



Meeting Minutes December 5th, 2018

Supervisors Present

Sean Moran
Terry Hightower
Bill Naegeli
Mindy Ferrell
Kent Wilby

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Ryan Kriener Brita Olson
Katherine Maudrone
Juli Thurston
Samantha Tappenbeck

Associate Supervisors Present

Jean Dunn

Visitors Present

Bob & Kathy Gregg

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

Minutes 2018

- A motion to approve October 2018 meeting minutes as submitted was made Bill 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 Terry, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Reminder that the Election of officers is in January
- Election of Aquatic Invasive Plant Task Force Representative
 - A motion to appoint Terry Hightower as the Aquatic Invasive Plant Task Force Representative was made by Bill 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- There will be an Executive Board meeting following the regular scheduled meeting

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- See attached

LCFWG COORDINATOR "WATERSHED REPORT"

- See attached

MT FWP Report

- Attended NW relicensing meeting
- Attended Northwest TAC meetings
- NWE Relicensing process is going to be a long process current license expires in 2025.

NRCS Report:

- General
 - NRCS hours of duty policy change associated with attending CD Board meetings. Proposal of establishing a local working group comprised of land owners/Ag Producers/Natural Resource professionals/Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group members/Land Trust members. The local working group will be formed in early 2019 to prioritize local resource concerns/land use areas of emphasis within the boundaries of GMCD for future NRCS funding opportunities associated with the EQIP Program.
- Programs
 - EQIP SI applications (high tunnel) for the 2019-1 signup period have been ranked. Preapprovals for EQIP applications will occur on December 14th. Deadlines for the EQIP 2019-2 sign-up period will be released in January 2019.

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- Working on a central basin watershed restoration plan.
- Had a landowner meeting about Ashly Creek and there was a lot of land owner attendance.

Education

Noxon Class:

- Mindy will be following up with Jason Colyer in December to see how the wildlife and natural resource management class is doing for the 1st semester. Since Kaniksu Land trust is still able to manage and contribute up to \$3000 for a H.S. summer intern, don't anticipate GMCD to sponsor a similar grant this year. Mindy will have a more detailed report about the first semester of this class (which currently has 11 students enrolled) for the January meeting.

Winter Tracks

- Friends of Scotchman peaks is again sponsoring the junior high winter tracks program this winter. The coordinator will be their Thompson Falls liaison, Ray Brown. Mindy plans to volunteer only as an instructor for this program, and will do so as a GMCD representative. It will be held on January 24rd.

WF Display Plan

- Mindy has talked to first security bank about creating a display for April or May 2019 to display the watershed map, some GMCD and ESCD signage, some quotes from kids, and more. They are very interested and have some in-house emails in the works. With their recent remodel, they no longer have their previous display space. They were going to try and consider a more innovative space in Thompson Falls, or perhaps use the plains bank's display space instead. They will get back to Mindy.

Missoula CD booklet

- Mindy contacted the mcd about their terrific 1991 watershed education booklet for grades 7 - 12. They returned my call and the new Administrator said that she would check into whether they have: 1) updated it recently; 2) have extras of the 1991 booklet; and, 3) check into what other educational materials they have on hand that they could share. Mindy would like to get these booklets out to area schools this winter.

Education Materials

- Mindy, with Leona's collaboration this winter would like to review the educational materials GMCD has on hand at the office, and then research other materials we might obtain from other agencies. Mindy hopes to create a list of available resources.

Conservation Days

- Mindy initiated discussion about GMCD's previous conservation days and what they were like. She is wondering if the board might be interested in sponsoring another such day in the late spring of 2020.
- Bill mention another resource is Julie Thurston MSU extension agent for Sander County.

Old Business:

- Nothing to Report

Building Repair Project:

- Nothing to Report

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Update on Convention (Bill)
 - Bill is on the Education committee for the State.
 - All resolutions passed
 - With the new MACD Director there were processes that were discussed and revised.
 - The resolution process has been revised.
 - Committee process has been revised
 - The MACD budget was a topic of discussion
 - The MACD board are the ones that approve the budget. Legally they send out the budget and tell each CD that this is what MACD has approved. There is no communication or approval that come from the CD's.
 - Overall the feeling is that progress has been made with the new processes and procedures.
 - Open discussion was had on how people became Supervisors. Talked about how to strengthen our Board.
 - Bill would like to visit the CD's in area V so that he can get a feel of what each is doing.
 - A motion to reimburse Bill for his mileage when visiting other CD's in our area V was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Subdivision Review:

- Nothing to Report

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

310 Activities

- NWE Collaboration Meeting (keep on agenda until Spring)
 - There were about 60-70 people that attended and they had 3 break out session depending on specific interest on the river.
 - NWE does not show leadership in erosion control on the Thompson Falls Reservoir. GMCD will pursue ideas for erosion control with NWE.
 - Kent brought up the Boat wakes that are creating bank erosion. NWE does not want to be responsible for policing the reservoir
 - NWE will create a site map of their property. And GMCD likely to provide input on bank protection alternatives
 - There is no real wake enforcement on the reservoir.
 - NWE feels the need for another boat launch in North Shore.
 - A question came up, concerning inspection done on sea planes for AIS. Samantha has some information that she will send to us.

- Mindy will get the report to GMCD that was completed on determining speed restriction's, water depth etc.
- Katherine stated that they were looking at all the recreational sites to see the need if any for more.
- NWE Reviewed the economics of the use of the reservoir.

SW-33-18 Milliken

- A site visit was held October 24th at 2:00 pm
- A motion to accept the revised application with exhibit "A" as complete was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.
- A motion to approve the project with the conditions outlined in exhibit "A" of the revised application was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

SW-34-18 English

- A site visit was completed on 11/02/18
- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- A motion to approve the project with the following modifications; *Slope 3:1 with root wads and 12 inch plus rock for 20 yards. Use smaller cobble for up stream and on sloped bank. Revegetate with deep rooted plants. Deepen channel under and to the North end of Bridge. Armor point of center pier 60 yds. in length. maintenance of South end of Bridge.* Was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

SW-35-18 Anselmo

- A site visit was completed on 11/02/18
- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.
- A motion to approve the project with the following modifications; *Place root wads with 10ft. to 12ft. plus stems starting at the alders upstream of project and proceeding 100ft. downstream. Place root wads every 16ft. – 20ft apart. Dig root wad stems into bank and place 2ft or more of rock on top of and between root wads. Cross angle stems of root wads. Work to be done when channel is dry* Was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

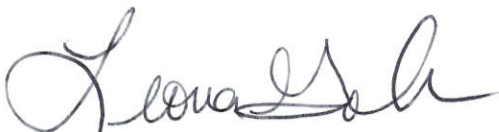
SW-36-18 Gregg/Kuhl

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, Motion carried
- A motion to approve the permit as submitted was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried
- FWP waves site visit

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy, Motion carried.

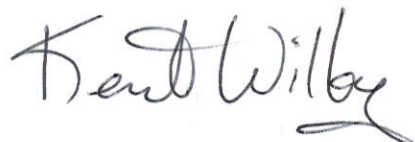
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Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.



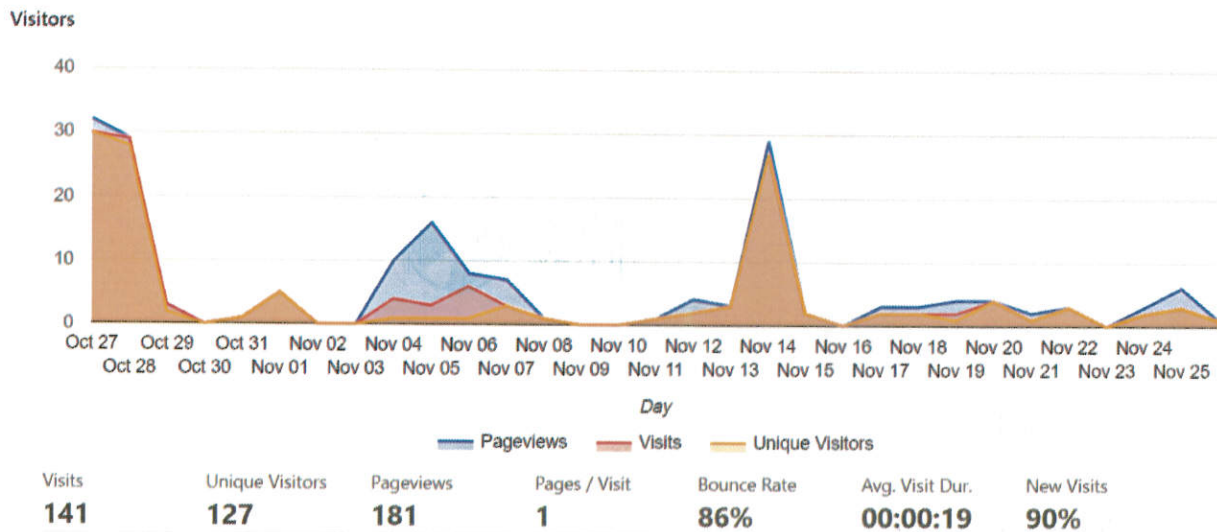
Kent Wilby
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District
December 5, 2018
Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Meeting announcement about cancelled November board meeting and rescheduled December meeting was posted.
- Short post with link to the Ranching for Rivers program was posted.
- Draft October minutes were posted.
- Last month:



LCFWG 4th Quarter Meeting

The LCFWG 4th Quarter Meeting will be on Thursday, December 6 at 10:00 MST at the Green Mountain Conservation District Office.

Project Updates

Bull River Riparian Re-vegetation

- Annual Work Summary was completed for Clark Fork Settlement Agreement (CFSA) Appendix B Bull River match funds
- 2019 Project Plan was submitted for Bull River match funds. This project plan requests approval from the CFSA Management Committee to use the entire \$4089.88 remaining in this Appendix B contract on ongoing maintenance of Bull River Revegetation efforts. Originally, \$1,200 of these funds were allocated to the Dry Creek Road Removal Project.

Vermilion River Restoration

- Application for Section 319 grant funds through Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was approved by the interagency review panel.
- Leona and Brita met with our DEQ program contact, Hannah Reidl, via conference call.

- Draft Scope of Work for this contract was sent out to project partners (Kootenai National Forest, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), etc.) on November 15. Comments will be summarized and submitted to DEQ by the end of November.

Watershed Restoration Plan

- Work continues on the update to the Lower Clark Fork Tributary Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP). Sarah Bowman has been drafting a Beaver Creek subsection this past month, and she plans to work on the Rock Creek subsection next. The goal is to complete a preliminary draft of the updated WRP in January.

Other projects

- Lower Clark Fork Stream Restoration Summary: Brita is working on documenting past projects into a single document titled "Lower Clark Fork Stream Restoration Summary, 1995-2020". This is an update to an earlier summary developed by FWP Fisheries Biologist Chris Horn in 2011. While preliminary work drafting this update is underway, Brita does not anticipate fully finalizing this document until the end of 2020.
- Graves Creek Pilot Habitat Enhancement Project: LCFWG is partnering with Trout Unlimited, FWP, Avista, and the Lolo National Forest to complete the Graves Creek Pilot Habitat Enhancement Project, which will hopefully be implemented in 2019. The goal of this project is to install 3-5 large woody debris structures in Graves Creek on the Lolo National Forest, with the goal of increasing available in-stream spawning gravel deposition and increase habitat complexity to benefit native Bull Trout, and secondarily Westslope Cutthroat Trout.
- Crow Creek Restoration, Phase II: Planning and design is underway for a second phase of restoration in Crow Creek, a tributary to Prospect Creek, after the first phase of restoration in 2007 has shown positive fisheries response. LCFWG requested a letter of support from GMCD at the end of November for a funding application to the FWP Future Fisheries Improvement Program which would support the implementation of this project in 2019.