

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

Zoom

February 17, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Darris Flanagan, Chairperson; Wayne Maahs, Vice-Chairperson; Katrina Newton; Laura Garner; Kathleen Johnson; Mike Garner; Don Crawford

Absent:

Associate Supervisor(s):

Advisor(s): Brian Stephens, MTFW&P

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s): Rich Thompson

Called to order: 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson, Darris Flanagan

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- January 2021
 - **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to approve the minutes of January 2020 meeting as presented. **Second** by Don Crawford. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

- January 2021
 - **Motion** by Kathleen Johnson to approve the January 2021 financial report as presented. **Second** by Wayne Maahs. **Motion passed.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- No Report

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- No Report

District Administrator’s Report – Rae Lynn Hays

- Volunteer hours were recorded.
- The Glen Lake Forest Action Plan grant was submitted
- The 310 Survey was submitted to DNRC. LCD reviewed 51 310 applications in 2020
- All tax reports and 1099s have been filed and mailed
- MACD will be sending out postcards for CDs to use for legislative outreach activities.
- Rae Lynn attended the Supervisor Zoom training. Anyone needing an updated copy of the Supervisor’s Manual, 2020 Law Book, or the 2020 Stream Permitting Book should contact Rae Lynn.

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Planning Board Report – Laura Garner

- No Report

310's

Li-02-01-21 – Welch, Callahan, Creek.

- Wayne Maahs said this application was submitted for work that had previously been approved.
- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs that Li-02-01-21 is not a project. **Second** by Don Crawford.
- **Motion** passed.

Li-02-02-21 – Lincoln Electric, Indian Creek

- Darris Flanagan reported that this is a utility bore
- **Motion** by Darris Flanagan to approve Li-02-02-21 as presented. **Second** by Laura Garner.
- **Motion** passed. Mike Garner Abstained.

Li-02-03-21 – Chase, Bear Creek

- Brian Stephens said this area is high-quality habitat for bull trout and red bands. He would not recommend any dredging activity. This area is closed year-round to dredging.
- **Motion** by Don Crawford to table Li-02-03-21. **Second** by Kathleen Johnson.
- **Motion** passed.

Li-02-04-21 – Curtiss, Meadow Creek.

- Darris Flanagan reported a conflict of interest and asked Wayne Maahs to take over as chair. Don Crawford said the applicant proposes the placement of a pipe along a straight section on Meadow Creek. The project will require almost no excavation.
- **Motion** by Don Crawford to approve Li-02-04-21 as presented. **Second** by Wayne Maahs.
- **Discussion:** Wayne reported that a homeowner up the drainage may have done some unpermitted work. The area containing a hydrant for fire suppression is dry. If someone files a complaint, the board will need to get involved and investigate what is occurring upstream.
- **Motion** passed. Darris Flanagan and Kathleen Johnson Abstained.

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Li-02-05-21 – Curtiss, Roberts Creek

- Don Crawford said this project involves an existing dam that was breached and has not been active for a while. Mr. Curtiss would like to repair the dam. He does not expect it to fill but would like to conduct the repair while he has time and equipment in the area. Mr. Curtiss said he has authorization from DNRC to rebuild it and Crawford asked for a copy of the documentation.
- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to table Li-02-05-21. **Second** by Don Crawford.
- **Motion** passed. Kathleen Johnson abstained.

Li-02-06-21 – Butts, Munro, McGinnis Creek

- Darris Flanagan resumed the chairmanship. Wayne Maahs said the site is a meadow and the proposal will only include groundwater.
- **Motion** by Wayne Maahs that Li-02-06-21 is not a project. **Second** by Don Crawford.
- **Motion** passed.

Li-02-07-21 – Glacier Excavating, Bushfield, Kassler, Tobacco River

- Darris Flanagan reported that the application is to conduct maintenance work on a section of the restoration that failed due to flooding. **Motion** by Don Crawford to approve Li-02-07-21 as presented. **Second** by Laura Garner.
- **Motion** passed.

Tabled 310's

Li-01-02-21 – Butts, Gorman, Brimstone Creek

- Mr. Gorman withdrew the application.

New Business:

- **Envirothon**
 - Lincoln County High School will be sending at least one team to the Envirothon Competition. The cost for registration is \$100. In the past, LCD has also assisted with hotel and meals.
 - **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to authorize up to \$350 in reimbursement for expenditures associated with the Envirothon. Second by Katrina Newton.
 - **Motion** passed.

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- **MACD/SWCDM Budget**
 - Rae Lynn Hays discussed the combined budget. Conservation districts have been asked to approve/comment on the proposed budget.
 - Motion by Wayne Maahs to approve the budget as presented. **Second** by Mike Garner.
 - **Motion** passed.
- **National Watershed Coalition Membership Dues**
 - **No Motion. Failed**
- **New Personnel Model Policy**
 - DNRC asked conservation districts to review and consider this policy. Laura Garner, Mike Garner, and Darris Flanagan will meet with Rae Lynn to review the policy.

Unfinished Business:

- **Annual Plan of Work**
 - Motion by Wayne Maahs to approve 2021 Annual Plan of Work. Second by Mike Garner.
 - **Motion Passed**
- **Legislative Update**
 - Rae Lynn Hays said that the primary issues pertaining to CDs at this point include HB 2 and HB 374.
- **Laptop** – no update
- **Office Relocation** – no update
- **Grant Update**
 - Tobacco River – Kassler
 - Phase 1
 - Phase 2 – DEQ 319 Grant
 - Maintenance Funding – no change on this project.

Final Inspection Reports

- Li – 06-04-20, Schuman Crystal Creek
 - No update
- Li-12-02-20, Vredenberg, Therriault Creek
 - Laura Garner reported this project is complete
- Li-10-09-20, Thompson, Davis, Lake Creek
 - **Motion** by Wayne Maahs to finalize and close 310 Permit Li-10-09-20 with the following comments: a log jam on a gravel bar was disturbed to gain access to the DEQ remediation site. The 310-permit issued by the LCD did not specify protection of the log jam. The LCD and FW&P representative feel it would do more harm to Lake Creek to require an

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excavator to return to the site via the creek bed than to leave the disturbed log jam in place. **Second** by Don Crawford.

- **Discussion** – Rich Thompson said that route was necessary to access the material in the stream bed. He said the area has been seeded but he will put straw down as well.
- **Motion** passed.

Open Mic and Other Business

Don Crawford discussed the blocked culverts and diminished streamflow on Brimstone Creek.

The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom to adhere to COVID19 guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darris Flanagan, Chairperson

Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: _____