



Meeting Minutes January 15, 2020

Supervisors Present

Kent Wilby
Sean Moran
Mindy Ferrell
Bill Naegeli
Terry Hightower

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Ryan Kreiner

Associate Supervisors Present

Visitors Present

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

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

Minutes 2019

- A motion to approve December 11th, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mindy 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Financial Report

- The financial report was sent to all Supervisor prior to the meeting
- A motion to approve the financial report for last period was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- Leona will ensure that a list of all invoices to be paid are given to the Supervisors prior to the meeting.
- A motion to pay all invoices was made by Sean, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Election of officers
 - A motion to appoint Bill Naegeli as Chairman was made by Kent, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
 - A motion to appoint Terry Hightower as Vice Chairman was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried
- Annual Dinner with Ester Sanders
 - It will be on February 26th 6pm at Minnie's in Thompson Falls
 - Leona will reserve Minnies back room.
 - Meet and greet

- Mindy suggested that a Pollinator presentation could be given if the group is in favor.
- MACD Organizational Survey
 - We Discussed the option for change and LG will denote that in the online questionnaire.
- Oaths of office
 - Kent & Terry are both up for office this year and they both will be submitting their Candidacies
- A reminder that Leona will be sending out the employee evaluation next month.
 - Following the GMCD procedures all Supervisors will send the completed employee evaluation directly to the employees Direct Supervisors, which are now Bill & Kent. They will then schedule a meeting and go over the evaluation with the Employee.

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- See attached

LCFWG COORDINATOR “WATERSHED REPORT”

- See attached

MT FWP Report

- FWP is hoping to acquire two 20-acre parcels on Lower Thompson River and maintain it as a public walk-in access to the Lower Thompson and also to conserve the land. Some funds are secured already to purchase this property.
- They will be putting out and MEPA and have asked that we support this project.

NRCS Report:

- NRCS has submitted a Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP) for Western Sanders County for forestry improvements. They have further defined this TIP to focus heavily on white pine restoration and improvements on private lands with a goal of treating between 1,500 to 2,000 acres over the next five years. NRCS is very excited about this project and are hoping to start accepting applications in 2020. The TIP needs to be reviewed and approved by the State Office which should happen in February.

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- No Report

Public Education

- Envirothon
 - Mindy sent letters to Noxon and Thompson Falls Schools concerning this year's Envirothon and had no response. So, she personally visited TF and the teacher does not think it will be possible this year to get a team together but she would like to possibly try next year.
 - Noxon changed their curriculum to forensic science this year so they will not be able to get a team together.
- Winter track is January 23th
 - GMCD will be loaning their tents, tables and chairs and Avista will be setting up on the 22nd and taking them down after the program.
- Tent Bags for tent poles
 - A discussion to possibly purchase these bags was had but an alternative was agreed upon at this time. GMCD will try and find funds through a possible DNRC grant. Leona will check what duct tape we have/need and Mindy will reinforce the tent boxes next week.

Supervisor Education:

- Pollinator Training
Mindy, Leona & Elena will be going to class on the 21st in Ronan

Old Business:

- Sanders County and Lake County Commissioners had face to face with Sen. Daines recently to express their concerns that public access would remain on roads effected by the proposed Water Compact.

Building Repair Project:

- Nothing to Report

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Nothing to Report

Subdivision Review:

- Prospect Creek Camp Ground
 - It looks like most of the development will be off the bank.
 - GMCD & FWP both have concerns with stream access and human impact on the stream bank, the fisheries and the vegetation.
 - We will include a 310 brochure with the letter of concerns.

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

-

310 Activities

SW-27-19 Day

- FWP discovered a large man-made dam across upper Prospect Creek on property that is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Day. It is clearly a 310 violation. In 2016 FWP removed a large dam at this same address. GMCD did send a violation letter to the owners in 2016.
- This would be the type of site visit that may require a police escort.
- GMCD will send a letter to the Day's Attention of their son to be hand delivered by the FWP Game Warden.

SW-28-19 McGrann

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made last month
- 2 site visits were held, 1 with 4 North West Energy employees and Gene Jopling a Contractor.
- NWE is requesting a survey be done by Hagadorne to determine property boundaries for this lot and others
- A motion to send a letter and regretfully inform the McGann's that their application was denied because of too many modification and incomplete dimensions. And request they resubmit with all the necessary modifications was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

SW-29-19 Cottrell Work completion form

A motion to accept this project as completed was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

SW-30-19 Conoco

- Because most of this work it to be done in Eastern Sanders District They will be taking the lead on this and they will keep us in the loop. We will attend the site visit sometime in April.
- A motion that ESCD will take the lead on this 310 application was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

SW-01-2020 Baxter Maintenance.

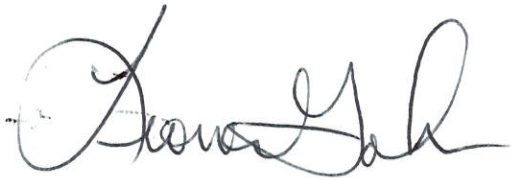
A motion to accept as completed application and approve a 10-year maintenance on the existing ford permit # SW-47-98 with modification that all work is done between July 15th and August 31st or when the channel is dry.was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean , motion carried.

Operation Meeting

- Operation and Financial Review
 - Reviewed, administrator to follow-up on a couple of items including: names of local accountant to perform audit, quarterly back-up of computer files, and orientation materials for new employee
- Annual Plan review
 - Table the annual plan until next month

A motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.



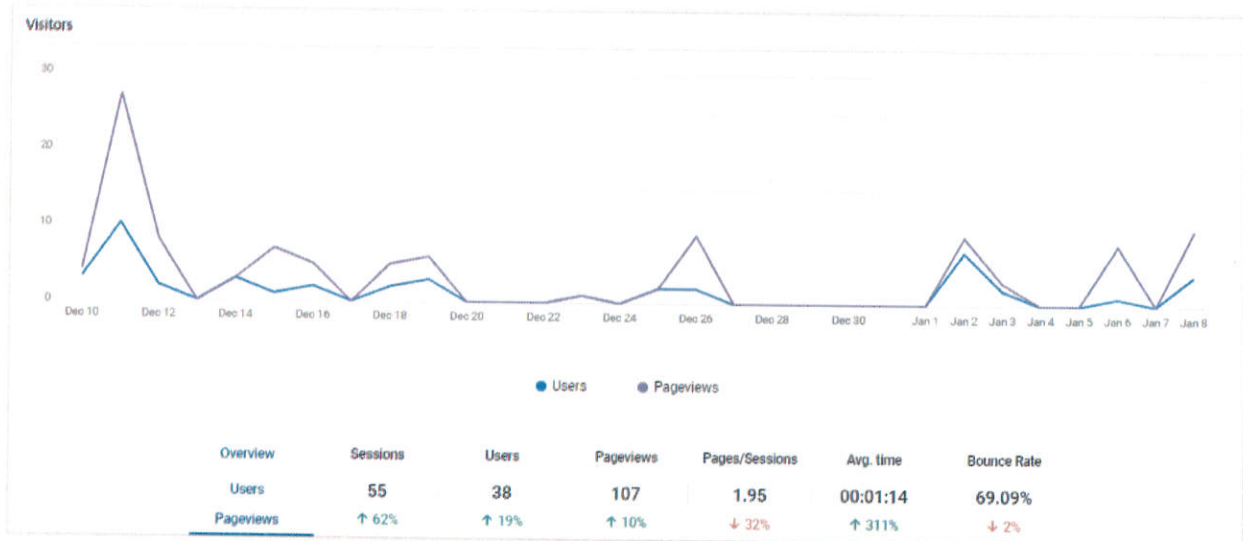
Bill Naegeli
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District
January 15, 2020
Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Draft December Meeting Minutes were posted.
- January agenda was posted
- Website users over the last 30 days: 38



Project Updates

Empowering private land stewardship and restoration on private lands

- We received a 223 grant to fund this project in 2020.
- Draft contract for implementing this project was sent to the GMCD Board for review, and was signed in December. It will be fully executed in January, prior to GMCD Board Meeting.
- As LCFWG gets started working on this, will plan opportunity for more in depth input from GMCD, working directly with Leona and any supervisors that wish to be involved.

Sims Meander Project

- Discussed project with Hannah Riedl, project manager from DEQ, and provided update on the status of the project. Shared that implementation will likely be in 2021.
- Hannah communicated that implementation in 2021 would be perfectly fine from DEQ's perspective, and that we have enough room in the contract to accommodate that.

NorthWestern Bank Stabilization Outreach opportunity

- NorthWestern asked for assistance in developing outreach related to the bank stabilization project that they just implemented on the Thompson Falls reservoir. I anticipated getting a final contract from NorthWestern for this work early this year, and working on this in 2020.