

# **Green Mountain Conservation District**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018**

#### **Supervisors Present**

Kent Wilby (Conference Phone)  
Bill Naegeli (Conference Phone)  
Sean Moran  
Terry Hightower

#### **Employees Present**

Leona Gollen

#### **Advisors Present**

Ryan Kreiner  
Travis Lemke  
Brita Olson  
Katherine Madrone

#### **Visitors Present**

Chad Pardee  
Kelly Pardee

#### **Associate Supervisors Present**

Jim Carabin

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

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

#### **Introductions**

#### **Minutes 2017**

- A motion to approve January 2018 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill, 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 Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill, motion carried.

#### **Administrator's Report:**

- Annual Plan
  - We will review this in March.
- Supervisor Training on March 29<sup>th</sup>. In Polson
  - Kent, Mindy, Sean, Terry & Bill will attend
  - Agenda coming soon.
- Samantha Tappenbeck will give a presentation at the March meeting on the Montana Conservation Menu
- Mindy's appointment as Supervisor
  - A motion to appoint Mindy Ferrell as Supervisor was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Kent, motion carried.
- Mindy would like to use the office again on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - A motion to allow Mindy to use the office for a meeting again on March 18<sup>th</sup> was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.

#### **GMCD Website: ([greenmountaincd.org](http://greenmountaincd.org))**

- The new website is up and running
  - Brita & Leona will be going to a Web page class conducted by Kate Arpin on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - There will possibly be additional training hours involved with Brita when Leona starts to train.
  - A meeting with Supervisors, Mindy, Leona, and Brita will be scheduled next month some time before contacting Kate for meeting and changes.
  - Brita suggested that one-person (point of contact) work with Kate to make changes to the website.
  - A motion to approve Brita & Leona attending the Web class on Feb 23 was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

#### **LCFWG COORDINATOR "WATERSHED REPORT"**

- See Attached

### **MT FWP Report**

- Power line maintenance in riparian corridors and the need for a 310 permit.
  - The way the utilities are permitted for transmission corridors is different than the mitigation program with their dams. Lines run through USFS land and often along and across streams. Utilities are guided by a special use permit (SUP) from USFS. These come up once every 10-15 years. Ryan has talked to Missoula Supervisor about this and they fined a company that cut down some alders. The SUP for NWE with Lolo NF is up for renewal. And they ← who is? are asking that any removal of vegetation should require a 310 permit.
  - GMCD does not have jurisdiction on Federal Lands so we cannot issue a 310 permit.

### **NRCS Report:**

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
  - EQIP ranking deadline for FY2018 funding was February 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - EQIP FY2018 Preapproval of ranked applications will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Will review status of local applications.
  - EQIP FY2019 Application deadline will be on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Will solicit ideas or suggestions for future local applications
  - Travis asks that if we have any landowners in mind that would qualify for EQIP programs that we please let him know. There is not acreage requirement anymore and there is no Ag requirement.
- Outreach/Education
  - Planning for on Farm Success – Financing your farm (Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>) sponsored by MSU-Extension and CFAC of Missoula. Another Education program is going to be held in Plains on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana**

- Samantha will be giving a presentation to GMCD next month on the conservation menu

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **Building Repair Project:**

- Nothing to report

### **No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:**

- Nothing to Report

### **New Business:**

- Katherine found out via FaceBook that Mr. Kapphahn with the help of Pete Hammond from Backwoods Bobcat were putting a bridge (old Vermilion R footbridge) over Trout Cr up Hope Valley Rd. Katherine told them that they needed a flood plain permit and possibly a 310 permit. They told her that they thought they were covered under the 310 permit that they put in for bank stabilization back in August # SW-35-17. Katherine told them that it was not covered and requested the flood plain permit. They turned in an incomplete permit and she told them that she needed more information. In the mean time they went ahead and installed the bridge and then telling her they thought they were good to go. So, the bridge is installed. She said as far as she knows they are not doing any disturbance to the bank or the stream but she is planning on somehow going up there to look at it and she will keep us informed.
- When she does get up there she will take some pictures and send them to us so that we can determine if they also needed a 310 permit to do the work that they did.

### **Subdivision Review:**

- Sean wondered why lower Thompson R. wasn't mentioned here. Brief discussion followed that Katherine had seen this and set-backs were in place

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

### **310 Activities**

### **SW-52-17 Henry Complaint**

This will stay on the agenda until the project is complete in August 2018.



#### SW-53-17 Stewart

- Application was accepted last month
- Site inspection was conducted 1/25/18
- A motion to accept the project with the following modification; *Stairs will be supported by metal posts at the bottom and will not lay on the bank. Stairs will stop at elevation establish by marker stake. The dock will be 8'X16'* was made by Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill, motion carried.
- Kent & Ryan will go out and put the stake in the ground

#### SW-56C-17 Chad Pardee unpermitted work

- Leona spoke with MR. Pardee on 2/13/18. He stated that the pictures that were sent to him from us (that we received from another landowner) were taken years ago before the house was even build and does not apply here. (Mrs. Page). The work seen in these photos was work that had been done for years and he did not do it. He stated that after talking to Kent, he knew that he had to turn in a 310 application but he was waiting for the land owner to make up her mind on what she wanted. He stated that the only thing he did was remove a basketball-sized rock and rake some weeds on the bank with a hand rake and plant some seed. When Kent was there, he told him to stop and cover it with fabric until he turned in a 310 application and that is what he did. He has not done any more work and is waiting for the Landowner to figure out what she wants done.
- A motion that there was *no violation and the work that was done by Mr. Pardee was minimal and acceptable. Mr. Pardee can finish reseeding the area where the rock was moved but no other work should be done until Mr. Pardee gets the project details from the landowner and then submits a 310 application* was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.

#### SW-58-17 Lyle

- Application was accepted last month
- Site inspection was conducted 1/22/18
- A motion to accept the project with the following modification; *Logs will be held in place by cables that will be anchored into the bank by helicals* was made by Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried. (don't need to change motion wording, but for future reference I suggest we all refer to these as "helical screw anchors")

#### SW-01E-18 Avista Stairs

- There were stairs replaced without Avista's knowledge at the campground on the Cabinet Gorge that Avista owns. The stairs needed to be replace because of safety issues but because the camp host took it upon themselves to replace them without letting Avista know or applying for a 310 permit, Avista would like GMCD to accept this project as an emergency project for safety reason.
- A motion was made to *accept this project as an emergency with no further action required* was made by Bill, 2<sup>ns</sup> by Terry, motion carried.
- 1 Supervisor Abstained from voting

#### SW-02-18 Scarlett

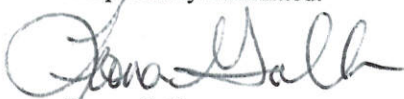
- The application was reviewed and a motion to accept it as complete was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.
- A motion to *accept the project as submitted* was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.
- FWP waves site visit.

#### SW-03-18 Lovell

- The application was reviewed and a motion to accept it as complete was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.
- A site visit was scheduled and Kent will talk to Ryan and get a date and time. Kent with call Jason & Landowner and inform them of schedule site visit.

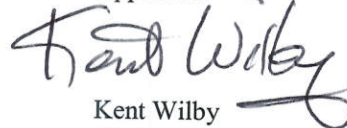
Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen  
Administrator

Approved.



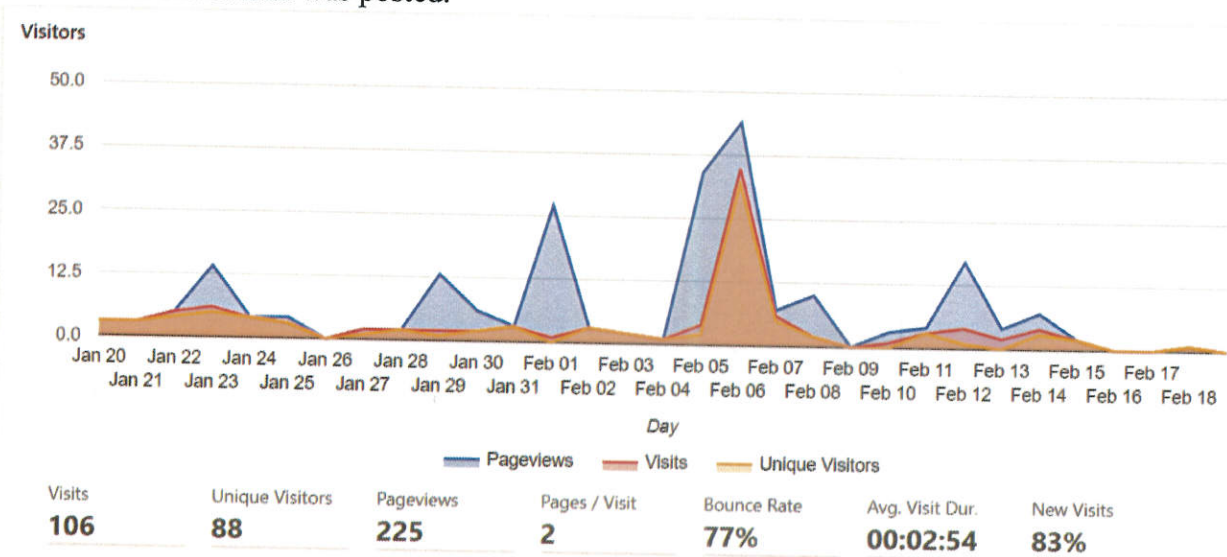
Kent Wilby  
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District  
February 21, 2018  
Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

### Website

- January 2018 Minutes were posted
- Archive minutes were update for all of 2017
- 310 application and directions were posted, in easily downloadable form to replace broken link to DNRC's website.
- 310 final report form was posted.
- Bull River film was posted.



### Project Updates

#### Bull River Riparian Re-vegetation and Sediment Reduction Project

- Remaining open contracts for this project include DEQ and Avista.
- 2018 activities related to the Bull River Revegetation project will include maintenance and supplemental planting within exclosures, maintenance and mortality replacement plantings in individual cages, a small amount of new planting, monitoring, and completion of remaining outreach deliverables.
- "Roots: Bringing Back the Bull River," a short documentary style film about the Bull River was completed in January, and distributed. It is posted on the GMCD website. Film will be included in the Thompson Falls Fly Fishing Film Tour April 28.
- Plans for work this quarter include distributing film, developing plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (and our last quarter of the project unless extended due to the Dry Creek project), and working out budget to fully expend available funds.
- Still planning to implement the Dry Creek road removal in 2018, after the USFS completes the Environmental Assessment and comes out with draft decision, now expected end of February. DEQ funding will still be available through the end of the year with modification to the GMCD/DEQ contract in the spring.

#### Miners Gulch Project



- Josh Boyd is focusing efforts on developing the Miners Gulch film, now that the Bull River film is complete. This film will be included in the Thompson Falls Fly Fishing Film Tour on April 28.

#### Watershed Restoration Planning

- Thompson River Watershed Restoration Plan was submitted to DEQ on January 31, 2018.
- Kick-off meeting for an update to the Lower Clark Fork Tributary Watershed Restoration Plan was held after the LCFWG quarterly meeting on February 15, 2018. LCFWG Board Membership Update To address the imminent retirement of 2 board members, the LCFWG has just confirmed the addition of 1 interim board member and is hoping to confirm an additional interim board member. In addition, the benefit of including a GMCD representative on the LCFWG board was mentioned and will be pursued as well.