

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
North Lincoln County Annex, Eureka  
September 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Board of Supervisors: Darris Flanagan, Chairperson; Laura Garner; Kathleen Johnson; Mike Garner, Katrina Newton (Zoom), Don Crawford

Absent: Wayne Maahs

Associate Supervisor(s):

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

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

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

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:**

- August 2021 Minutes
  - **Motion** by Laura Garner to approve the minutes of August 2021 meeting.  
**Second** by Mike Garner. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Report:**

- August 2021
  - Kathleen Johnson presented the treasurer report. **Motion** by Kathleen Johnson to approve the August 2021 financial report as presented.  
**Second** by Mike G. **Motion passed.**

**NRCS Report – Brian Ressel**

- NRCS extended an offer to hire a new employee. Brian R. said they are still in field season looking at EQIP. Currently, NRCS has two active fuels reduction grants and a high tunnel grant. NRCS will host an outreach event on October 15 at the Trego Pub to look at forestry projects. The 2022 application deadline will be the end of October. A new grant option will be located around Meadow Creek Road extending to Trego.

**MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens**

- No report

**District Administrator's Report – Rae Lynn Hays**

- Volunteer hours were recorded
- Rae Lynn Hays and Kathleen J. attended the 310 training in Kalispell.
- LCD received funding for 310s in the amount of \$3,180.87
- Wayne Maahs submitted a letter of resignation. The board will need to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

**Planning Board Report – Laura Garner**

- The planning board did not have a meeting to report

**310's**

**C-09-01-21 – Kowalski, Meadow Creek**

- **Motion** by Mike G. to postpone C-0-01-21 until next meeting. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed

**C-09-02-21 – Parker, Kootenai River**

- **Motion** by Don Crawford to declare C-09-02-21 a violation for excavating the streambank and removing live brush and grasses. Mitigation is required to restore the disturbed portion of the Kootenai River including placing grass seed over the entire disturbed area; covering the seeded area with straw matting; place straw bales or straw erosion control materials at the toe of the disturbed area and midway up the slope; and plant native brush (at least twenty plants) in the disturbed area in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022. **Second** by Laura G.
- **Motion** passed.

**Li-09-03-21 – Karuzas, Wood Creek**

- **Motion** by Laura G. to accept Li-09-03-21 as a project and approve the maintenance application as presented for five years. **Second** by Don C.
- **Motion** passed.

**Li-09-04-21 – Hodge, Brimstone Creek**

- Mike G. and Laura G. conducted the team inspection. Water has not been in the channel for five years. Debris has grown up and the landowner would like to remove it in the event water begins to flow again to prevent clogging of the culvert.
- **Motion** by Laura G. to accept Li-9-04-21 as a project, approve the application as presented, and waive the 15-day wait period. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed.

**Li-09-05-21** – Berzins, Middle Thompson

- **Motion** by Don C. to declare Li-9-05-21 not a project under the district's authority of the 310 Law. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**Li-09-06-21** – Glen Lake Irrigation District, Grave Creek

- **Motion** by Kathleen J. to accept Li-09-06-21 as a project and approve the maintenance permit for 10 years. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**Li-09-07-21** – Glen Lake Irrigation District, Therriault Creek

- **Motion** by Kathleen J. to accept Li-09-07-21 as a project and approve the maintenance permit for 10 years. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**Li-09-08-21** – Glen Lake Irrigation District, Therriault Creek

- **Motion** by Kathleen J. to accept Li-09-08-21 as a project and approve the maintenance permit for 10 years. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**C-09-09-21** –David, Brousseau, Davis Creek

- **Motion** by Mike G. to postpone C-09-09-21 until the next meeting. **Second** by Don C.
- **Motion** passed.

**C-09-10-21** – Leader, Keeler Creek

- **Motion** by Mike G. to postpone C-09-10-21 until the next meeting. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed.

**C-09-11-21** – York, Price, Tobacco River

- **Motion** by Laura G. to postpone C-09-11-21 until the next meeting. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**C-09-12-21** – Minor, Wheeler, Price, Tobacco River

- **Motion** by Laura G. to postpone C-09-12-21 until the next meeting. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**C-09-12-21 – West, Price, Tobacco River**

- **Motion** by Laura G. to postpone C-09-12-21 until the next meeting. **Second** by Mike G.
- **Motion** passed.

**New Business:**

- **MACD Auction Item**
  - The Board discussed donating a local item basket for MACD
  - **Motion** by Kathleen J. to have Rae Lynn purchase a basket for \$50. **Second** by Laura G.
  - **Motion** passed.
- **Brimstone Project and Communication**
  - Brian R. said Brian Gorman, the landowner, is concerned that areas outside the easement are getting wetter and he is losing grazing. His goal is to drain the area and try to dry it up. Any changes to the channel would have to involve NRCS. Darris Flanagan said the other part the district needs to address is communication between the USFS and LCD. They need to communicate to us when they are discussing projects.
- **Area 5 Meeting Attendance**
  - **Motion** by Darris F. to have Kathleen Johnson or Rae Lynn Hays vote on any resolutions on behalf of the district. **Second** by Don C.
  - **Motion** passed.
- **MACD Conference in Great Falls**
  - **Motion** by Kathleen J. to cover costs of hotel, tuition, and mileage. We authorize mileage for up to two vehicles. **Second** by Don C.
  - **Motion** passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **AIS Inspection Stations**
  - Tom Woolf reported the MT FWP is looking for partners to manage local AIS Inspection Stations. Conservation Districts are able to get paid more than FWP and have better luck with tapping into a local labor pool. The Eureka Station is located at the Port of Roseville. The station is staffed by four people. The District would receive a 10 percent stipend for managing the station. The District will make a decision about managing the station/stations at the next meeting.
- **Hosting Local Working Group**
  - Brian Ressel and Rae Lynn H. are planning a Local Working Group Meeting on October 6. The LCD Board would like to obtain more detailed

information about resource concerns in Lincoln County that can be used for prioritizing projects and funding for the district in addition to providing input for NRCS program funding. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

- **Motion** by Don C. to spend up to \$100 for rent and refreshments. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed.

#### Final Inspection Reports

- Li-03-05-21, Hanson, Therriault Creek

**Open Mic and Other Business** – Darris F. reported that Tom Maffei had submitted a letter of interest in serving on the board.

The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the North Lincoln County Annex as well as conducted via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Darris Flanagan, Chairperson

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Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

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