



## **Meeting Minutes June 20th, 2018**

### **Supervisors Present**

Sean Moran  
Terry Hightower  
Mindy Ferrell  
Bill Naegeli  
Kent Wilby

### **Employees Present**

Leona Gollen

### **Advisors Present**

Ryan Kreiner  
Travis Lemke  
Brita Olson  
Bob Flesher  
Jason Pignanelli

### **Associate Supervisors Present**

Jackie Nichols

### **Visitors Present**

Mr. Wenlding  
Gene Jopling

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.**

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

### **Introductions**

### **310 presentation by Bob Flesher**

### **Minutes 2018**

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

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

- Grazing Workshop June 26<sup>th</sup> in Thompson Falls Reminder
- Final Bull River Tour June 27th. Meeting at Bull River Junction at 1:00 pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Security Bank Donation for WF
  - We would like to acknowledge and thank 1<sup>st</sup> Security Bank for their much-needed donation of \$250.00 to be used toward our Water Festival this year.
- Final Site Visits
  - The final site visit schedule is almost complete. Hopefully after next months meeting we will be able to start the final inspections
- Sponsorship of 2 grant
  - A motion to sponsor DNRC 223 in the amount of 5,500.00 for project maintenance was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried

- A motion to sponsor a DEQ 319 Grant for Sims meander and assume sponsorship of other grants for this project was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried

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

- See attached

**LCFWG COORDINATOR “WATERSHED REPORT”**

- See attached

**MT FWP Report**

- Starting field work
- Started checking Thompson River with electro fishing
- Involved in Education Field trip and fishing days
- Looking at potential project sites with LCFWG Coordinator
- Sponsoring the Fishing day at Thompson State Park

**NRCS Report:**

**Programs**

- The Plains Field Office received 16 new EQIP applicants for FY2019 funding prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline. We have conducted initial site visits on all but 2 of the properties. Site inventory and evaluation for each project proposal will be ongoing through the 2018 growing/grazing season. The ranking deadline for our 2018 CSP applications was concluded on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Sanders County received (1) 2018 CSP application that was submitted for funding pre-approval. CSP pre-approvals have not been released to-date.

**Outreach**

- Will be involved in the Grazing Workshop on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Thompson Falls.

**General**

- Members of FSA & NRCS conducted a site assessment on 5/10/18 of various properties around Plains & Paradise to monitor the impact of the high water associated with the Clark Fork River drainage system. This assessment and others will be used in part to determine the need for county-wide ECP (Emergency Conservation Program – FSA) or EWP (Emergency Watershed Program - NRCS) funding to assist (technical & financial) private Ag landowners with loss/damage to structures, equipment, or crops. A follow-up visit was conducted on 6/7 assessing loss/damage to one of the farms/ranches located south of Plains (adjacent to the Clark Fork River). This property was one of the more severely impacted ag properties (flooding, deposition) that we are aware of. Improvements to bank stabilization and soil health will be proposed through the EQIP Program. To-date the office has not received any requests from the public for funding for the EWP or ECP Program. We have provided technical assistance on a few projects in lieu of financial assistance. To-date, funding for the ECP or EWP Program has not been authorized in Sanders County.

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

- See Attached

**Education**

- Update on Wildlife & Natural Resource Management Class
  - No updates at this time
- Summer Youth Event Sponsorship
  - Vanessa Horner was awarded the GMCD scholarship for the Summer Youth Camp



- Leona will get the school student count for the Water Festival ASAP. We will try to schedule a WF meeting in early July before the 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business:**

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#### **Building Repair Project:**

- Building Leveled
  - Cabinet Mountain Construction jacked up the floor at the center of the building to level to an average perimeter – the cost was \$576.24. He gave an estimate of \$800.00 to jack up each corner of the building and purchase some new thread rods.
  - A motion to have Cabinet Mountain Construction complete the leveling process was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sean motion carried.
  - Kent will contact him

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

- Nothing to Report

#### **New Business:**

#### **Subdivision Review:**

- Nothing to Report

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

#### **310 Activities**

- 310 law and jurisdiction on Federal Land.
  - NWE's special permit has expired for the Lolo National Forest. They are still working under the old permit and will be for probably another 2 years.
  - Leona had a conversation with the John Hanson from LOLO FS and Jason Blakney from FWP. Everyone wants to make sure that NWE completes a 310 application for any work that is completed on any waterway or bank. The LOLO FS will keep us posted concerning the new permit wording and said that they will put wording into the permit that NWE is required to contact the local CD for any work that is completed on the banks of any waterways. They also stated along with FWP that both entities will be able to monitor the work completed and let GMCD know if they think that there may be a violation.
  - John sent Leona the contact information for NEW and suggested that I send them a packet to inform them of the 310 and what they need to do. Leona contacted NWE via e-mail and told them that she will be putting the packet together and sending it to them shortly.
- NWE Armor
  - This will stay on the agenda until next month
- When Landowner moves the 310 completed project goes with the property. In other words, the new landowner that purchases the property does not have to get a new 310 permit in his name, the only reason that he would need to apply for another 310 project is if he was going to do his own work on a bank or stream. Leona will refer to this in our flyer.

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

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

- Leona will send a reminder notice of the upcoming site visit.

**SW-28-17 Tony Cox Extension on Dock installation**

- A motion to extend Tony Cox permit # SW-28-17 for 1 year was made by Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, Motion Carried

**SW-13C-18 Wanamaker**

- A motion that there was no violation, was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent motion carried
- Leona will send letter.

**SW-14-18 YPL**

- A motion to accept as a complete application and approve project as submitted with no need for a site meeting was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy Motion Carried.
- FWP Waived Site Visit

**SW-15-18 NWE Utilities**

- Not in our Jurisdiction

**SW-16-18 NWE antenna 10 Yr. Maintenance**

- A motion to accept as a complete application and approve project as submitted with no need for a site meeting was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Motion Carried.
- FWP Waived Site Visit

**SW-17-18 Dykstra Bank Clean Up from High Water**

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, Motion carried
- A motion to approve the project as submitted was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, Motion carried
- FWP Waived Site Visit

**SW-18-18 Wendling**

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, Motion carried
- A motion to accept the project as submitted contingent on the site visit information and potential modification recommendations, was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent motion carried.
- A site visit was Scheduled and Ryan and Sean will attend.
- Sean will complete the site visit form and return it to Leona ASAP after the site visit.

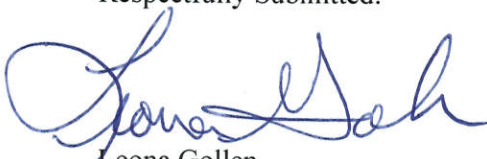
**Goose landing fire hydrant**

- Bill advised the Board that there will be an emergency 310 form arriving from the fire department. Because of the flooding and water fluctuation They need to move some piping in order to get water to the hydrant.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30:pm was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.



Leona Gollen  
Administrator



Bill Naegeli  
Vice Chairman

Report: 6/20/2018  
Samantha Tappenbeck  
Area Resource Specialist - Water



Attended National Association of Conservation Districts - Northern Plains Board Meeting (6/5/18)

Attended the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission meeting (6/13/18)

- Status updates and proposed funding scenarios for AIS budget in 2019 biennium

Department of Environmental Quality 319 program call for applications is open (due 9/10/2018)

SAVE THE DATE: Riparian Grazing Workshop in Thompson Falls

- **THANK YOU** for the outreach and input from GMCD!

## RIPARIAN GRAZING WORKSHOPS

FEATURING SANDY WYMAN

Sandy is a retired R/M Riparian & Rangeland Management Specialist, National Riparian Service Team 2002-2016 and NRC for 15 years. She has worked throughout the West providing coaching and training in conflict management, facilitation, riparian assessment, restoration, monitoring, and adaptive grazing management.

Learn how to effectively manage riparian grazing areas. Workshops will include a morning session with speakers, catered lunch, and a field tour in the afternoon.

JUNE 26	THOMPSON FALLS
JUNE 27	HELENA
JUNE 28	DEER LODGE

**\$15 pre-registration / \$20 at the door**

Hosted by SWCDM, MKCDC, and DNRC Rangeland Resources Committee

→ Visit [www.swcdm.org](http://www.swcdm.org) for more information and to register. ←





## LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP

Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

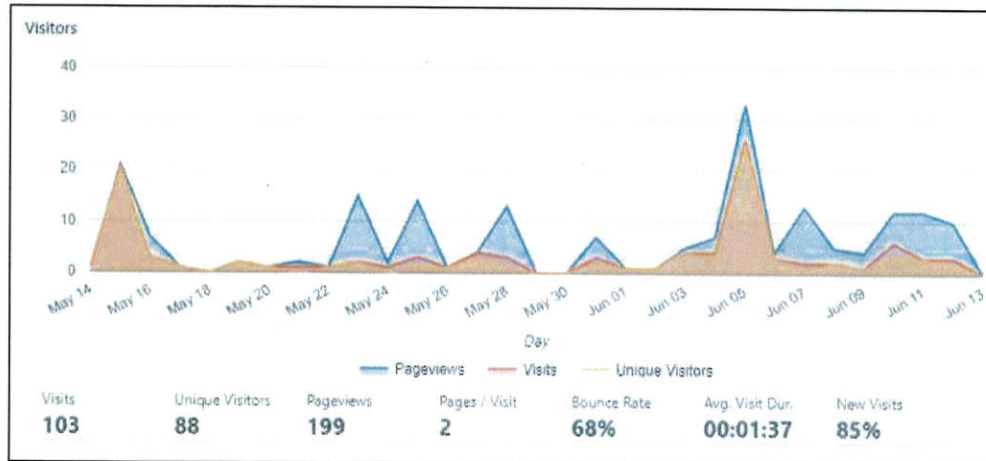
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Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

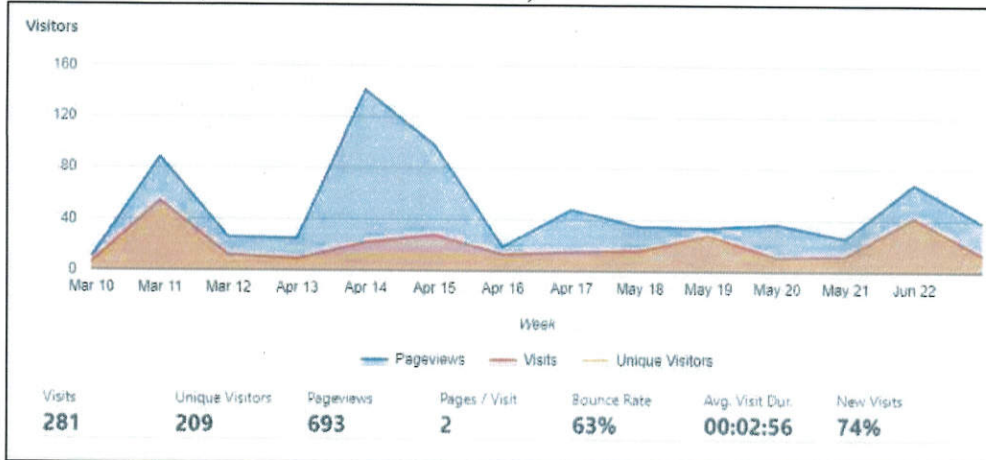
### Website

- Draft April 2018 minutes were posted, final minutes were posted once approved.
- May 2018 agenda was posted
- Draft May 2018 minutes were posted
- Posts were added about the Fly Fishing Film Tour, Miners Gulch Stream Restoration film "Pulse: A Story of River Restoration", and Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp (with application).

Last month:



Last 3 months (since I missed last month):



### Project Updates

Bull River Riparian Re-vegetation and Sediment Reduction Project

- Partnered with the Montana Conservation Corps for three weeks of fencing maintenance, weeding, and planting.
- Remaining activities include final monitoring under Watershed Consulting's contract, completing last few outreach deliverables, and final invoicing and reporting.
- Bull River Watershed Council meeting is planned for June 21, 6 PM MST at the Noxon Emergency Services building.
- Post-implementation tour is planned for June 27, 1 PM MST at the Bull River junction.
- Lining out funding for continued maintenance in 2019 and beyond. LCFWG submitted a proposal to the Montana Watershed Coordination Council and would like to apply to the DNRC 223 program to meet the 1:1 match requirement. **Would GMCD sponsor a \$5,000 proposal to fund 1 week of an Montana Conservation Corps in the spring of 2019?**

#### Vermilion River Restoration

- "Pulse: A Story of River Restoration" was finalized and is posted on the Green Mountain Conservation District website. Please share! Here's the youtube link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brgJKgH37F0>
- Planning underway for the Sims Meander project (next one, immediately downstream from Miners Gulch). **Will GMCD sponsor 319 funding proposal for this in the fall?**

#### Watershed Restoration Planning

- Work continues Lower Clark Fork Tributary Watershed Restoration Plan. Background sections and draft write-ups about Graves Creek and the Vermilion River have been completed so far.
- Planning to make multiple site visits to past projects in July and August to inform update to the Lower Clark Fork Stream Restoration Summary. Let Brita know if you would like to join me on any of these site visits or have information on past projects.