



Meeting Minutes February 19th 2025

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Mary Reed-Zoom	Morgan Owens
Bill Naegeli	Advisors Present
Nancy Mehaffie	Arthur Potts-Zoom
Mark Bronner	Dillon Martini-Zoom
	Jason Blakney-Zoom
Visitors Present	
Matt Heisler	

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

- This meeting is being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES FROM January 15th, 2025 MEETING

- Minutes were approved as edited.

310 ACTIVITIES

SW-02-25 Heisler

- There was discussion about the steepness of the bank and how that would impact the project.
- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit when the snow melts was made by Bill, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.
- A site visit will be scheduled.

SW-03-25 Gassmann

- The landowner was not present for discussion.
- There was discussion of whether or not the application was complete; the location of the project being in between Conservation 1 (nondevelopable) and private recreation per Avista and how that will need to be taken into consideration.
- A motion to accept the application as complete was made by Bill, 2nd by Nancy, but Nancy withdrew the second. Motion does not carry.
- Morgan will talk with the landowner about getting the application complete and setting up a site visit to get more information.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The financial report for January was approved as submitted.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Morgan gave her report on the Western MT Grazing and Ag Conference.
- Morgan gave a status update on the Area 5 Pollinator grant and requested the board's approval to ask the DNRC to extend the grant through the end of 2025 to utilize the rest of the budget. A motion to request an extension through the end of 2025 for the Area 5 Pollinator grant was made by Bill, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT

- No report

MONTANA FWP

- No report

NRCS

- Working on assessing and ranking EQIP and CSP applications
- February 28th – Deadline to apply for Act Now which covers our White Pine TIP and Cover Crop TIP.
- Providing Conservation Technical Service (CTA) as requested.
- Administering active contracts
- Update on IRA funding:
 - o On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order that placed a freeze on spending authorized by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This includes payments under NRCS conservation program contracts that are funded through the IRA and IIJA.
 - o USDA leaders have been directed to assess whether grants, loans, contracts, and other disbursements align with the new administration's policies. Secretary Rollins will now have the opportunity to review the programs and work with the White House to make determinations as quickly as possible.
 - o In the meantime, USDA appreciates farmers' patience and recognizes the vital role the agricultural community plays in strengthening and sustaining our nation. We understand that uncertainty can be challenging, especially for those already navigating the unpredictable forces of nature.

AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE

- Going through their report writing season.

NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE

- No report

PUBLIC EDUCATION

SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

- Kristen was not present to give the NACD report so that agenda item will be moved to next month.
- Morgan started her pollinator stewardship classes which are every Tuesday evening on Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nancy attended the January Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force meeting and will continue to attend and represent Green Mountain.
- A motion for Nancy to vote to approve the AIP management plan at the next meeting was made by Nancy, 2nd by Bill. There was discussion over the risks and the benefits of the herbicides used in the management program. Bill and Nancy voted yes. Mary voted no. Mark abstained. Motion carries.
- There was discussion on whether or not we should include a consent agenda as part of the meetings. With the lack of separate committees, there is not a need for a consent agenda at this time.

BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

- Nancy presented three bids from Rick Wing for a bathroom remodel, a new back deck with ramp and replacement of all the windows with more finalized prices. No motions were made. It was tabled for next month's meeting.

EQUIPMENT

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NEW BUSINESS

- There was discussion on who would take over Terry Hightower's duties that were listed on the annual plan of operations from last year.
- A motion to approve the 2025 annual plan of operations as edited was made by Bill, 2nd by Nancy. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Morgan was invited to present at the Thompson Falls STEM Career Fair.
- Starting next month, the board is invited to stay after the regular board meetings for 15-30 minutes to watch the 1-2 of the training videos provided on the MACD resources website as a group.

Meeting adjourned at 745 pm.
Respectfully Submitted.



Morgan Owens
District Administrator

Approved.



Nancy Mehaffie
Chairman

