

Green Mountain Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2017

Supervisors Present

Kent Wilby
Terry Hightower
Bill Naegeli
Howard Bakke
Sean Moran

Associate Supervisors Present

Jim Carabin

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Brita Olson
Troy Hidy
Katherine Maudrone
Jason Pignanelli
Samantha Tappenbeck

Visitors Present

Darryl Gingerich
Robin Scarlett
Kalen Scarlett
Saundra Scarlett
Mike Grenell
Teresa Grenell
Gene Joplin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Minutes from February, 2017

- A motion to approve February 2017 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry, motion Carried.

Financial Report

- Leona reviewed the financial report with the board for the last periods.
- A motion to approve the financial report was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- LCFWG & GMCD Supplemental Agreement for WRP DNRC 223
 - A motion to accept the supplemental agreement for WRP-DNRC-223 was made by Howard, 2nd by Bill, motion carried
- Administration Grant
 - There was a discussion on the possibility of applying for the Administration grant this year. It was determined that we will not need the financial assistance for the coming fiscal year.
 - Leona will notify DNRC.
- Admin Training June 15th & 16th in Helena
 - A motion to pay for Leona to go to employee training was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.
- Liability Insurance
 - Leona will contact Kim at the insurance company and discuss option further.
 - Take off the trailer
 - We want the no till covered in transit.
 - Is no till replacement value?
 - Up the coverage for the no till to 25,000.00 and or replacement value
 - A motion to get an appraisal on the office and the shop was made by Howard, 2nd by Bill, motion carried
- Emergency Flood Plain Forms & Procedures
 - Kathy said that they are trying to collect flood plain data and photos. And she requested we send information and pictures to her if we have any.
 - Leona informed the Board that there are copies of the Flood Plain emergency forms on the shelf in the office so please let people know and also take copies will them if they think they might know someone that will need one.
- Representative for Avista WRTAC, TRTAC & Management Committee meetings

- Terry Hightower Volunteered to represent GMCD at the Avista meetings.
- A motion to appoint Terry Hightower as GMCD's representative for the Avista WRTAC, TRTAC and Management Committee meetings was made by Bill, 2nd by Howard, motion carried.
- Road Signs
 - Leona informed the Board that the last road signs that were made cost as much to ship them as they did to have made and asked if anyone knows of someone local that does metal work, sandblasting and painting.
 - Leona will try and find someone locally to do this.
- Sponsor Envirothon Team
 - A motion to sponsor both Thompson Falls Envirothon teams this year in the amount of \$200.00 was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.
 - A motion to also sponsor Plain & Noxon teams in the amount of \$100.00 each if they request sponsorship was made by Bill, 2nd by Howard, motion carried.

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org.)

- The new website is up and running

LCFWG Coordinator "Watershed Report":

General

- The next LCFWG Meeting will be on March 23rd at 10:00 am MST at the Noxon Emergency Services Building, board meeting to follow at (tentatively) the Avista conference room in Noxon.
- Agreement between GMCD and LCFWG was signed. This provides a framework for how we approach jointly funded/administrated/coordinated projects.

Grants/funding

- DNRC 223 grant (sponsored by GMCD) for \$5,500 was awarded! \$5,000 will further fund Sarah's time on the WRPs and \$500 will be GMCD administration.
- Susan, Ruth, and Brita are developing a proposal to the DNRC Watershed Management Program (sponsored by LCFWG), this will include \$10,000 for staff time and \$2,500 for miscellaneous expenses, like mileage and training.
- Ruth and Susan are developing a funding plan for the potential Elk Creek road relocation project. They will have some details to share about options soon.

Training

- Brita and Sarah attended the MWCC Annual Meeting in early February. They were also able to meet with Ada Montague (DNRC), Eric Trum (DEQ), and Ann McCauley (SWCDM) while in Helena.

Projects

Bull River/Dry Creek Sediment Reduction and Riparian Revegetation

- Josh Boyd, Susan Drumheller, and Brita continue to make some progress on planning the Bull River re-vegetation outreach video, by developing a group of interviewees and questions to be incorporated to the video. Shooting and interviews are still planned for this spring and summer.
- Website posts will be made at least once a month this year, in conjunction with the monthly Bull River calendar.
- DEQ and Future Fisheries approved spending the remainder of our funds (in line with our contracts) on the following:
 1. Maintaining fencing and replanting where it might be necessary.
 2. Bolstering or expanding past re-vegetation on additional properties (Ross, Crull, Wood Duck).
 3. Supporting some of the USFS re-vegetation efforts if there is opportunity and need.
- A status report was also sent to DNRC

Other Bull River Re-vegetation Projects

- Jason and Brita signed up to host two weeks of adult MCC crews

Miners Gulch Restoration

- Josh Boyd, Susan Drumheller, and Brita continue to make some progress on planning the Miners Gulch outreach video, by developing a group of interviewees and questions to be incorporated to the video. Shooting and interviews are still planned for this spring and summer.

Thompson River

- Kick-off meeting with stakeholders was held February 16, and was well attended. Details of discussions and decisions made at this meeting are detailed in a meeting summary that will be finalized soon (after meeting attendees have had a chance to review a draft summary that has already been sent out).

- Sarah and Brita have worked on preparing and following up from the meeting. A few sections of the planned are nearly completely draft and will be ready to go out to stakeholders to review soon.

MT FWP Report

- Working on 4 reports including long-term Thompson River Data Summary, and fish ladder analysis
- -Maintained Thompson PIT arrays through about March 5- hoping to regain access soon
- -Preparing to open the fish ladder
- -Preparing to sample Walleye

NRCS Report:

- Environmental Quality initiatives program have been chosen and GMCD has 3 in our district.
- Lots of calls have been coming in concerning pasture management.
- Troy put together a map for Thompson river drainage and to Brita is she wanted to see it let him know.
- Eastern Sanders and Lake County CD are both looking into purchasing a no-till drill.

Old Business:

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Building Repair Project:

- We Paid ½ of the bid this month as a down payment, so they will be getting started soon
- This Saturday Kent & Bill will be moving everything out of the shop and storing it in Kents Barn for the time being until the shop gets completed.

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- The no-till will be ready for spring planting

New Business:

- The Board would like to send the mussel brochure and the 310 brochures out with the 310 approval letters.
- Brita has been talking Mindy Ferrell concerning being an Associate Supervisor. Mindy is very active in the community and she will come to the meeting next month.
- Avista Management Committee Update:
 - Everything went good.
 - LCFWG received all funds requested.
- If it is decided that GMCD sells the goffer getter, Mr. Gingerich would like to be notified and have a chance to bid on it.

Subdivision Review:

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

- Samantha Tappenbeck re-introduce herself. She is our resource specialist from SWCDM. She said to reach out to her at any time for project assistance.

310 Activities

SW-03-17 Gingerich Culvert

- Application was accepted in February and a site visit will be scheduled after the snow melts

SW-04-17 Grenell Dock

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Howard, 2nd by Bill, Motion carried
- The Application was reviewed and a sight visit was scheduled for Tuesday April 4th at 10:30 am and Kent, Terry and Gene will be in attendance.

SW-05-17 Thomas Dock

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Bill, 2nd by Howard, Motion carried
- The Application was reviewed and a sight visit was scheduled for April 4th and Kent, Terry and Gene will be in attendance

SW-06-07 Lehman Dock

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Bill, 2nd by Howard, Motion carried
- A motion to accept the project with the following modifications: A 4x4 square with 4 screw anchors in the ground and hinge the dock to that for stability was made by Bill, 2nd by Howard, motion carried.
- FWP Waive site visit.

SW-07-17 Kleinschmit Dock

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Kent, 2nd by Sean, Motion carried
- The Application was reviewed and a sight visit was scheduled for April 4th and Kent, Terry & Gene will be in attendance
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SW-08-17 Scarlett Dock

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Howard, 2nd by Bill, Motion carried
- A motion to accept the project with the following modification: Add anchors to dock in water and anchor the ramp to the bank for stability was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry, motion carried
- Waive FWP

SW-09-17 Round Dock reinstatement (Kent)

- Jason informed us that Avista was inclined to renew Mr. Rounds Land Use Permit
- The Board agreed that we would wait to make any kind of decision on Mr. Rounds Dock until we received the 310 application from him.
- One of the suggestions is that we add the stipulation that there be an inspection every year.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by Howard, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.

Leona Gollen
Administrator

Kent Wilby
Chairman