



Meeting Minutes July 18th, 2018

Supervisors Present

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

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Samantha Tappenbeck
Travis Lemke
Brita Olson

Associate Supervisors Present

Jackie Nichols
Jean Dunn

Visitors Present

Mr. Brown
Mr. Baxter
Mr. Fletcher

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

- A motion to accept the agenda as entered was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry Motion carried

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

Minutes 2018

- A motion to approve June 2018 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Terry 2nd by Sean 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 Terry, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Request for use of building, Mr. Daugherty
 - A motion to allow Mr. Daugherty to utilize the building 1 day per month was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried
- Workshop update (See Attached from Mindy)
- Final Site Visits
 - The final site visit schedule is almost complete. Hopefully after next month's meeting we will be able to start the final inspections.

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- See attached

LCFWG COORDINATOR "WATERSHED REPORT"

- See attached

MT FWP Report

- No Update

NRCS Report:

Programs

- The Plains Field Office staff is currently assisting with practice implementation for our current EQIP contracts. In addition, the staff is in the early stages of developing conservation plans for our 2019 EQIP applicants.

Outreach

- The Plains NRCS FO is planning to hold two pasture walks this summer in an effort to assist landowners with implementing various grazing management decisions and selecting alternative forage seed mixes. Don Feist will be hosting a pasture walk on his dryland pastures, highlighting strategies he's using for grazing bison. Paul Grieco will host a pasture walk that will emphasize his alternative forage crop (cover crop) on irrigated pasture and the grazing strategies that he's currently using to extend his grazing season and reduce winter feeding costs. Both events are tentatively scheduled for the last week in July – first week in August. Flyers will be emailed out when firm dates/time/locations are established.
- Travis will send GMCD the dates for the pasture walks.

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- See Attached
- Area 5 annual meeting is in Helmville September 25th North Powell CD.
- Annual report is online for everyone to see.

Education

- No Update

Old Business:

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Building Repair Project:

Building Leveled

- The leveling of the building was completed. Kent will report on the specifics at next month's meeting.

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Bob Brown visited with 310 funding update
 - Bob met with DNRC at the Water Policy interim committee June 16th & 17th
 - The meeting is on the DNRC website where you can see the full discussion
 - DNRC told Bob that they had to cut something. Either administrative, 223 grants or the 310 funds. They came to the conclusion that the 310 monies were the best to cut.
 - DNRC stated that they are working on a new "administrative grant" for 310 funding.
 - Mark Bostrom from DNRC is the contact person.
 - Bob recommended contacting Mark to put our CD's need for 310 admin funding support on their radar sooner (in August) rather than later in the fall.

- Bill had his first conference call with MACD as our new Area V Director

Subdivision Review:

- Nothing to Report

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

310 Activities

- 310 Q&A
 - Everyone received the list of answers from Don & Bob for the questions that we had sent to Bob.
 - Leona will send these to Samantha to Share.
- NWE Armor
 - This will stay on the agenda until next month

SW-52-17 Henry Complaint

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

SW-13-16 Avista permit extension

- A motion to extend Avista's permit # SW-13-16 for 1 year was made by Kent 2nd by Terry, Motion Carried

SW-06-18 Avista project completion

- A motion that this project is complete with no further action required by applicant was made by Kent, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

SW-14-18 YPL project completion

- We received the project completion form and pictures for YPL.
- A motion that this project will still need a full site inspection this fall was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry motion carried.

SW-19E-18 Avista Emergency

- A motion to approve this emergency with no further action required by applicant was made by Kent, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

SW-20-18 Holdsambeck

- A motion to accept as a complete application was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry Motion Carried.
- Sean will schedule a site visit

SW-21-18 Fletcher

- A motion to accept as a complete application and approve the 10-year maintenance project as submitted with no need for a site meeting was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry Motion Carried.

SW-22-18 Dykstra

- A motion to accepts as a complete application and approved project with the following modifications and stipulations: *that landowner will not remove silt below or beyond width of previous grade, will not exceed the original dimension of boat ramp and will not extend into active water body*, was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

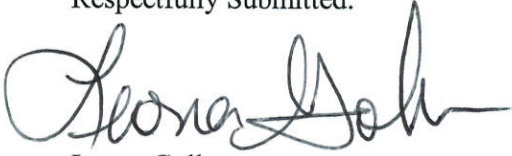
SW-23-18 Baxter

- This application is an addition to SW-22-17.
- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

- Sean will schedule a site visit with Ryan, Mr. Baxter & Kent

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Neageli", with a stylized, flowing script.

Bill Neageli
Vice-Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

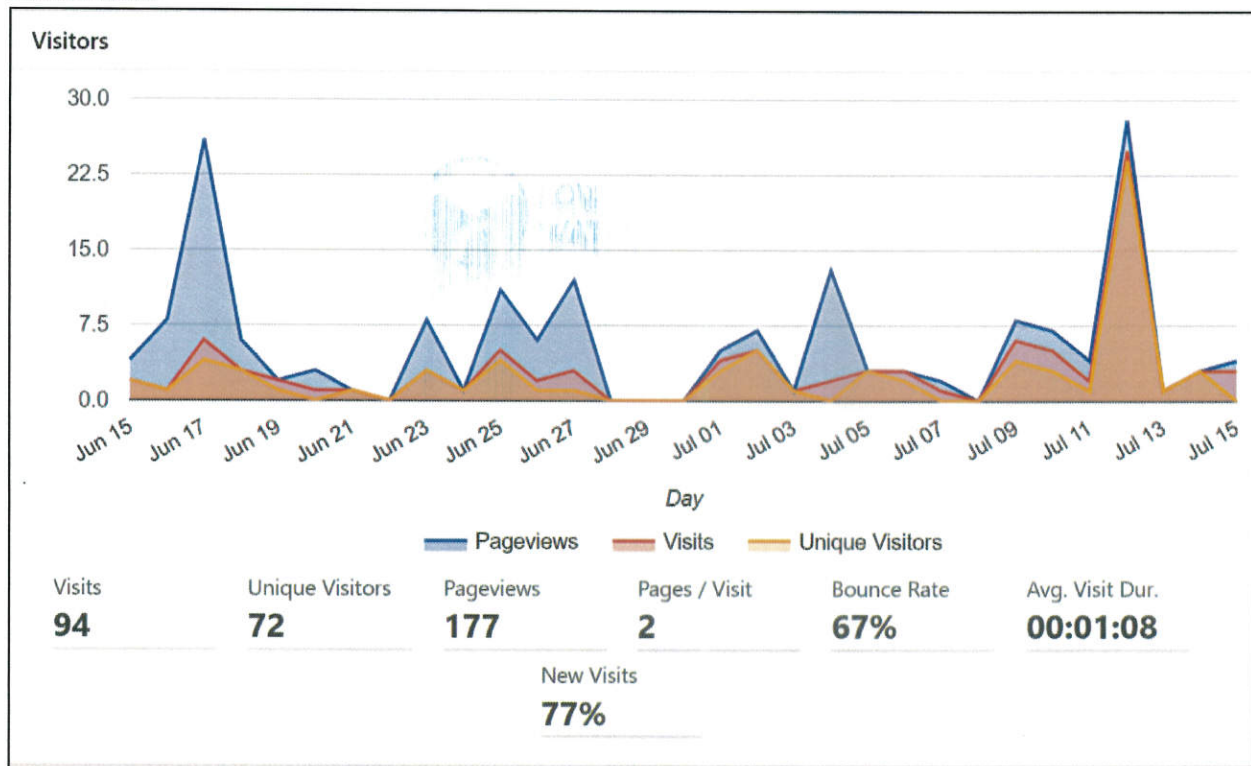
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Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Final May Minutes were posted
- Draft June Minutes were posted
- Supervisor photo from Bull River Tour was added to the “About Us” page.
- Post with link to the Riparian Grazing Workshop presentations was posted.

Last month:



Project Updates

Bull River Riparian Re-vegetation and Sediment Reduction Project

- Post-implementation tour was held on June 27 – thanks to all who came! We visited example enclosure from the portion of the 319 project implemented by Watershed Consulting, efforts on Forest Service property, talked about 10-year old effort visible from the 8-mile bridge, Wood Duck revegetation enclosures and individual plantings.
- End of contract with DEQ was on June 30, 2018. We are still waiting for a few final invoices to come in, but all work has been completed. Currently reviewing information provided by the contractor (Watershed Consulting) and compiling information into a

final report. The final report is meant to be a robust, standalone document that captures the entire project, and will be the focus of LCFWG's work over the next month.

- Lining out funding for continued maintenance in 2019 and beyond. LCFWG plans to develop a DNRC 223 proposal to complement a recently submitted a proposal to the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's new Watershed Projects program. We will continue to pursue other funding sources to support our long term maintenance commitment.

Vermilion River Restoration

- After meeting with the Kootenai and Lolo National Forests and Clark Fork Grant Writers on July 10, we are planning to pursue a 319 proposal for the next Vermilion River project, Sims Meander which will be immediately downstream from the Miners Gulch reach. GMCD will sponsor this proposal.

Watershed Restoration Planning

- Work continues Lower Clark Fork Tributary Watershed Restoration Plan. Background sections and draft write-ups about Graves Creek, Vermilion River, Blue Creek and Bull River have been completed so far and are out for stakeholder review.
- 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.

Riparian Grazing Management Workshop
June 26, 2018 **Thompson Falls, MT**

(sponsoring agencies: SWCDMT, DNRC, MT Watershed Coordination Council, DEQ) – Well done! Thank you!

GMCD attendees: Bill Naegeli (GMCD), Mindy Ferrell(GMCD), Travis Lemke (NRCS) , Jason Pignanelli (Avista), Ryan Kreiner (FWP), Samantha Tappenbeck (SWCDMT)

The morning's presentation was by Sandy Wyman. In searching the web, I found this:
Sandra K. Wyman's work with the National Riparian Service Team constitutes a dream job for many people. She travels the nation, and in fact the world, with a strong message and with the technical skills to mediate riparian area conflicts and disputes. Her message is that, with proper management, one can enjoy the benefits and values germane to riparian areas while at the same time protecting and enhancing the environment.

That summary is helpful in understanding and appreciating the wealth of information given to us that covered the many key grazing strategies for riparian protection and success. Sandy will be sending Samantha her power point presentation which will then be shared with all of us. It is by far the better tool to review than to summarize my notes for you here. The narrative in the power point succinctly explains all that was presented.

In addition, we received helpful informational tools. I will be leaving my copies of the following reports and booklets at the GMCD office for everyone to review and to have as references.

- **“Conservation Reserve Program”** – a report that explains this practices and some cost-share opportunities
- **“Grazing Management Processes and Strategies for Riparian-Wetland Areas”** – a thorough 2006 publication covering identification, planning, monitoring, and evaluation of grazing and riparian-wetland area interface. Perhaps an extra copy of two should be requested for the GMCD office in order to have it available for area ranchers.
- **“Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM) of Stream Channels and Streamside Vegetation”** – a 2011 Technical Reference produced by BLM that focuses on delineation of and systematic monitoring procedures. Again, a couple of copies could be requested to have available for the GMCD library.

The afternoon was spent at the Bill Meadows ranch covering his practices of allowing for grazing interface with riparian areas. It was a wonderful education and tour of his ranch and was greatly appreciated by all.

My take-away: workshops like these continue to open my eyes to the extent and possibilities of providing resources to the public by GMCD. Although not a management entity, we are certainly a permitting and guiding entity that should continue to be aware of best-practices. We should be well-versed and aware of the many resources available in order to act as a clearing house for the public.

Would it be helpful for us to send a follow-up letter to the area ranchers we've already identified had possible riparian-wetland-grazing interface – those that we already invited to this workshop? We could give them a brief overview of the workshop, and let them know of the resources that are now available at the GMCD office.

Submitted by:
Mindy Ferrell
July 3, 2018

Report: 7/18/2018
Samantha Tappenbeck
Area Resource Specialist - Water

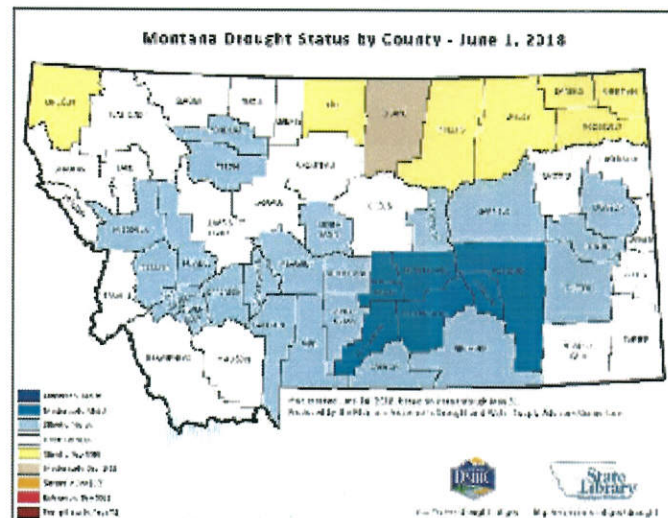


SWCDM 2017 Annual Report available online (www.swcdm.org) and in print

Area 5 meeting: September 25, 2018, hosted by North Powell CD – Helmville, MT

Blog post: June DWSAC meeting report for NW Montana

<http://swcdm.org/nw-mt-report-from-dwsac-meeting/>



Riparian Grazing Workshop summary:

- 13 in attendance, 3 private landowners/ranchers
- Sandy Wyman's slides posted to SWCDM website, available for download

Upcoming events and training resources:

- Next Governor's Drought & Water Supply Committee Meeting
July 26, 2018, 9:30 to 11:30; skype and call-in available, more info:
<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/drought-management>
- Montana Lakes Conference March 13-15, Whitefish
- Ranching 4 Profit webinars:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb_vJlGo1TPJqRQIzS9e-A/featured
- Drought destocking webinar:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1UH4Xcdhbc&feature=youtu.be>