



Meeting Minutes October 17th, 2018

Supervisors Present

Sean Moran
Terry Hightower
Bill Naegeli
Mindy Ferrell
Kent Wilby

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Ryan Kriener

Associate Supervisors Present

Jackie Nichols
Jean Dunn

Visitors Present

Mr. & Mrs. Milliken
Autumn Parmenter

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

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

Minutes 2018

- A motion to approve September 2018 meeting minutes as submitted was made Mindy by 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 for this period was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Supervisor Training October 25th in Mile City
 - No Supervisors will be attending
- Resolutions
 - A motion to appoint Bill as the Board GMCD spokesman at the MACD convention was made by Sean, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
 - A motion to vote "YES" on all four resolutions was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
 - We will reference the resolutions from MACD on our website once they are finalized.
- Convention Action items donation and purchase of 10 raffle tickets

- A motion to donate \$100.00 for the MACD Convention action items and purchase 10 raffle tickets for \$100.00 was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried
- Meeting in November & December
 - A motion to cancel November's meeting and move December's meeting to December 5th was made by Sean, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
- Congratulations to Jackie Nichols for 15 years of service.

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- See attached

LCFWG COORDINATOR "WATERSHED REPORT"

- See attached

MT FWP Report

- Finished reservoir gill netting. Have not tallied all the numbers yet. Similar to last year more walleye little ones.
- Thompson Reservoir gill netting had 10 nets but because the reservoir was drawn down less fish. Were netted. It did the same in 2011.
- Bull trout red count in fish trap were pretty consistent. West Fork Thompson got 4 reds.
- Applied for 1 project on Lone Man Creek and received the funding for it. Happened very quickly.
- Hoping to do a project next year on Fish Trap Creek taking out a crooked road.

NRCS Report:

- No Report

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- See Attached

Education

- Water Festival
 - Jackie would like to thank everyone for their work at the water festival. She said it was the best one that we have had since it started. She thanked Mindy for her class room visits before the water festival and her work has made a huge difference in student participation.
 - The new Super Intendant and Principal also visited us this year and toured and they are in full support.
 - Nice write up in the ledger.
 - Mindy will send e-mail requesting a writeup from the teachers summarizing the event and what could be done differently.
- Wildlife and Natural Resource Management Class
 - Mindy recently met with Noxon teacher, Jason Colyer, and provided him with a contact list of professionals for each of his scheduled units. He was uncertain whether or not funding should be pursued by GMCD for any student internship program for next summer.
 - Mindy will contact him again sometime in December to try and make any determination for whether or not funding should be applied for in the January cycle.
 - If a grant is applied for, Susan Drumheller and Ruth Watkins have already agreed to assist and Kaniksu Land Trust has already agreed to administer those funds.
- Other
 - Mindy would like to put up the Map at First Security Bank and some letters from the water festival. Mindy will contact the Bank. Maybe prior to the Water Festival next year.

- Our scholarship student for Youth Resource Camp put together a power point and we will show it at the Meeting in December.

Old Business:

- Nothing to Report

Building Repair Project:

- Nothing to Report

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Mindy would like Green Mountain CD to consider opening up a dialogue with Northwest Energy (who is beginning their relicensing process) and all other permitting entities to gather together maybe in March 2019 or whenever would be convenient for NWE. The goal of this gathering would be to brainstorm shoreline and fishery goals for the Thompson Falls Reservoir in the hopes to unify everyone's objectives. Kent mentioned that his upcoming meeting with Mark Sommers hopes to begin that process and he will report on that conversation at our December meeting.

Subdivision Review:

- Nothing to Report

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

310 Activities

- NWE Armor (Kent).
- Supervisors will meet with NWE on October 24th.

SW-30-18 Parmenter

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made last month.
- A motion to accept the proposed project with the following modifications;
 - *As proposed all in-channel work requires a 404 permit. With the dynamic nature of the channel and high flow of Swamp Creek, simply realigning the fallen trees along the bank is not likely to prevent further erosion.*
 - *Upstream end of bank work to extend 20' around existing bush*
 - *Larger rock than proposed (8'diameter cobble) should be incorporated as large woody debris anchors in the bank work.*
 - *Other tree/vegetation species besides willow should be planted in bank.*
 - *Proposed time frame is November 5th – 10th may need to be adjusted (to pre-run-off) based on fall rains and increased stream flow.* Was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.

SW-32-18 Amaya

- After a site visit with Kent, Jason from Avista and Rick from the Land Use Sub-Group, it was determined by Avista that they own part of this land and this project will not be approved by them as proposed. The landowner has been told by Avista that the project must be re-designed and engineered to meet Avista's specification. The Landowner agreed to withdraw his 310 permit and re-submit when his project is approved by Avista.

SW-33-18 Milliken

- Leona sent Mr. Milliken an e-mail requesting more information and pictures to go along with the applications. He complied and revised his application with pictures.

- NWE owns part of the land that Mr. Milliken is proposing in his project and they are extremely worried about the rip rap that Mr. Milliken is requesting to include in his project. NWE will not approve the application the way it is now. Mr. Milliken was informed that he needed to contact NWE to discuss this further with them.
- A motion that the application is a complete application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean motion carried.
- A site visit is scheduled for October 24th @ 2:00 pm
- Kent call Mark from NWE & Leona will tell Katherine the Flood Plain Administrator.
- Leona will research the neighbor's property Sue Manley and Jody Nason for 310 activity.

SW-34-18 English

- Bill talked to Chad Pardee about concerns on Patty English's project. Bill's concern is that there are real issues in the White Pine area and the bridge may blow out if not fixed sooner than later.
- Kent will call Ryan to schedule a site visit.

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried.

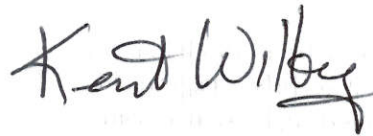
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Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.



Kent Wilby
Chairman



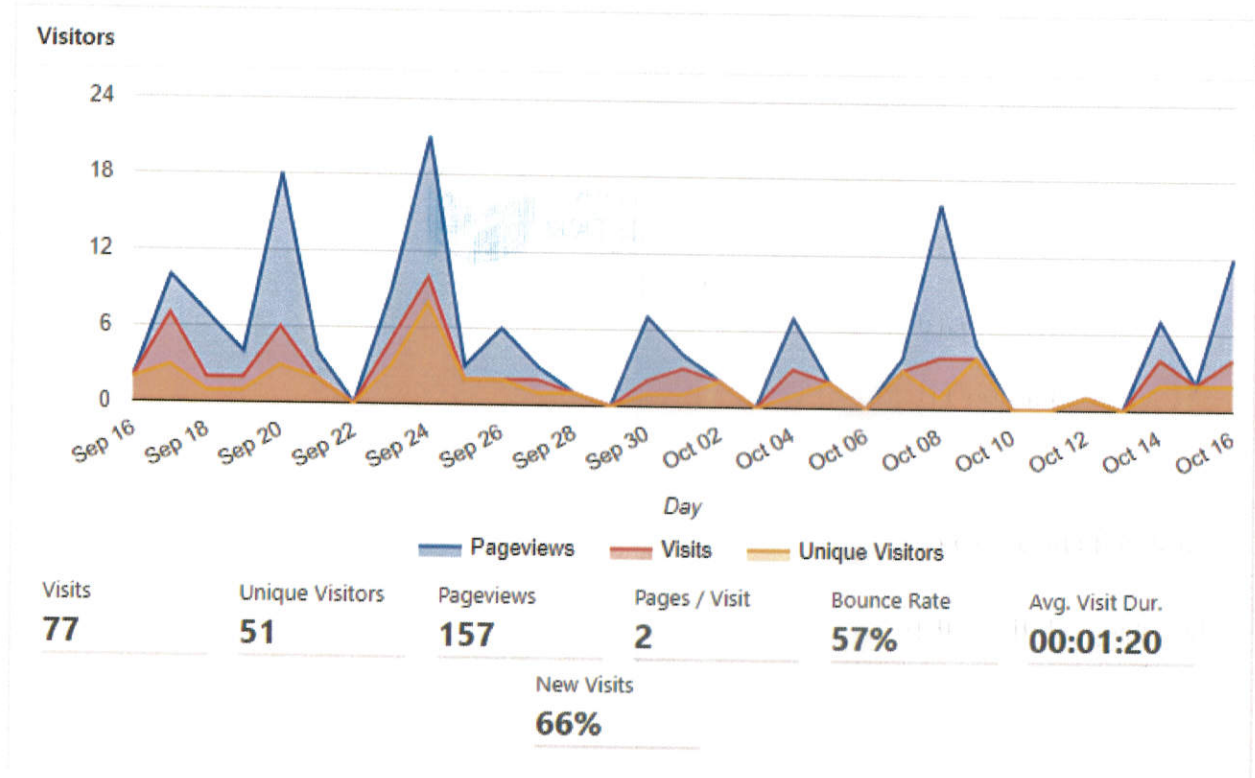
Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

October 17, 2018

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

Website

- Final August Minutes were posted.
- Short posts on Missoula Conservation District's Healthy Riparian Guide and the Water Festival were added to the website.
- Draft September minutes and October agenda will be posted when electronic copies are sent.
- Last month:



Project Updates

Bull River Riparian Re-vegetation

- Montana Conservation Corps Crew is out working in the Bull River this week. Work is focused on wrapping up maintenance leftover from the spring, and removing grass from fencing to minimize snow/runoff damage.

Vermilion River Restoration

- 319 Application for funding toward the next project on the Vermilion River, the Sims Meander Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project, is pending. The agency review

panel met on October 1, for which Brita Olson gave presented on behalf of GMCD and other partners. After preliminary rankings, the Sims Meander project ranked second and was recommended for full funding. However, we are waiting for an official notice.

Watershed Restoration Plan

- Work continues on the update to the Lower Clark Fork Tributary Watershed Restoration Plan. Sarah Bowman sent out a draft of a Prospect Creek subsection for review, along with sections on Marten Creek and Swamp Creek. She hopes to receive preliminary feedback by the end of October, though will continue to accept input from anyone whenever they are able to provide it. She plans to work on the Beaver Creek and Rock Creek subsections next.

Watershed Symposium – October 10-12 in Whitefish, MT

- Brita Olson and Sarah Bowman attended the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's 2018 Watershed Symposium last week. The focus of this event was storytelling, and beyond the general networking and connections made there were some very helpful / pertinent session related to ArcGIS StoryMaps, visual storytelling (photography), and the Montana State Library's data resources. These will be very helpful in developing a Story Map for the Lower Clark Fork Watershed which LCFWG staff will be working on this winter, funded through a 319 Mini-Grant from the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana.

Report: 10/17/2018
Samantha Tappenbeck
Area Resource Specialist - Water



2019 Conservation Calendar: Request for events and topics

- SWCDM is working with partners to develop a conservation-themed calendar
- Each month will include dates for conservation-related events
- Photos and event dates/details welcome!

Montana Watershed Coordination Council Symposium: October 10-12, Whitefish

- Presented with Brita/LCFWG on the Thompson River WRP planning process
- Presented with Lincoln CD on an education/outreach project associated with a restoration project in Eureka

Upcoming events:

- **MACD Convention: November 13-16, Billings** (*room block ends Oct. 29)
- **Soil Moisture Workshops:** Focusing on soil moisture measurement, technologies, and applications supporting agricultural management and drought resilience; http://climate.umt.edu/sm_workshops/
 - November 7 (Greenough) & November 9 (Columbus);
 - No charge, lunch provided