



Meeting Minutes May 21st 2025

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Mary Reed- Zoom	Morgan Owens
Advisors Present	
Bill Naegeli	
Nancy Mehaffie	
Mark Bronner	
Kristen Wing	Jason Blakney-Zoom
Visitors Present	
James and Mrs. Adair	

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 April 16th, 2025 MEETING

- Minutes were approved as submitted.

310 ACTIVITIES

SW-07-25 Ramona

- Site visit occurred on 5/19/25.
- A motion to approve the project as submitted after seeing the site was made by Bill, 2nd by Nancy. Motion carries.

SW-08-25 Smith

- Site visit is occurred 4/18/25.
- There was discussion regarding the length of the project.
- A motion to approve the project as modified in the team report was made by Kristen, 2nd by Nancy. Motion carries.

SW-09-25 Adair

- The landowners were present to explain their project.
- A motion to accept the application as complete was made by Nancy, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.
- A motion to approve the project as submitted was made by Bill, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The financial report and the accounts payable for April was approved as submitted.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Morgan cohosted her first area EO meeting/training in Ronan at Lake County CD on April 17th.
- The Gilly administrative portal is now open. Morgan is taking online training courses for it and will start getting it up and running soon.

LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT

- No report

MONTANA FWP

- Jason talked about his reporting and licensing period being open. He has been sampling the Thompson River and Noxon Reservoir. He took 4th graders fishing and is doing a fish activity at Harlow Ranch with 2nd graders soon. He also talked about the future extension of the Flat Iron concrete ramp.

NRCS

- Wrapping up with contracting on my preapproved EQIP and CSP applications
- Providing Conservation Technical Service (CTA) as requested. Combination of seeding, grazing management, plant ID, and forestry.
- Administering active contracts
 - This has kept me very busy lately!! We've been planting trees, thinning forests, planting cover crops, creating riparian forest buffer (i.e. more intensive tree planting), and more.
- Helped with pollinator handout days (to a minimal extent...Morgan and Emily did the vast majority of the work)
- I'll be on vacation May 21 st through May 31 st . Sounds like FSA will be in Plains a few of the days, but they didn't say which days. So if anyone urgent comes up, contact my boss, Ben Montgomery at ben.montgomery@usda.gov . Otherwise, leave me a voicemail or email, and I'll get to it as soon as I can when I get back.

AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE

- No report

NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE

- No report

AIP TASK FORCE UPDATE

- There will be a state meeting soon that is going to be a boat trip for people to have the opportunity to go out on the water and see the projects happening.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Morgan cohosted 5 seed handout events across all of Sanders County with Emily from Eastern Sanders CD and will be doing more events in the fall.

SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

- Rick started replacing windows. He only has the bathrooms left. He will finish those and then has to leave the state for a bit before starting the other projects.

EQUIPMENT

- Bill let everyone know that the no-till drill is up and running but has to do more work this winter to fully fix the issue and the tires need replaced. A motion to replace the tires was made by Kristen, 2nd by Nancy. Motion carries.
- The gopher-getter and trailer sold separately at the Kevin Hill auction at the Sanders County Fairgrounds on April 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

- We reviewed the county budget from last year and had a discussion about the mill levy and how that gets processed at the county. No motions made.

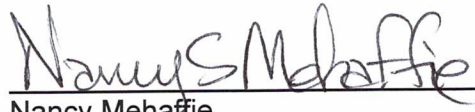
PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting adjourned at 741 pm.
Respectfully Submitted.



Morgan Owens
District Administrator

Approved.



Nancy Mehaffie
Chairman