



Meeting Minutes February 20th, 2019

Supervisors Present

Sean Moran
Terry Hightower
Bill Naegeli
Mindy Ferrell
Kent Wilby

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Ryan Kreiner
Travis Lemke
Katherine Maudrone

Associate Supervisors Present

Jean Dunn

Visitors Present

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

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

Minutes 2019

- A motion to approve January 16th, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Sean 2nd 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 for this period was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Donation to the Fly-Fishing Tour
 - A motion to donate \$100.00 to the Fly-Fishing Tour this year was made by Mindy 2nd by Sean motion carried.
- Jim Carabin has turned in his resignation and is no longer an Associate Supervisor.

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- No Report

LCFWG COORDINATOR "WATERSHED REPORT"

- No Report

- Mindy would like to know what kind of feed back do we give Brita for the LCF Watershed Restoration Plan.
 - Sean explained that the restoration plan is a requirement to receive DEQ funds to do restoration projects. There are DEQ listed impaired streams in our area that that may benefit from restoration work. The restoration plan is also used to compile information for DEQ.
 - The LCF was one of the first to have a restoration plan (in 2010) and we have received funds because of that.
 - We rely on the LCFWG Technical Team of advisors to give the input needed to complete the restoration plan.

MT FWP Report

- FWP issues 124 permit that are used for government agencies and MDT are a huge entity that uses the 124-permit process and they are laying out their projects for the next few years. There is a meeting in Kalispell tomorrow and Ryan will be attending. One of the MDT projects in the process is replacing or fixing the Trout Creek Bridge possibly in 2020. Another project is working on the highway in plains, They are trying to work toward more of a preemptive measures rather than a reactive measure
- We are all wondering what Wildlife deterrent mats are and what they are used for. Katherine thinks that they have some kind of charge in them but no one is really sure.
- Ryan will give us an update from the MDT Meeting tomorrow at our next meeting.
- FWP has moved into their new office building.
- FWP opposed the language change to the house bill 399 and most people that testified were against changing that language for intermittent streams.

NRCS Report:

- NRCS Travis Lemke is currently working on a long range conservation plan for Sanders County (for both GMCD & ESCD). This plan will include/identify various resource concerns throughout the county, and provide guidance for focused conservation planning efforts (NRCS-MT) in the future. The framework for our first Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP) for Sanders County has also been established for the FY2020 EQIP funding cycle. Local working group meetings and partner/stakeholder collaboration efforts will be scheduled in the coming months.

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- See attached

Education

Noxon Class:

- Mindy emailed Mr. Colyer and Supt Ehinger about whether or not assistance will be needed for the class this coming spring. In addition, she asked whether or not they would consider restarting the Environthon team and even push that competition's curriculum into the class next year. She mentioned that GMCD had contributed funding for both TF & Noxon teams in the past and would be willing to consider it for in the future.

Winter Tracks:

- Winter Tracks was another great success. Just under 50 7th-grade students from both Noxon and Thompson Falls came on Jan. 24 to North Shore. There were 4 teaching stations. Friends of Scotchman Peaks and coordinator, Ray Brown, greatly appreciated the use of the GMCD canopies, as well as Avista's assistance to set up and take down along with their extra snow removal to fine tune all the work that had been done by the county.

Water Festival Display:

- The bank is not going to be able to display our Watershed Map. Mindy is wondering if it could be part of the Fly-Fishing Festival displays and she will discuss this with Brita.?

Bonnors County WF

- Mindy met with Gail Bolin, the Bonner County Watershed Festival coordinator last week. This Watershed Festival is in its 24th year and formed the model for much of our WF. They serve between 400 - 450 5th graders over 2 days on any given year at Riley Creek the 3rd week of May. Mindy has offered to be a volunteer for this along with the Idaho Forestry Contest the 2nd Thursday of May.

Natural Resource Youth Camp:

- Mindy will be getting in touch with the 3 local schools at the end of March concerning the Natural Resource Youth Camp.
- A motion that GMCD will sponsor 1-3 students scholarship to this camp in the amount of \$100.00 was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.

Old Business:

- A Motion to send an appreciation letter to MACD letting them know that the renewed communication and lobbying efforts on behalf of all CD's is much appreciated was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill motion carried.

Building Repair Project:

- Nothing to Report

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- AIS meeting update (Terry Hightower)
 - 95% of the meeting dealt with the funding aspects of the AIS efforts.
 - County task force constrained by EA for reservoir treatments of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) There was discussion on where they will spray for invasive EWM but no decisions have been made.
 - Terry Mentioned that the mussel infestation is the number one concern in the state and it is really getting hard to get grant funds for EWM treatment.

Subdivision Review:

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

310 Activities

- NWE Collaboration Meeting (keep on agenda until Spring)
 - Meeting has been confirmed for March 27th at 1:00 pm at the State Office Building in Thompson Falls.

SW-02-19 Schwehr

- Mr. Schwehr has reviewed the individuals file that this complaint originated against. He is satisfied that everything is in order.
- Motion to close this complaint was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried

SW-03-19 Amaya

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made last month
- A motion to accept the project with the flowing modification; *no preformed concrete blocks, pressure treated lumber or pipe clamps will be used on this project* was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.
- FWP waived site visit

SW-05-19 Fairbanks

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Sean, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried
- A motion to accept the project as submitted was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion failed.
- A motion to send a letter to Mr. Fairbanks requesting that he include the following information in his 310 application; *how will the dock be removed in the fall and launch in the spring, where will the dock be stored, and will there be expected effect on the shoreline, and vegetation with the removal, launching and storage of the dock* was made by Mindy, 2nd Sean motion carried.
- FWP waived site visit

SW-06-19 Townsend

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill, motion carried
- A motion to accept the project as submitted was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- FWP waived site visit

SW-07-19 Fister

- A motion that this application is incomplete for the reasons listed below was made by Sean, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried
- No location map included
- Needs photos of shoreline and embankment
- No Details or diagram regarding trail to dock dimensions, slope etc.
- No Detailed diagram of dock dimensions and material used.
- The helical anchors are shown in the water not on the shore in the drawing.

SW34-19 English

- GMCD did an additional site visit after the first project was complete. They have requested the landowner to do further work on the original project.
- A motion to revise the original permit to include the following modification: *Re-contour West Bank upstream from bridge to a 2 to 1 slope. Slope East bank on inside of channel to 3 to 1 slope. Open side channel under bridge on West side of Creek 8' wide. Stay away from larger aspens. Replant aspens on West side of the Creek.* was made by Kent, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.



Kent Wilby
Chairman

Update on recent work:

- Attended the Western Montana Grazing and Agriculture Conference, January 17-18, Missoula
- Provided review of LCFWG Story Maps
- Central Clark Fork WRP
 - Request for input from stakeholders on project identification and prioritization
 - Requested response date: February 15
 - Received input from FWP, Trout Unlimited, USFS Lolo NF
 - Online survey results: 18 responses so far

Available Programs:

- **Ranching for Rivers:** Cost-share program (50%) available to landowners to voluntarily construct grazing infrastructure and enable them to better manage the streams and riparian resources on their land
 - Financial assistance available for labor and materials to construct fences, hardened crossings, water gaps, offsite watering tanks, pipeline, etc.
 - Assistance available from certified grazing plan developer
 - Projects must be located in an area with a DEQ-accepted Watershed Restoration Plan (assistance is available to help determine if you qualify)
 - OPEN ENROLLMENT
- **SWCDM Water Quality Mini-Grants**
 - Funding for education and outreach to address water quality issues resulting from nonpoint source pollution
 - Deadline to apply: March 27, 2019 at 5PM
 - Program moving to one call for applications per year
 - Next call: Spring 2020