

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
U.S. Forest Service Office, Eureka, Montana
October 19, 2016**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Darris Flanagan, Chairperson; Don Crawford, Vice-Chairperson; Wayne Maahs; Mark Romey; Mike Justus; Alfred Phillippe

Associate Supervisor(s): Ernie Chacon; Kirk Sullivan

Advisor(s):

District Administrator: Becky Lihme

Guest(s):

Called to order: 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Darris Flanagan

Public Comment

Minutes:

a. September Minutes

- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to approve the Minutes of September 2016 as amended; under Planning Board Report change date from October 31st to October 21st. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

a. September 2016

- Mike Justus reviewed the financial report for September. He noted Grant Administrative Fees have been added to the monthly revenue and Payroll Grant Administrative Fee has been added to the monthly expense.
- **Motion** by Mike Justus to approve the Financial Report for September 2016. **Second** Alfred Phillippe. **Motion passed.**
- Staff reported on two memos in the Board Packet. The interest income for June was not input into Quick Books, but reported in the September monthly financial report. An error was found in the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Reporting for the Department of Administration. The interest income for FY2016 was not reflected in the report. A revised report was sent to the Department of Administration.

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- Staff noted a written report is in the Board Packet.

MTFWP Report – Mike Hensler

- No report

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District Administrator's Report

- Volunteer hours were recorded for September.
- A newspaper article is in the Board Packets.
- Handouts from the Area V Meeting in St. Regis are in the Board Packets.
- A Winter Grazing Seminar will be hosted by Glasgow.
- The Western Montana Grazing Conference will be held on February 9 and 10, 2017 in Missoula. A letter has been received asking for donations. This item will be placed on the November agenda.

Planning Board Report – Mark Romey

- The Planning Board Meeting will be held on Friday. Discussion will review the County Resource Plan and coordination with state and federal agencies.

GLID Report – Valene Goff

- No report

310's

Li-05-04-16 – Idaho Forest Group, Iron Grouse Creek, Withdrawal

- Mike Justus reported the 310 will not be withdrawn.

Tabled 310's

V-06-02-16 – Richards/Frontier, Crowell Creek

- Wayne Maahs reported on the on-site with representatives from Frontier Communications. The location of the cable post is not within a perennial stream and is currently dry. Wayne reported in regard to any statute of limitation on 310 permits there are no specific notations in the law. It has not been challenged thus no precedence.
- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to declare V-06-02-16 not a violation under the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, thus the District does not have jurisdiction. The tributary of Crowell Creek is not a perennial stream. **Second** by Mike Justus. **Motion passed.**

Li-09-01-16 – Snyder, Libby Creek

- Wayne Maahs reported he has discussed the project with Laura Snyder and followed with an on-site yesterday. The application is incomplete and does not include a design. The Snyder's submitted the application not knowing what the application required. Mrs. Snyder noted the project would not be completed until August or September 2017. The inspection team recommended the Snyder's contact a contractor to act as their agent and the team recommendations be forwarded to the Snyder's.
- It was agreed by the Board to include with the decision form and letter the recommendations of the inspection team.

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- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to deny Li-09-01-16 due to insufficient information. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

- a. National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Fee
 - Staff reported the District paid \$400.00 in FY 2016.
 - **Motion** by Mike Justus to pay \$400.00 to the NACD for the 2017 Annual Dues. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed**
- b. Annual Dinner
 - After discussion, it was agreed to have the annual following the regular December Board Meeting.
- c. Staff Time Off Request – November 22 (half day), 23, 28
 - There were no objections to the staff request for time off.
- d. MACD Convention Auction Gift
 - Staff reported the MACD Auction Gift theme is “stands”. The Area V District Administrators agreed to the idea of a saddle stand with equine supplies to provide for the MACD Auction. LCD staff will purchase the items and be reimbursed by the participating districts.
 - **Motion** by Mark Romey for Lincoln Conservation District to provide up to \$50.00 toward the purchase of the MACD Auction Gift. **Second** by Wayne Maahs. **Motion passed.**
- e. SWCDM Watershed Symposium Auction Gift
 - Staff reported Eric Trum from DEQ had contacted the District to donate an auction gift for the symposium. Staff contacted Darris Flanagan, Chairperson for permission to purchase the gift due to the fact the gift needed to be delivered on Thursday, October 20th. Staff is requesting reimbursement for the auction gift.
 - **Motion** by Mike Justus to reimburse staff the amount of \$50.00 for the purchase of an auction gift for the SWCDM Watershed Symposium. **Second** by Mark Romey. **Motion passed.**
- f. Future Fisheries Improvement Grant – **Samantha Tappenbeck joins the meeting via teleconference**
 - Ms. Tappenbeck explained the Future Fisheries grant meets the non-federal match for the 319 application for the Mud Creek project. The turn around the grant process is very quick. The grant purpose to for restoring, protecting and enhancing fisheries; lakes or streams. Projects must have the support of FW&P. Pike are our issue. The placement of a fish barrier will help. Michelle McGreevy stated Mike Hensler's letter of support for the Mud Creek project was for support of the project not fisheries. We will need to get the fisheries support from Mike.

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- **Motion** by Mike Justus to proceed with the Future Fisheries Improvement Grant. **Second** by Wayne Maahs. **Motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- a. Grant Update.
 1. Tobacco River - Kassler
 - A. Phase 1 – DEQ 319 Grant
 - Staff is coordinating with Dave Martin, DNRC the Request for Qualifications/Bids.
 - B. Phase 2 - DNRC Reclamation Grant Application
 2. 223 GLID
 - Staff reported the bentonite has been purchased and is being stored. A grant extension was requested and approved from DNRC due to weather conditions prohibiting the placement of the bentonite.
 3. Mud Creek - DEQ 319 Grant
 - Staff reported she and Barry Roose will attend the grant review panel tomorrow in Helena. Staff will stay at a hotel in Big Fork this evening to shorten the drive time Thursday morning.
 4. 223 Yaak River Assessment
 - The final budget for the 223 grant Yaak River Assessment is in the Board Packet. Grant is closed.

Final Inspection Reports:

Li-02-02-15 – Leisz, Lake Creek

- Wayne Maahs reported he, Ernie Chacon and Mike Hensler conducted a final inspection. Item closed.

On Sites Needed:

Open Mic and Other Business:

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The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weyerhauser Office, Libby, Montana.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darris Flanagan, Chairperson

Becky Lihme, District Administrator

Date: _____

