



Meeting Minutes May 20th, 2020

Supervisors Present

Bill Naegeli
Terry Hightower
Mindy Ferrell
Sean Moran (Phone)

Associate Supervisors Present

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Jason Blakney (MFWP) (Phone)
Ben Montgomery (NRCS) (Phone)

Visitors Present

Meeting called to order at 6: 00 p.m.

- Due to the high level of safety concerns for large gatherings, GMCD has limited the number of attendants at our GMCD office for the May meeting. All other interested parties will use the phone conference room.

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

Minutes 2020

- A motion to approve April 15th, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mindy 2nd by Terry, 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 Terry, 2nd by Bill, motion carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for this month was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Annual Plan
 - A motion to accept the annual plan with discussed edits was made by Sean, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
- NWE Meeting June 25th
 - Leona spoke with Mark from NWE and so far, they still want to have this meeting. We will get together the first of June and figure out a plan.
- Use of office for ballot drop off.
 - A motion that the county can use the office for election ballot drop off was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

- We will have the back yard sprayed for weeds
- We will have the Big Sky lawnmowing plant grass on the sided of the building.

FWP Update

- Office is still closed and Jason is working from home.
- MFWP, with funding from Avista, NorthWestern Energy. Trout Unlimited and MFWP, is in the process of purchasing 40 acres on Lower Thompson river for public walk-in access and conservation.

NRCS Update

- See attached
- We will review and sign the NRCS agreement at next month's meeting.

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

- The trout creek bridge will close June 1st and will be closed at least until July 13th.
- Bill will give an update on the MACD merger next month.
- Meeting will start at 6:00 pm for June.

Education

- Pollinator
 - We have received the seeds for the pollinator initiative. Mindy, Leona & Elena are meeting May 27th to try and get a game plan put together for this year.

310 Activities

SW-27-19 Day

- Jason has tried to reach him but he has not returned his calls. We will proceed with a letter to probation officer.
- The letter will be sent out for approval.

SW-08-20 Yellowstone Pipeline

- A motion that this is a complete application was made last month.
- They have not contacted us to reschedule the site visit so this will stay on the agenda.
- We will contact them to see where this stands.

SW-09-20 Flood

- A motion to accept as a complete application and approve project as submitted was made by Terry, 2nd by Sean Motion Carried.
- FWP waive site visit

SW-10C-20 Brown

- Unpermitted deck on Steam Boat Way West
- This is not a new structure it was built in the late 90's the reason he was working on it is because some of the rocks were undercut with water. He also put a railing on the deck.
- When Bill spoke with the landowner at the site visit, he told him to submit a 310 application for the work that he has completed and all if any more work is going to be done.
- We will send letter to Mr. Brown requesting the application include all work completed, any work that is left to be done and also inquire about the posts that are holding up the deck and whether they are treated posts.

SW-11C-20 Cherry Creek

- Jason will have Troy try and contact Landowner to get contact information

- FWP, LCFWG & GMCD will try and use this as an educational tool, with potential outreach and/or signage in the future.

SW-12-20 Crone/Marrinan

A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried

A motion to approve project as submitted was made by Terry 2nd by Bill Motion Carried.

FWP waives site visit

SW-03-2020 Project Completion Form

- A letter will be sent to the landowner requesting pictures of the completed project.

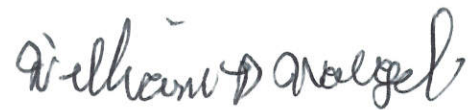
A motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm was made by Mindy 2nd by Terry, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.



Leona Gollen
Administrator



Bill Naegeli
Chairman

Green Mountain Conservation District Meeting
NRCS Report
May 20, 2020

Our NRCS offices in Montana are currently open, but customers are not allowed inside the buildings at this time. We are allowing one employee from NRCS to work in each office and all other employees are teleworking. We are allowed to conduct field visits as long as we maintain social distancing with customers. Thus far we have been able to function quite effectively using teleworking and limited interactions at our offices.

NRCS is currently working on entering and ranking our EQIP applications in our new Conservation Desktop and CART software systems. We hope to know soon which applications are pre-approved for funding and will begin writing contracts for those applications soon thereafter.

We have seven applications for the 2020 the White Pine Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP) in Sanders County.

We are hoping to be able to hire a District Conservationist for the Plains office at some point soon, but I don't have any timetable on that at this point.

Thank you,
Ben

Ben Montgomery
Supervisory District Conservationist
Ronan Field Office