

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY ANNEX, Eureka
January 19, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Mike Garner, Vice Chairperson; Laura Garner; Kathleen Johnson, Don Crawford, Tom Maffei, Katrina Newton

Absent: Darris Flanagan

Associate Supervisor(s): Wayne Maahs

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

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s): Tom Woolf, MT FWP; Russ Hartzell, MT FWP

Called to order: 4:03 p.m. by Vice Chairperson, Mike Garner

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- December 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion** by Tom Maffei to approve the minutes of the December 2021 special meeting. **Second** by Kathleen Johnson. **Motion passed.**
- December 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion** by Tom M. to approve the minutes of the December 2021 meeting. **Second** by Kathleen J. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

- December 2021
 - Kathleen J. presented the treasurer's report. **Motion** by Laura Garner to approve the December 2021 financial report as presented. **Second** by Kathleen J. **Motion passed.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- No report.

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- The bull trout fishery report has been submitted with the renewal application. MT FWP has also been working with the county on the Parmenter Creek project.

District Administrator's Report – Rae Lynn Hays

- Volunteer hours were recorded
- Rae Lynn Hays provided a summary of the Kootenai River Network Board Meeting. The board is considering applying for an EPA grant to study the impact of selenium on burbot as well as how it impacts the fish at differing life stages. KRN may not have the capacity to administer the grant and obtain sufficient match. The group may also update the Kootenai River Basin Watershed Plan.

- The Environmental Quality Council will be considering HJ27, the study bill for funding CDs January 24 and 25.
- Rae Lynn will be at a UC3 meeting in Kalispell February 16 which conflicts with the next board meeting.
- The Conservation District Bureau will conduct a strategic planning session January 27 if anyone would like to provide input.
- Nate Wyatt at RDG is looking into whether a full planning grant is required for Graves Creek or if an update is sufficient.
- Rae Lynn will be at PAT training in Billings Feb. 22-23.
- The wage survey omitted from the CD Bureau newsletter was emailed and presented.

Planning Board Report – Laura Garner

- The planning board reviewed an application for a dock on Bull Lake

310's

Li-01-01-22 – GLID, Graves Creek

- A site visit has not been arranged
- **Motion** by Laura G. to postpone Li-01-01-22 until next meeting. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed

Li-01-02-22 – GLID, Therriault Creek

- A site visit has not been arranged
- **Motion** by Laura G. to postpone Li-01-01-22 until next meeting. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed

Postponed 310's

Li-12-02-21, Leader, Keeler Creek

- Don Crawford and Brian Stephens have not had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Leader.
- **Motion** by Don C. to postpone Li-12-02-21. **Second** by Laura G.
- **Motion passed.**

New Business:

- **LCD Board Officer Elections**
 - Katrina Newton nominated Kathleen J. for the office of chairperson. No other nominations were put forward.
 - **Motion** by Katrina N. to elect Kathleen J. as chairperson. **Second** by Laura G.
 - **Motion passed**
 - Laura G. nominated Mike G. for the office of vice-chair. No other nominations were put forward.
 - **Motion** by Kathleen J. to elect Mike G. as vice-chair. **Second** by Katrina N.
 - **Motion passed.**
 - Kathleen nominated Laura G. for the office of treasurer. No other nominations were put forward.
 - **Motion** by Katrina N. to elect Laura G. as treasurer. **Second** by Tom M.
 - **Motion passed.**
- **2022 Supervisor Elections**
 - Three supervisors are up for election this year including Laura G., Mike G., and Tom M. Rae Lynn H. provided filing forms.
- **Rehl Complaint Follow-up**
 - Don C. would like to provide a timeline for Sterling Rehl to submit a 310 application in response to a violation as well as a deadline for completing mitigation work.
 - **Motion** by Don C. to direct Rae Lynn H. to draft a letter to Mr. Rehl requesting a 310 be submitted by May 1, 2022, with work to be completed by October 1, 2022. The letter should also contain a summary of work to be done and ask the application to describe a strategy for minimizing stream crossings. **Second** by Laura G.
 - **Motion passed.**
- **FWP Contract for AIS Inspection Station**
 - Russ Hartzell, MT FWP said the Eureka station will be open the first part of May. It would be beneficial for the CD to hire a supervisor to attend a training in mid-April. Jobs are usually posted for a few weeks. At least three previous employees are interested in coming back for 2022. Since the Inspection station will be located in the port, the employees must pass a background check. Names of perspective employees must be submitted to the port approximately 30 days in advance of working at the port.
 - The following errors were noted in the FWP contract: pg 4. Reduction of funding paragraph, the word "State" should be "MOU"; Financial Reporting

paragraph, the word "MCD" should be "LCD", pg 3, Payment term paragraph, the word "form" should be "from", and the chairperson should now be Kathleen Johnson.

- Motion by Kathleen J. to sign MOU FWP No. 22-0114 with FWP for the AIS Inspection Station. **Second** by Tom M.
- **Motion passed.**
- **February Board Meeting**
 - Since Rae Lynn H. will be at a UC3 meeting during the regularly scheduled board meeting, the meeting may need to be changed.
 - Motion by Kathleen J. to change the February board meeting to February 17. Second by Katrina N.
 - Motion passed.
- **MACD Logo suggestion**
 - Most of the board had no opinion on this matter. One member suggested the best option is No. 1.
- **Website**
 - Kathleen J. said the LCD website is difficult to navigate and the design is in need of an update. She suggested that board members review the website as well as website of other CDs and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- **Annual Work Plan**
 - Rae Lynn H. is still creating the document from the recent work session
- **Purchase of Shed and Rental Equipment**
 - Rae Lynn H. referred to a worksheet presented during a previous meeting outlining costs of storage sheds and rental equipment. She also mentioned that she had seen larger sheds advertised on FaceBook in Libby and had been advised to obtain pricing on the used sheds. These sheds have been advertised for \$10,000 - \$11,000 plus hauling costs.
 - Motion by Laura G. to authorize Rae Lynn H. to purchase a storage shed for up to \$12,000. Second by Kathleen J.
 - Discussion: Don C. expressed concern about purchasing a storage shed. He asked if the county has any larger office space or storage sheds that could be used. Tom M. expressed concern about competing against private businesses and said weed spraying equipment should be the county's responsibility.
 - Rae Lynn H. said that she spoke with the rental company in Eureka. They do not have any of the equipment that the LCD committee had explored and was not concerned about LCD having these items for rent. The rental

company may also be interested in assisting with the rentals and maintenance of the equipment. Weed sprayers are available for rent in Libby as well as through the county weed department in Libby. The CD used to rent weed sprayers out for the county in Eureka. Kathleen J. described how difficult it is to secure weed spraying services from the two commercial applicators in Eureka due to overwhelming demand for their work. Laura G. asked Rae Lynn H. to gather rental prices for equipment.

- Motion passed 4-2. In favor: Kathleen J., Katrina N. Laura G. and Mike G. Opposed: Tom M. and Don C.

Final Inspection Reports

1. Li -03-05-21, Hanson, Therriault Creek (not finished)
2. Li-09-03-20, Tisher, McGinnis Creek
3. Li-10-05-20, Scott, Wood Creek
4. Li-10-09-20, Thompson, Lake Creek
5. Li-11-01-20, Miller Spring Creek
6. Li-12-02-21, Vredenburg, Therriault Creek (is not finished and may not complete project)
7. Li-10-01-21, Green Diamond Timber, Southern Pines Plantation, Wolf Creek (Complete. No onsite inspection needed.)
8. Li-11-01-21, Stimson Lumber Company, Rainy Creek Tributary (Complete. No onsite inspection needed.)

Open Mic and Other Business –

The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the North Lincoln County Annex in Eureka as well as conducted via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnson, Chairperson

Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: _____