Libby.

Adjourned at 5:54 pm

X Kathleen Johnson Date 4-16-25
Kathleen Johnson-Chair

X Rhonda Rockwell Date 4-16-25
Rhonda Rockwell-Administrator