



Meeting Minutes September 18th 2019

Supervisors Present

Kent Wilby
Bill Naegeli
Mindy Ferrell
Sean Moran

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Ryan Kreiner FWP
Jared Worthington
Katherine Madrone

Visitors Present

Mr. Baxter

Associate Supervisors Present

Jackie Nichols

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 August 21st, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mindy 2nd by Bill, 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 Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- MACD Dues Proposal
 - A motion to accept the new MACD dues proposal was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried
- NRCS Local Workshop date & time
 - The consensus for a date and time is October 22nd in the afternoon.
- Sponsoring Brita to attend MACD Convention
 - A motion to pay for Brita's registration to attend the MACD convention was made by Kent, 2nd by Bill, motion carried

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- See attached

LCFWG COORDINATOR "WATERSHED REPORT"

- See attached

MT FWP Report

- Lower Wilks Creek has been contributing a lot of noticeable color from sediment to lower Prospect Clay in channel is responsible and possibly rain related.
- Finishing up sampling
- Bull Trout redd counts are coming up

NRCS Report:

- Jared Worthington is her representing Travis.
- Travis has accepted a position in Missoula. Jared Worthington and Ben Montgomery will be going back and forth until Travis's position is filled.
- NRCS will concentrate on where project will be done at the workshop.
- Leona will get Brita and Jared each other's contact information.

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- No Report (Samantha is on Maternity leave 😊)

Public Education

- WF preparation is going smoothly. Mindy has scheduled the in-classroom teaching program and will begin next week. The festival is on October 1st this year. We will have 2 new station this year, Habitat Hulu with Brita Olson as our presenter and Native Use of the River presented by Stephanie Gillan.
- Mindy has not spoken to the Noxon Superintendent concerning the Envirothon.

Supervisor Education:

- Financial Report review time
 - We have set a procedure to make the financial report as current as possible.
 - All checks are signed at the meeting to match the financial report.
 - Since invoices are being paid up to the afternoon of the meeting, there is a strong possibility that the financial report will not be correct if it is sent to the Board early.
 - A motion that Supervisors receive the financial report 2 hours prior to the meeting via e-mail was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried (with a change of vote received via email from Bill).
- Employee Direct Supervision
 - Any Employee personnel issues or questions will be directed to the Chairman and Vice Chairman which are the Employee's direct Supervisors.
- Review of Associate Supervisor & Technical Advisor e-mail list.
 - People that are on this list are advisors.

Old Business:

- **Nothing to Report**

Building Repair Project:

- The dirt is getting very low around the building. We need to get some fill dirt around the building for support.
- A motion to order dirt and make this repair using money from the building reserve fund was made by Mindy, 2nd Sean motion carried.
- Kent will contact Dans Dirt to get a quote.

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Jim Morkert picked up the Gopher-Getter yesterday.

New Business:

- MC meeting update:
 - GMCD is a member of the Management Committee (but were not present).
 - Nate Hall gave a PP presentation of the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement history
 - Approval of a walleye geo chemistry proposal.
 - Review of ongoing projects
 - Tours were conducted of project sites
- Grass Seeder (Kent)
 - The public have been using the No-till drill for grass and it does not work.
 - There has been more than one request for grass seeding.
 - A rough estimate of cost for an 8-footer \$1,500 per foot approximately \$12,000.00
 - Kent will do some research on machinery and cost.

Subdivision Review:

- Nothing to Report

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

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310 Activities

DEQ 318 letter

- It has come to the attention of GMCD that an Environmental Quality 318-authorization letter is supposed to be sent to all landowners that are issued a 310 permit with any turbidity issues. This is the responsibility of FWP but after a discussion with FWP it was determined that the easiest way to get a landowner signature on this authorization would be for GMCD to send out the authorization along with the permit for signature. The landowner will then be asked to return both to our office before the project can be started.
- A motion to send out the DEQ 318-authorization letter when necessary with the 310 permit for signature was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.

SW-11C-19 FWP

- Keep this on agenda until October to complete the investigation.

SW-01-19 Hause

- A motion to contact the engineer that works with DNRC and schedule an appointment was made last month.
- Leona talked to River Design Group and they will be out to look at the potential project in October. They will firm up a date soon.
- Leona talked to Mr. Hause at length on the phone and informed him that we would not be discussing his project at this meeting since we have nothing else to report at this time. He wanted to know if he did not use the eco blocks if we would approve the project then. He stated that he has a contractor scheduled to do the work and he is waiting for the OK from us. It was explained to him that the Eco blocks were not the only issue and was reminded of the letter that had previously been sent to him stating that what he proposed was only a bandage to the overall problem and that the Board was pretty sure that to do it right he was going to have to hire an engineer to come up with a suitable plan.

SW-23-18 Baxter permit modification

- A motion to approve the modifications for permit # SW-23-18 as listed below was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
 - Work conducted that is not in the stream can be conducted year round

- Lower the elevation of the road structure to allow the excavator to work effectively approximately 1 foot in permitted area and approximately 4 feet in unpermitted area.
- At the fork on the stream-side of the road outside of the permitted area that is bordered by a vegetated floodplain terrace, the existing fill slope will be extended.

SW-19C-19 Sutherland Complaint

- A letter of possible violation was sent last month.
- Leona spoke with Mr. Sutherland at length today and he informed us that the dock and everything that was installed was done by the previous owner Mr. Purrington. He stated that he was assured by him and the realtor that the dock was permitted. Mr. Sutherland said that the only thing he has done was install some tiedowns on the dock so that the wave action does not rip it away from the anchors. He takes the dock out every year so was wondering if that is why it has just been noticed. He has owned the property since June of 2018. He said that he thinks that Mr. Pardee may have been the contractor but he is not sure. Leona told him that if what he is saying is true then he has nothing to worry about and the Board will work with him to resolve the matter of a permit or non-permit which ever it is.
- Leona will continue to try and find any information on the project by contact Mr. Pardee and trying to contact Mr. Purrington. So far there is no record of a permit under the name of Purrington or Price the owners before Purrington.
- GMCD will request that Mr. Sutherland complete an after-the-fact application for GMCD & his records.

SW-09-18 Avista 10 year maintenance plan

- A motion to approve the 10 year maintenance plan for the South Shore boat ramp was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
- 1 Supervisor abstained

SW-21-19 NWE Bank Stabilization

- There were concerns about approving the dock before the bank work is completed.
- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, Motion carried
A motion to approve the permit with the following modifications: The 5th bullet point under #12 will read stopping the erosion at the project site will “decrease” (Not Increase) the chances of upstream or downstream erosion, was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, Motion carried
- FWP waived site visit

SW-22-19 Mudryk - Pardee

- Bill talked to Chad Pardee and this is all old excavation that was approved years ago and the new owner wants to put in a daylight basement. Chad’s question is since the bank is already cut out, does he need a 310 permit to put in a daylight basement.
- The bottom floor would still be above the 2 feet set back mark.
- The way the application is stated it would need a 310 application.
- The application does not depict the actual measurements that were proposed to one of our Supervisors.
- There is vegetation on the first slope
- A motion was made to conduct a site visit and determine if this is in 310 jurisdictions was made by Bill, 2nd Kent motion carried.

SW-23C-19 Swamp Creek Possible Violation

- Mindy and Terry were conducting final inspections on Swamp Creek on 9/11 and became aware that significant recent rock work was done on the main ford of Swamp Creek as well as approximately 50 feet downstream with some additional work done upstream as well. It appeared that a large rubber-tired piece of equipment did this work and that there was no evidence of a

low-boy having been used. Photos were taken. It is believed that this work is on private property with FS road 2220 having an easement across this ford.

- They stopped at the FS to inquire to see if they had done the work and he said no. Doug Grupenhoff then went out to view the site and he suggested that the Supervisors review the pictures and copy them to Forest Service Law Enforcement.
- A notification will be sent to all Landowners that use the Ford
 - Have documentation, recent work done prior to 9/11/19
 - Katherine will send Leona the landowners contact information
 - Follow-up with the FS, FWP, and others will continue to determine what will need to be done.

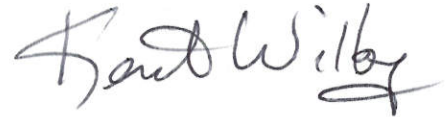
A motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm was made by Kent, 2nd by Bill, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.



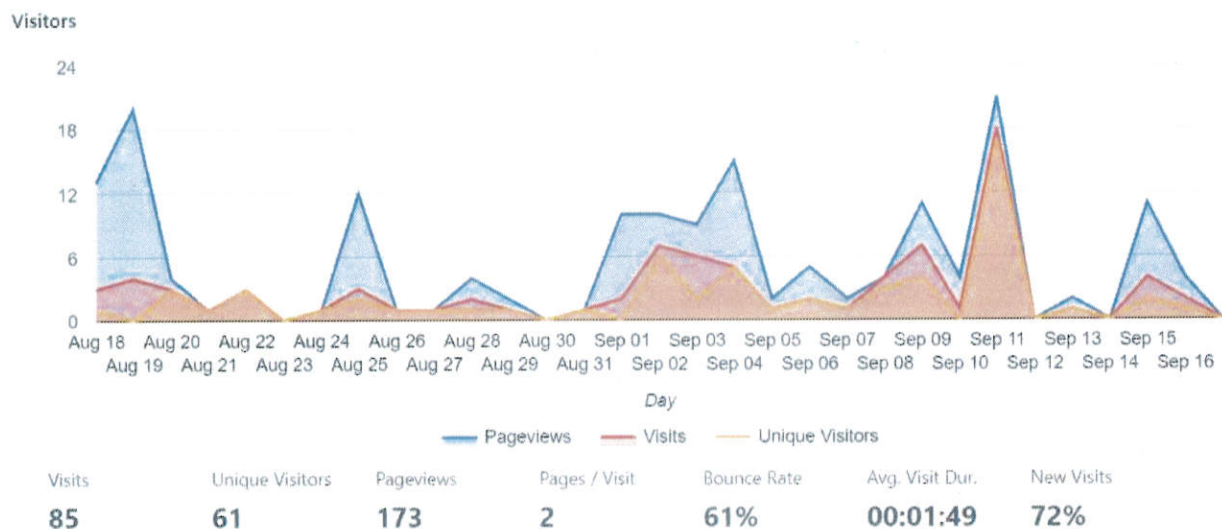
Kent Wilby
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District
September 18, 2019
Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- September Agenda was posted.
- Waiting on final signed July minutes and draft August minutes.
- Last month's stats:



Meetings

Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group 3rd Quarter Meeting was held September 4. Minutes were sent out for review on September 11, 2019. Meeting discussion included

- Alternative designs for the Sims Meander project presented by Craig Neesvig, Kootenai National Forest.
- Discussion about opportunities to promote the Crow Creek Restoration Project headed by NorthWestern Energy (with input from all partners).
- Discussion about potential projects to develop with capacity funded by a Bureau of Reclamation award.

Following the meeting, a handful of site visits are scheduled to look at projects on the ground, walking more stream, and familiarizing key partners with the site-specific context of proposed restoration in each drainage.

Project Updates

Sims Meander Project:

- Following discussion at the September 4 meeting, Craig will be developing another alternative design to consider.

- There may be opportunity to incorporate a groundwater and temperature study into the next project in order to understand how restoration may improve this aspect of water quality and habitat.
- Depending on how quickly consensus is reached on which project design to pursue, project may need to be delayed a year. If we are to implement in 2020, we would need to know what design alternative is selected soon so that we can working on garnering enough funding to fit that budget. The alternatives include (1) channel realignment, floodplain resurfacing, and in-stream habitat construction, (2) floodplain resurfacing and in-stream habitat construction, and (3) floodplain work only with no instream structures. All alternatives have different costs.
- The primary goal of the Sims project is to establish floodplain vegetation and FWP has requested that alternatives be considered in which high-impact instream work are not conducted. Alternative 1 would include two seasons of high-impact instream work in a sensitive area in which bull trout redd counts and population estimates have declined.
- While biologists do not feel that past restoration has harmed bull trout, there is uncertainty about whether the small population is resilient enough to rebound after another large-scale restoration / channel and floodplain reconstruction.

Training

Missouri Headwaters Project Tour: This month, I attended a projects tour in the Missouri Headwaters put on by the Montana Watershed Coordination Council. It was a good opportunity to network with state partners (including funding agencies) and see examples of a wide variety of on-the-ground projects. If you'd like to hear more about what I took away from this, feel free to reach out to me, or ask me to share at a future meeting when I can be present in-person.