



## Meeting Minutes September 15th, 2021

<b>Supervisors Present</b>	<b>Employees Present</b>
Bill Naegeli Chairman	Leona Gollen
Terry Hightower Vice Chairman	<b>Advisors Present</b>
Sean Moran (Zoom)	Arthur Potts Avista (Zoom)
Mindy Ferrell (Zoom)	Dillon Martini NRCS (Zoom)
	Jason Blakney FWP (Zoom)
<b>Associate Supervisors Present</b>	
Bud Scully (Zoom)	<b>Visitors Present</b>

### Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.

- Due to the safety concerns for large gatherings, GMCD has limited the number of attendants at our GMCD office for the meeting. All other interested parties will use the Zoom Meeting Room.

### Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

#### Introductions

- This meeting will be recorded

#### Minutes 2021

- A motion to approve August 18th, 2021 meeting minutes with corrections was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

#### Financial Report

- The financial report was sent to all Supervisors prior to the meeting.
- The financial report was reviewed in its entirety.
- A motion to approve the financial report for last period was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean motion carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for September 2021 was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried.

#### Administrator's Report:

##### **Area V Meeting October 4th**

- The Area V Meeting is still scheduled to go on. ESCD will let us know soon if it will still be in person & virtual or just virtual.

#### Website Report and update review

- See attached report

#### Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Report

- See attached report

### **Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Update**

- Working on Westslope Cutthroat transports; awaiting genetic purity confirmation on 400 captured from 3 different locations. Will be moving to streams in the Thompson drainage that do not have Westslope Cutthroat.
- Still Shocking up on the Vermillion
- Thompson Falls Fish Ladder is still running.

### **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Update**

- See Attached

### **Avista Utilities Update**

- The management meeting will be held next week. If there are any question forward them to Arthur or Nate.

### **North Western Energy (NWE) Update**

- Nothing to report

### **Public Education**

#### **Pollinator**

- All three test pollinator gardens are doing fine.
- Camas Prairie is really doing great!!!

#### **Water Festival is schedule for Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> this year.**

- As of Today, 2 of the grade schools are shut down due to Covid and a third has multiple cases reported so is probably a matter of time before it closes. We have spoken with all the teachers and principals with mixed reaction on attending.
- Due to the uncertainty of attendance and the concern of a possible spread of Covid, The Board has decided that we will contact the schools and ask them to notify us yay or nay on attendance by September 27<sup>th</sup> and then GMCD will make a final decision by September 28<sup>th</sup> on whether we proceed or cancel. Leona will send a letter to teachers and presenters.

### **Supervisor Education**

- Nothing to report

### **New Business**

- Sponsorship of Pollinator Grant
  - We will have to pay ½ of the cost of seed if we do not get the grant which will be approximately \$200.00

### **Building Repair/Grounds Maintenance**

- Nothing to report

### **Time Allowed for comments from the Public not already on the agenda:**

- Bill was talking to a dock owner on Thompson reservoir. and they are not happy with NWE on the lowering of the water levels and that they may have to reconfigure their dock systems if it continues.
- Jason stated that the lowering of the drastic water levels is for 1 year only.

### **310 Activities**

#### **310 Inspection Dates**

- October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the dates

### **SW-23-18 Baxter Extension Request**

- A motion to extend Mr. Baxter's permit # SW-23-18 to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean , motion carried.

**SW-38-20 Knuth Completion Form**

- A motion to approve the project completion and close this permit was made by Sean , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy , motion carried.

**SW-13-21 Butler Completion Form**

- A motion to approve the project completion and close this permit was made by Mindy , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry , motion carried.

**SW-23-21 Ferguson Completion Form**

- A site visit will be scheduled.

**SW-29-20 Rahn**

- Leona contacted the insurance company concerning attorney fees
- We will wait to see what the court system decides.

**SW-35-21 Harrington**

- A site visit was preformed last month
- Terry, Arthur and Sean met with Chuck Harrington at the site. GMCD advised Chuck he would need to get a professional to take a look at his project. GMCD also mentioned we would all like to do another site visit with the designer he selects before he makes any decision.
- A motion to close this 310 application for the reasons stated in the site visit report was made by Terry , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean , motion carried.
- Leona will contact Mr. Harrington.

**SW-37-21 Hanson**

- A site visit was preformed last month.
- Per the site visit recommendation this is not a 310 project therefore is out of our jurisdiction, a motion to close this 310 was made by Terry , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean , motion carried.

**SW-38-21 Nesbitt:**

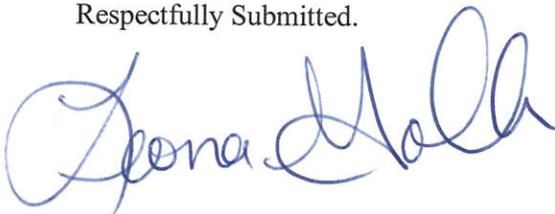
- A motion to accept this a completed application was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry motion carried.
- A motion to approve the project as submitted was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sean. Motion carried.
- FWP waived site visit.

**SW-39C-21**

- Mr. Feiger from the FS investigated this complaint and found that no work has been done since the last complaint. He further noted that all the work that was done in the past has been on Forest Service Land and therefore out of GMCD's jurisdiction. Mr. Feiger will keep us in the loop if they see any changes.
- Per the Forest Service recommendation that this is not a 310 project therefore is out of our jurisdiction, a motion to close this 310 was made by Bill , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean , motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen  
Administrator

Approved.



Terry Hightower  
Vise Chairman



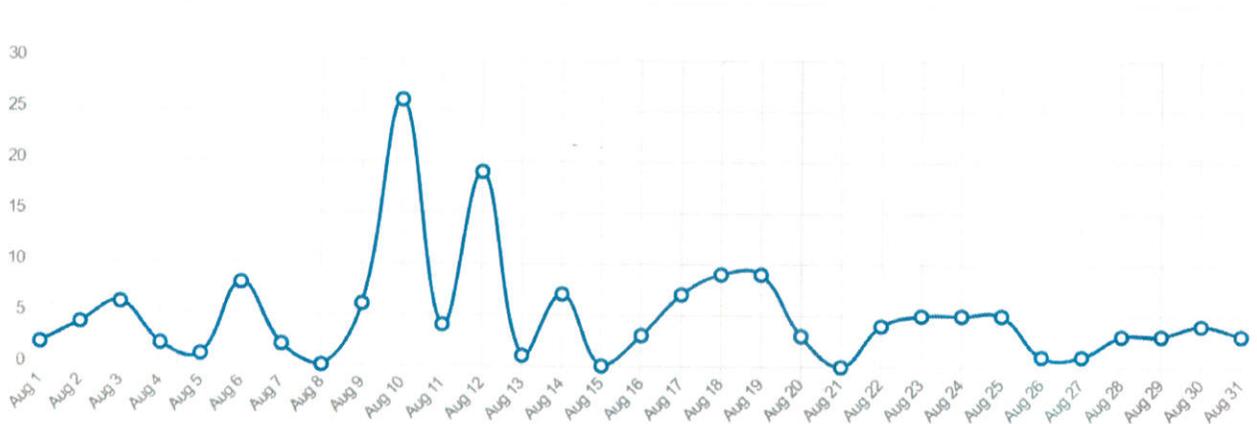
Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District  
September 15, 2021

Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Final July Meeting Minutes were posted.
- August Minutes will be posted when approved.
- September Agenda was posted.
- Website users over August: 133

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Project Updates

Empowering watershed stewardship and restoration on private lands (223 grant) / Bull River Revegetation

- Met with a few more landowners in the Bull River, and will be working to write-up some site plans for them. Planning on a few small planting projects as a result.
- Followed up with some fisheries information for a few landowners in Trout Creek (thanks Sean for providing me with some info).
- Completed an interim status report and reimbursement request to DNRC with Leona last month.

Pollinator Program

- Developing plans for this coming year – to continue weeding and monitoring plots we have established, and to distribute additional seed to interesting landowners.

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Sims Meander Project:

- Construction wrapped up on this project last month, and have received final invoice from Elk Creek Contracting.
- Will be putting together another interim status report and invoice for DEQ ASAP.
- Planting efforts will be planned for this fall, led by the USFS.
- Hope to recruit a few volunteers and get a press release put together about the project soon. We delayed this from this summer because the USFS would like to be able to review and be a part of the PR campaign associated with the project, but the appropriate contacts were busy with fire. As fire activity calms down, we will get an press release out and hopefully published in the Ledger about the project prior to planting efforts in late October.



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NRCS Report

September 13, 2021

- Still no guidance on CSP Renewals. They will likely select from the 2020 CSP Enhancements. Will be reaching out to 2017 CSP contract holders that applied to renew.
- Working with Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group to get EQIP applications for our new Roots for Rivers TIP.
- Looking for interested applicants for our white pine tip as well as our cover crop tip. No deadline has been announced yet, but it will be sometime in the fall (it was in November in 2020).
- For our covid restrictions, visitors are allowed in the office with an appointment. Masks are required.
- Visited with the FS regarding the Thorne Creek Fire and potential rehabilitation projects. Thorn Creek Fire issues. Debris flow in Ashley Creek brought a lot of sediment flow. If there is any more flow down the drainage it will cause more problems. Snyder Creek up Thompson River there is a pretty serious area that burn and to small of culverts and then there is a house in the area. Gull Creek has major fire issues and also a house in the area. There is a culvert that is going to cause a fish barrier with debris.

Dillon Martini  
District Conservationist  
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