



## Meeting Minutes October 20th, 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)	Brita Olson LCFWG (Zoom)
Mindy Ferrell	Dillon Martini NRCS (Zoom)
	Jason Blakney FWP (Zoom)
<b>Associate Supervisors Present</b>	Andrew Welch (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 September 15th, 2021 meeting minutes 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 October 2021 was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

**Administrator's Report:**

**2021 Convention Great Falls November 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

- Bill Will Go.
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A motion to cancel November meeting and moving December meeting to December 8<sup>th</sup>, was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

**Website Report and update review**

- Nothing to report

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

- See attached report

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

- Busy in field
- More walleye than ever, 90 count this year
- Bull trout red counts lower than normal.
- Also working in fish trap collecting bull to transport to LCF

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

- See Attached

### **Avista Utilities Update**

- Red surveys.
- Walked upper vermilion, saw 5 reds and was about a foot ½ long. No reds in the Miner's Gulch. But there were in Chapel Slide project.
- Sean Snorkel up the gorge.
- Many other water bodies were surveyed for red counts.
- Fish at cabinet dam. Concrete is poured and slated to operational next year after peak flow.

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

- Fish ladder at TF dam is still open and probably will close soon
- Working with FWP gill netting
- Inventory of historic data

### **Public Education**

#### **Pollinator**

- We will be completing a new grant soon.

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

- The water festival had to b cancelled again this year due to the uptick in covid cases and school closures in Sanders County.
- Mindy has heard from 2 schools on when they would like her to come into the class rooms and present the Water Festival Map of the Lower Clarkfork Drainage.
- Glacier lake Missoula presenters will not b able to come into the classroom with Mindy.

### **Supervisor Education**

- Nothing to report

### **New Business**

- Employee Affairs
  - Bill announced Leona's retirement at the end of the year.
  - A hiring committee was created with Bill, Brita Olson and Sean. This committee will discuss the new administrator position description and duties and report back to the Board.
  - First week of November for a meeting. Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm at GMCD office.

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Resolutions
  - 1 Collecting funds from hunting permits – Yes
  - 2 NE Sheridan County Water table funding - No
  - 3 Water tables – No
  - 4 Taylor grazing rights – Yes
  - 5 30x30 land preservation goal – No
  - 6 Declare wolfs a predator - No

**310 Activities**

**310 Inspection Dates**

- October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - October 21<sup>st</sup> meet and FWP office at 9:00
  - Terry will contact Arthur for meeting time on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SW-40-21 Mertz:**

- A motion to accept this a completed application was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean motion carried.
- A motion to approve the project as submitted was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Terry. Motion carried.
- It is in NWE property and they agree with the project
- FWP waived site visit.

**SW-41C-21 Jones**

- Arthur from Avista wanted GMCD to keep this on the radar and possibly schedule a site visit at some point. There has been no 310-application turned in at this time.
- Keep on Agenda for December

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen  
Administrator

Approved.



Bill Naegeli  
Chairman

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- CSP Renewals will select from the 2020 CSP Enhancements. We have 3 contract holders that applied for renewal. Contracts that are selected for funding must be obligated by the end of the calendar year.
- We also have 1 CSP-GCI application that we will be processing.
- Beginning work on doing CSP payments for calendar year 2021.
- With LCFWG's help, we have 2 EQIP applications for our Roots for Rivers TIP.
- Looking for interested applicants for our white pine tip as well as our cover crop tip. Anyone interested in any special initiatives should also contact us. This would include high tunnels. **The deadline to apply for EQIP is October 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- Proposals for new TIPs are due in December. If you have any new ideas, please let me know.
- For our covid restrictions, visitors are allowed in the office with an appointment. Masks are required. We spent a few weeks at 25% staffing with no visitors but just got the email to go back to 50% with visitors.
- Looked at the Thorne Creek Fire with engineers from our state and area office. Looked at lower Graves Creek, Ashley Creek, and Goat Creek.

Thank you,  
Dillon

Dillon Martini  
District Conservationist  
Plains Field Office



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

### **Website**

- August Minutes were posted when approved.
- October Agenda was posted.
- Sims Meander press release was posted.
- Website users over September: Statistics are currently unavailable, but I have inquired with MACD (our hosting service and website support) to help restore this functionality.

### **Project Updates**

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

- Have continued communicating with landowners interested in future projects, especially in the Bull River.
- Will be drafting revegetation plans for a few properties, pursuing landowner agreements, and potentially planting as soon as this fall.
- Anticipate completing an interim status report and reimbursement request to DNRC with Leona soon.

#### Pollinator Program

- Made final site visits for the year before the frost.
- Developing plans for this coming year – to continue weeding and monitoring plots we have established, and to distribute additional seed to interesting landowners.
- Anticipate completing an interim status report and reimbursement request to DNRC with Leona soon, as well as securing an extension to allow us to continue caring for these plots next year.

#### Sims Meander Project:

- Press release was published.
- “Halloween Tour” is scheduled for October 27 for those who would like to see the project.
- Planting efforts are planned for this fall, led by the USFS.