



## Meeting Minutes June 17th 2020

<b>Supervisors Present</b>	<b>Employees Present</b>
Bill Naegeli	Leona Gollen
Terry Hightower	
Mindy Ferrell	<b>Advisors Present</b>
Kent Wilby (Zoom)	Jason Blakney (MFWP) (Zoom)
<b>Associate Supervisors Present</b>	<b>Visitors Present</b>
	Tina Sunderland (Zoom)

### Meeting called to order at 6:00p.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 June meeting. All other interested parties will use the Zoom Meeting Room.

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

#### Introductions

#### Minutes 2020

- A motion to approve May 20th, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, motion carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for this month was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent by motion carried.

#### Administrator's Report:

- NRCS MOU
  - A motion to accept the NRCS MOU and sign it was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, motion carried.

- NWE Meeting June 25th
  - This meeting has been canceled
- 4H Plaque donation
  - A motion that GMCD will donate \$40.00 for the Conservation Charlie plaque again this year was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, motion carried.

#### **LCFWG Report**

- See attached report
- Brita has posted the pollinator flyer to our website and she is in the process of working on outreach postings and press releases.

#### **FWP Update**

- MFWP is in the process of conducting population estimates on the Big Rock Creek section of the Thompson River (mark/recapture), river mile 32.0 to 30.7.
- Acquisition of lower Thompson River property will go before Fish & Game Commission on June 25.
- Thompson Falls fish ladder closed on 5/26 due to high flows and reopen today (6/17).
- MFWP conducted interviews for Thompson Falls fisheries biologist management position to fill Ryan's job today (6/17).
- Conducting large woody debris addition project this summer in upper Prospect Creek (working with USFS and Trout Unlimited, funded by Avista, administered through the LCFWG).
- Brita (LCFWG Coordinator) coordinated weed spraying for the week of June 22 at the 2019 Crow Creek restoration site (Prospect Creek).

#### **NRCS Update**

- See attached

#### **Public Education**

- Pollinator
  - We have had a great response with the pollinator seeds. Brita, Elena & Leona have been discussing option for next year.
  - The Board thought it was a great idea to do a pollinator press release as an outreach project.
- Water Festival
  - We have contacted all the teachers and school administrators and informed them that the Water festival is still on this year for October 6th.
  - Leona & Elena will contact instructors.

#### **New Business**

##### **MACD Meeting Update (Bill)**

- MACD interviewed 3 people for the executive position and offered it to a person from Oregon.
- MACD is still trying to figure out what everyone wants to do with the merger,
- The bylaws are being revised and should be done next year.
- There are still plans for area meetings this fall assuming the covid requirements stay at maximum 50 per people group.
- Resolution will be sent out prior to the area meetings
- The board is working closely with the different committees to try and coordinate projects moving forward.
- Our area meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup>

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

- **SW-19-20 Brown**
  - Bill has talked to Mr. Brown and walked through the work that he had completed. The before and after pictures show that there were already things in place that were rotten and the Mr. Brown just replaced mostly what was there.
  - We will review this application further next month and decided on how to proceed.
  - Mr. Brown did add more rock then what was there.
  - Site visit was scheduled for Friday approximately 12:45



### **310 Activities**

#### **SW-27-19 Day**

- GMCD sent a letter last month informing Mr. Day that he needed to remove the dam.
- Jason from MFWP received phone message from Mr. Day stating that he has removed the dam. Jason would like to leave this on the agenda for one more month in order to possibly go and visually see that it is gone.

#### **SW-08-20 Yellowstone Pipeline**

- A motion that this is a complete application was made last month.
- A site visit is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Mindy's is not sure that the YP line and the St. Regis pictures are comparable. GMCD & FWP will take this into consideration on the 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.
- Mr. Brown has submitted the 310 application that was requested.
- This complaint is closed.

#### **SW-11C-20 Cherry Creek**

- Jason will go and talk to the landowner this Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SW-03-20 McGrann Project Completion**

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

#### **SW-09-2020 Flood Project Completion Form**

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

#### **SW-13C-2020 Cabin on Madison Street**

- We had a complaint that someone was working on a building on the bank. The first house already had a basement and the new cabin does not affect the outside bank at all. Bill informed the landowner that it was not an issue but that if he did any other work that he needed to call to see if he needed to turn in a 310 application.
- If the prior house had not been there already with the existing road, a 310 application would have been required.
- The prior excavation on the lot precludes the need for a 310 permit. Owner has been advised that any addition work that encroaches on the back will need a 310 application.

#### **SW-14-2020 Walker**

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Kent, 2nd by Mindy, Motion carried
- The Application was reviewed and a sight visit was scheduled for Friday 19th and \_Bill, Terry & Jason will be in attendance.

#### **SW-15-20 Sherry**

- A motion to deny this application as complete for the following reasons was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried
  - The dock length and ramp seems to be excessive in length.
  - #8 project dimensions need to be clearer. Example, the 10 feet are going to be impacted how? what will be done?
  - The proposed platform details do not correspond one says 6 ft dimension the other says 4-foot dimensions.
  - How much vegetation will be disturbed and what is the plan to replant?

- As a reminder, have you spoken to Avisa concerning this project?

#### **SW-16-20 Meagher**

- A motion to deny application for the following reason was made by Terry, 2nd by Mindy, Motion carried.
  - No indicated of what the approach to the platform will be.
  - How much vegetation will be removed and how will the bank be stabilized after removal of said vegetation.
  - Will winter dock removal impact the bank  
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what will be done?  
As a reminder, have you spoken to Avisa concerning this project?

#### **SW-17-20 Sunderland**

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry, Motion carried
- A motion to approve the project as submitted was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, Motion Carried
- 3-inch round rods are what is going to anchor the dock to the bank.
- FWP waved site visit

#### **SW-18E-20 Stimson Lumber Company**

- A motion to approval all emergency measures outlined in the emergency application with no further requirements was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.

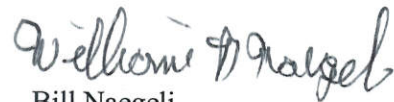
A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.



Leona Gollen  
Administrator



Bill Naegeli  
Chairman

Green Mountain Conservation District Meeting  
NRCS Report  
June 17, 2020

The Plains District Conservationist position was advertised this week! Hope to have someone hired and reporting within the next 2-3 months.

Plains USDA Office is now at "Level II" which means we can staff our offices fully but still cannot have guests inside. We are allowed to conduct field visits as long as we maintain social distancing with customers.

All of the White Pine projects have been funded; 7 total applications, \$180,000 total obligation, approximately 300 acres treated. We are currently obligating these contracts.

Thank you,  
Ben

Ben Montgomery  
Supervisory District Conservationist  
Ronan Field Office



## Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

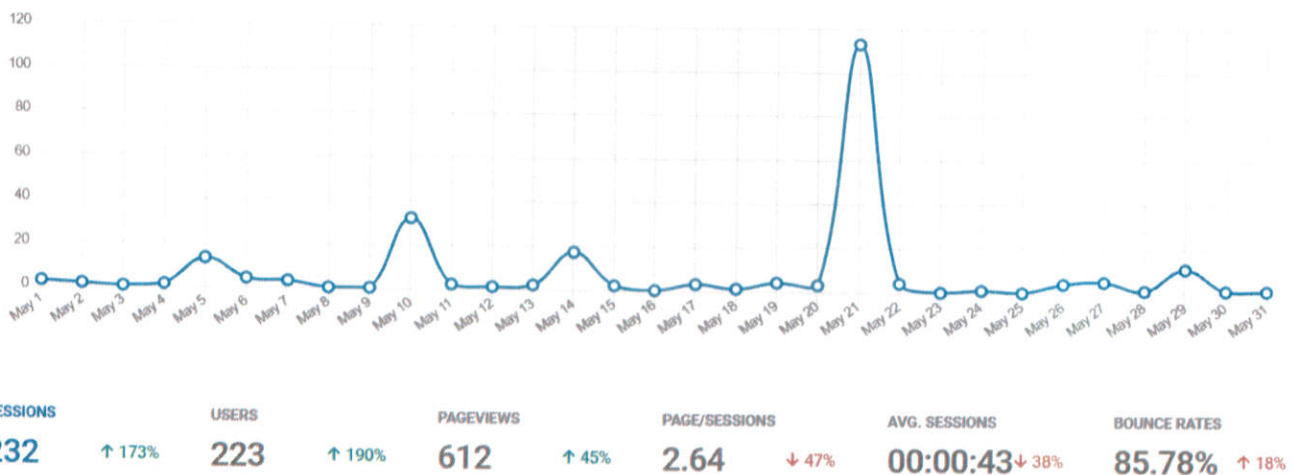
June 17, 2020

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

### Website

- Final April Meeting Minutes were posted.
- Draft May Meeting Minutes were posted.
- June agenda was posted.
- Posted information about the Pollinator Program
- Website users over the last 30 days: 223

#### Visitors



### Project Updates

#### Bull River Revegetation

- Started making monitoring and maintenance visits in the Bull River at the end of May. Have worked with 4 volunteers, and will continue to make opportunities for public participation in the project which provides education as well as much needed assistance in maintaining this effort.

#### Empowering watershed stewardship and restoration on private lands (223 grant):

- Connected with multiple landowners in the Bull River who may be interested in working with the NRCS (Troy completed a site assessment for one of them) or participating in the pollinator program (I've delivered seed to one of them).
- Worked with Kate Arpin (Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana) to duplicate the website at a different address that has search engines discouraged so that I can make edits for your review prior to publishing changes.

- Plan to complete at least a preliminary draft of website changes for your review by the end of June or early July, and then continue populating with new content throughout the year.
- Brainstormed ideas for a series of newspaper articles, and plan to develop these throughout the summer. Will send for review prior to submitting.

Sims Meander Project: Design review meeting was held on June 12. Partners discussed three alternative designs, and are currently deliberating over a preferred alternative. Hope to have a direction for the project nailed down in the next month or so. If you are interested in seeing meeting minutes, Leona or I can forward those to you.