

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 17th, 2019**

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| **Supervisors Present** | | **Employees Present** | |
| Kent Wilby via conference phone | | Leona Gollen | |
| Terry Hightower | |  | |
| Mindy Ferrell via conference phone | | **Advisors Present** | |
| Sean Moran | | Katherine Maudrone | |
| Bill Neageli via conference phone | | Ryan Kreiner |  |
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| **Associate Supervisors Present** | | **Visitors Present** | |
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**Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.**

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

**Introductions**

## Minutes 2019

* A motion to approve June 19th, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mindy 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

## Financial Report

* Leona reviewed the financial report with the board for the last period.
* A motion to approve the financial report for last period was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

**Administrator’s Report:**

* NWE & GMCD Float tour
  + Dates for tour August 20th.Meet at 9:00 am at Wild Goose Landing
  + NWE will supply the boat
  + Suggestions on what property to look at
    - Along Salish Shores.
    - Key in on the work with NWE erosion on their property.
    - Mindy would like to try and get a procedure developed as a standard practice.
    - Sean and Terry will take notes on the trip
  + 4-H Conservation Charlie Donation
  + A motion to sponsor the 4-H group for conservation Charlie Plaque” was made by Sean, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
  + **Financial Report Review time**
    - This will remain on the agenda for discussion next month.

**GMCD Website:** (**greenmountaincd.org**)

* + See attached

**LCFWG COORDINATOR “WATERSHED REPORT”**

* + See attached

**MT FWP Report**

* Stream Sampling
* Crow Creek restoration project is underway. FWP, Avista, LCFWG, NWE, Fitchett Contracting and River Design Group are all involved.

**NRCS Report:**

* Travis will be on an official detail working in the Deer Lodge Field Office (NRCS) for up to two months starting on July 22nd. Miles City was the original destination but that plan changed in the last few weeks. Jared Worthington [jared.worthington@usda.gov](mailto:jared.worthington@usda.gov) from the Ronan Field Office will be the “Acting” District Conservationist for the Plains Field Office in my absence.
* Troy Hidy continues to spend the vast majority of his time working in the western half of Sanders County conducting inventory work on properties along the Bull River, Elk Creek, and Blue Creek. There have been several landowners along these drainages that have expressed interest in participating in our first TIP (Targeted Implementation Plan) proposal for Sanders County (FY2020 funding). The TIP will be submitted for approval at the end of 2019.
* Max Buckner (Student Trainee) continues to assist both myself and Troy with implementing conservation measures throughout the county, conducting inventory/assessment for our TIP proposal, and developing the Long Range Plan for Sanders County.

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

* Nothing to Report

## Education

* Pollinator training
  + As of now, DNRC has no set parameters on the money set aside for the pollinator program, Mary liked the idea of an area wide program with Lake County CD taking the lead. She asked Heidi to write a proposal she could present to the other staff members who are involved at the DNRC. She is optimistic, and hopes we can be ready to disperse seed by the spring!!
  + New school garden at Noxon and may be open to the pollinator program.
* Mindy will contact the new Superintendent at Noxon, Jason Collier and Doug Padden to talk about the Envirothon program involvement.
  + The stream hydrology sandbox cannot be used this in September. But Mindy would like to use it at a different time maybe winter.

## Old Business:

* Nothing to Report

**Building Repair Project:**

* Nothing to Report

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

* Nothing to report

**New Business**:

* + Nothing to report

**Subdivision Review**:

* Nothing to Report

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

* Anonymous Complaint concerning former GMCD member involving and interacting with landowners concerning 310 issues.

**310 Activities**

**SW-08-19 Crone**

* As of 07/17/19 there has been no re-submission of Mr. Crones application from April’s incomplete application motion.
* Mindy said that there was no apparent activity at this site.
* Motion to send letter to Mr. Crone because of inactivity we will be closing out your application should you wish to resubmit we look forward to working with you. Mindy, 2nd Bill, motion carried.

**SW-11C-19 FWP**

* A motion to send a letter to complainant outlining decision and remedies was made by Kent, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.
* Keep this on agenda until October to complete the investigation.

**SW-14-19 Petrie**

* Application was complete at last month’s meeting
* A site visit was conducted on 6/24/19 With Sean, Kent & Ryan.
* A motion to approve this project with the following modification; ***use bank-based anchoring system to secure the dock without use of in-water concrete anchors and cables as originally proposed*** was made by Sean, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

**SW-15-19 NWE**

* The application was approved last meeting
* A site visit completed on 6/24/19 by Sean, Ryan.
* A motion to approve this project with the following modification; - ***Prospect Cr perennial crossing below Crow Cr (Crossing #1 in SW-15-19), perform after July 15 but before 8/31 (earlier is better). One day with multiple crossings (less than 10 total) to get equipment and poles across channel (mini-excavator crossing earlier), one day with multiple crossings to leave site. All reasonable efforts to minimize number of crossings and use of steel-tracked equipment will be used. Prospect Cr crossing by Daisy Cr (Crossing # 2), bank re-contour to use existing larger-sized material as possible to confer some protection to bank (same note for side channel crossing of access road). Number of crossings may be doubled due to outages on the line. Prospect Cr perennial crossing by Brush (Crossing #3): If needed, minimize equipment and crossing as reasonable, perform after July 15 but before 8/31, bank re-contour to use existing larger-sized material as possible to confer some protection to bank. Pre & post crossing pictures of bank.*** was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.

**SW-16C-19 Prospect Creek Fence possibly on bank**

* An anonymous complaint came in concerning a landowner building a fence possible on the banks of prospect creek. It is in the area of where Prospect Creek meets Dry Creek on the Cherry Creek Rd.
* Bill will go look at this site and report back next month.
* This is build on the county right away.
* Sean , Bill and Ryan did a site visit and the fence is not on the bank so no 310 issue

**SW-17C-19 Salish Shores lot 28 Whitton**

* A site visit was conducted by Bill.
* A motion to accept as a complete application and approve project as submitted was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.
* They will float dock downstream to take it out of the water

**SW-01-19 Hause**

* Me Hause submitted a new application but not in time to be discussed at this meeting. This will stay on the agenda for next month.
* We need a completed application to go any further.

**SW-29-18**

* Final inspection
* There were some questions as to to what was installed, so this will be scheduled with the final site inspection team.

**SW-28-17 Cox Extension**

* A motion to extend Cox permit # SW-28-17 until July 17th, 2020 was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

**SW-18-19 Avista Pole Removal**

* A motion that this project is outside the scope of our jurisdiction was made by Mindy, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.
* I supervisor abstains
* FWP waves site visit.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Kent, 2nd by Mindy, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted. Approved.

Leona Gollen Kent Wilby

Administrator Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

July 17, 2019

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

**Website**

* Final May meeting minutes were posted.
* DRAFT June meeting minutes need to be posted
* July agenda posted.
* Last month’s stats: For some reason the normal graph of stats was unavailable. I have a question into Kate Arpin (Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana) about this.

**Meetings**

Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group Meeting was held June 20 in Thompson Falls. The 3rd Quarter Meeting is scheduled for September 4.

**Project Updates**

Bull River Revegetation: This month, I have continued making site visits and completing small maintenance tasks that we (myself and the Montana Conservation Corps crew) did not quite get to in June.

Sims Meander Project: We submitted the pre-proposal for $50,000 to the Bring Back the Natives program of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation on GMCD’s behalf. It was denied.

Crow Creek Restoration Project – Phase 2: Construction began on this project mid-July and we’ll be focused on completing this project through August. River Design Group will be overseeing the project and Elk Creek Contracting will be doing the construction. I hope to share our progress next meeting.

Graves Creek Pilot Habitat Enhancement Project: We are planning to mobilize and implement this project in early August. This is a small project that should only take 3-4 days with Trout Unlimited providing construction oversight, and Haskins Excavating completing construction.