

**LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

January 19, 2021

4:00 p.m.

The Lincoln Conservation District will meet in person at North Lincoln County Annex, 66121 Hwy 37, Eureka. Participants can also join via Zoom. To participate in the meeting, please call or email our office for meeting log-in details. Information related to items on the agenda are available on the district website: www.lincolncd.org

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

Public Comment

Minutes

Financial Report

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

MT FW&P Report – Brian Stephens

District Administrator’s Report – Rae Lynn Hays

Planning Board – Laura Garner

310’s

1. Li-01-01-22, GLID, Grave Creek
2. Li-01-02-22, GLID, Therriault Creek

Postponed 310’s

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

New Business

1. LCD Board Officer Elections
2. 2022 Supervisor Election
3. 2022 Rehl Complaint Follow-up
4. FWP Contract for AIS Inspection Station
5. February Regular Board Meeting
6. MACD Logo
7. Website

Unfinished Business

1. Annual Work Plan
2. Purchase of shed and rental equipment

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, Vredenberg, Therriault Creek (May not finish)
7. Li-10-01-21, Green Diamond Timber, Southern Pines Plantation, Wolf Creek (Complete)
8. Li-11-01-21, Stimson Lumber Company, Rainy Creek Tributary (Complete)

On Sites Needed

Open Mic and Other Business

Adjourn

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING
NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY ANNEX, Eureka
December 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Board of Supervisors: Darris Flanagan, Chairperson; Laura Garner; Mike Garner, Tom Maffei, Katrina Newton

Absent: Don Crawford, Kathleen Johnson

Associate Supervisor(s): Wayne Maahs

Advisor(s):

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s):

Called to order: 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Darris Flanagan


New Business:

- **Planning**

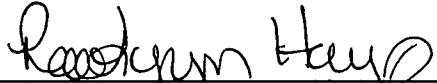
- The board waited for two members to arrive. Rae Lynn Hays tried to call the members. Since two of the board members had not returned from an onsite inspection to attend this meeting, Darris Flanagan advised rescheduling.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darris Flanagan, Chairperson



Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: 1/19/22

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Absent:

Associate Supervisor(s): Wayne Maahs

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

District Administrator: Rae Lynn Hays

Guest(s): Larry Russell

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

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

- November 2021 Minutes
 - Tom Maffei asked to have the word preservation changed to conservation on pg. 4. **Motion** by Laura Garner to approve the corrected minutes of the November 2021 meeting. **Second** by Mike Garner. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report:

- November 2021
 - Rae Lynn Hays presented the treasurer's report. **Motion** by Mike G. to approve the November 2021 financial report as presented. **Second** by Tom M. **Motion passed.**

NRCS Report – Brian Ressel

- Brian R. thanked the CD for facilitating and hosting the Local Working Group Meeting. Several changes are occurring at the national level for NRCS and passing down to the states. Climate change and urban agriculture are emerging as top priorities and funding will be available for related projects. This past month, the local NRCS office has been involved in updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and creating contracts for individuals receiving funding from NRCS.

MTFW&P Report – Brian Stephens

- No report.

District Administrator's Report – Rae Lynn Hays

- Volunteer hours were recorded
- Rae Lynn Hays reported on the MACD employee meeting. They will be filing for recognition as a 501(c)3
- FWP has been in contact with the Port of Roosevillle. The port has agreed to hosting the AIS Inspection Station again this year. Employees will have to go through a security check and follow COVID protocols. Employees from previous years are interested in applying again this year. Contracts should be available for the next meeting.
- Rae Lynn has been working with Glen Lake Irrigation District as they navigate a watershed plan with NRCS and an ARPA grant.

Planning Board Report – Laura Garner

- The planning board has been reviewing two developments and one lake shore construction application.

310's

Li-12-01-21 – Russell, Fortine Creek

- Don Crawford, Kathleen Johnson, and Brian Stephens conducted an onsite inspection. Larry Russell said the project would have little to no impact on the stream. Don C. asked if postponing a decision would negatively impact the applicant as it would give the board more time to review the plans and consider the application. Larry R. said a railroad car is being held for them and they would like to know as soon as possible. Don C. took time to review the full set of plans and asked if the wing walls will be in the ground or on the surface. Larry R. said the wing walls will be back almost five feet from the streambank.
- **Motion** by Don C. to declare Li-12-01-21 a project and approve the application as presented. **Second** by Laura G.
- **Motion** passed

Li-12-02-21 – Leader, Keeler Creek

- Don C. has not been back to the site since the initial complaint.
- **Motion** by Don C. to postpone Li-12-02-21 until the January meeting. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed.

C-12-03-21 – Betts, Kootenai River

- The correct name of the property owner is Betts. Don C. said the area was a grass slip in the trees where they used to put a boat in the river. The property owners added gravel to it. Don is concerned that individuals may want to try to back a trailer down to the stream. Laura G. asked if pulling the gravel out would cause more damage to the stream than leaving it.
- **Motion** by Don C. to accept C-12-03-21 as a complaint. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed.
- **Motion** by Laura G. to declare C-12-03-21 a violation and require mitigation to include the following: remove the gravel and reseed the disturbed area with grass. **Second** by Kathleen J.
- **Motion** passed.

Postponed 310's

C-11-02-21, Cummings, Yaak River

- Don C. conducted an onsite inspection and saw no basis for the complaint as no material had been removed. There is a dike along the river that was a natural berm. Mr. Cummings walked a skid steer along the top of it to knock down some grass. There was no impact to the riverbank and the brush. Don C. did observe an improvement to a boat ramp on the upper end of the property. Mr. Cummings said there was an old car body at that location that he removed. Don C. recommended looking at this site again in the spring.
- **Motion** by Don C. to declare C-11-02-21 as no violation. **Second** by Tom M.
- **Motion** passed.

New Business:

- **MACD Report**
 - Kathleen J. reported that the resolution regarding an FWP fee failed. The two ground monitoring resolutions were combined into one and passed. The stock water rights resolution passed. The resolution opposing 30x30 passed. The resolution regarding declaring wolves a predator passed. MACD hosted a valuable roundtable discussion on the joint resolution to study CD funding.

- **223 Grant Application Lincoln County Weed Board**
 - Rae Lynn H. said that the CD would have to apply for the funding. Therefore, the CD would hire the employee to conduct Ventenatta education and monitoring rather than being an employee of the weed board. To secure funding from a 223 grant, the CD would first have to apply for funding from the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund since the project is focused on noxious weeds.
 - Motion by Kathleen J. to direct Rae Lynn H. to draft a letter to the weed board explaining that the CD could not apply for a 223 grant for this project since it has not submitted an application to the weed trust fund.
Second by Laura G.
 - **Motion passed.**
- **Purchase of shed and rental equipment**
 - Darris asked to postpone until the January meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- **Annual Work Plan**
 - Since the board was unable to attend the work meeting, this item will be postponed.

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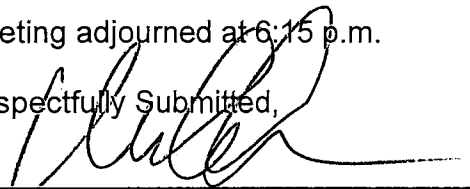
Open Mic and Other Business –

Don C. suggested that Rae Lynn ask individuals if they have talked to their neighbor when they file a complaint. Don C. also suggested following up with Sterling Rehl and putting a timeframe on when violations must be corrected.

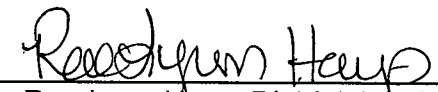
The next Conservation District Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the North Lincoln County Annex in Eureka as well as conducted via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darris Flanagan, Chairperson



Rae Lynn Hays, District Administrator

Date: 1/19/22