



Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Bill Naegeli	Leona Gollen
Mindy Ferrell	Advisors Present
Kent Wilby (Zoom)	Brita Olson (LCFWG) (Zoom)
Sean Moran (Phone)	Jason Blakney FWP (Zoom)
	Arthur Potts Avista (Zoom)
Associate Supervisors Present	Visitors Present
	Gene Jopling
	Diane Magone

Meeting called to order at 6:05p.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 Sept 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 August 19th, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted was made Sean by, 2nd by Mindy, 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, 2nd by Sean motion carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for September 2020 was made by Mindy, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

Who will attend Area V meeting October 8th via Zoom

- A synopsis was given on how the zoom meeting will run.
- Bill, Leona, maybe Mindy, will attend
- Leona will send out the information for the meeting when received.

Permanent meeting time change to 6:00 pm

- A motion to permanently change the meeting time to 6:00 pm was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Sponsor Pollinator Grant

- A motion to sponsor the DNRC pollinator grant was made by Mindy 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

Ideas on what to do to honor exemplary 310 site:

- Sign on the Landowner's place
- Link flyer picture(s) to website
- Leona will collaborate with Brita on different ideas
- 2 projects for consideration are Swamp Creek Project Areal White, Autumn Parameter. and the NWE/Daughtery project.
- One question that came up is if the Landowner wanted the recognition.

The sign on Idaho Border side of County

- Kent finished painting the but we need a volunteer to hang it back up.
 - Bill will move it to GMCD and Mindy and Sean will hang.

LCFWG Report

- See attached report
- GMCD would like to thank Brita for her input on the NWE flyer and the work she has done in collaboration with landowners on stream protection and restoration.

FWP Update

- FWP officially closed on a fishing access site on the lower Thompson River this week. The Conservation Fund was able to buy this property within the last year and essentially hold it as we went through the approval process necessary to make the site a state-owned fish access site. Avista, Northwestern Energy, Trout Unlimited and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks provide funds to purchase the property. The property will not only provide access to the lower Thompson River for anglers and other recreationists, but is also an important conservation property for numerous wildlife and fish species.

NRCS Update

- Just waiting for the new guy to start in plains

Avista Update

- Working closely with GMCD on 310 issues
- Will schedule a meeting with GMCD to refine the permit process between the 2 entities.

Public Education

- Mindy will be going to the Noxon school and doing a presentation on the watershed map in the near future. At this time Noxon is the only school in the county that is allowing outside education projects at this time.

Supervisor Education

- County Workshop October 8th
 - A motion to sponsor Mindy's attendance at this meeting was made by Sean, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

New Business

- Fence repair

- Leona will look into options/cost to repair or replace the East & West side fence lines.

Building Repair

- The front porch has been repaired.

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

- Diane Magone attended our meeting to introduce herself and see what conservation districts are all about. She is running for Senate in District #7.

310 Activities

SW-12-20 Crone Project Completion

- A motion to accept this as a completed project and close this permit was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.

SW-27-19 Day

- A site visit was conducted September 4th. At the site visit it was determined what steps Mr. Day had to complete to mitigate the most resent violation. He was asked to submit a 310 application outlining what he intends to do. He submitted the 310 application.
- A motion to accept the application as submitted was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- A motion to approve project with the stipulations outlined in the site visit report which were, *fill channel to pond, armor bank entry point with rock and wood and that this work will be done in the fall*, was made by Sean, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.
- DEQ 318 is needed

SW-08-20 Yellowstone Pipeline

- Tabled until re-submitted

SW-21-19 NWE/Daughtery Project Completion

- A site visit was completed on September 14th.
- A motion to accept this as a completed project and close this permit was made by Mindy, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

SW-21-20 Gallo

- A motion to accept as a project was made last month
- Site visit was made on September 4th at 10 am, Bill, Gene, Mindy attended.
- A motion to approve this project as submitted was made by Mindy, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.
- No DEQ 318 form need

SW-23-20 Stimson Lumber

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.
- A motion of provisional approve that this project be approved with the acceptance of any recommendation included from the site visit was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- A site visit will be scheduled for Sept 28th at 9:00 am Jason, Sean, Terry, will attend
- Send DEQ 318

SW-24C-20 Stohle

- A site visit was conducted and discussion was had with Avista, and the Landowners. It was determined that a 310 application will be waved at this time.
- Avista visited with the Landowner and it was in the realm of what they gave permission to do.
- The preference is to leave the fallen trees in the water and this has been explained to the landowner.
- After considerable review a motion to wave the need for a 310 permit due to the fact that the work that is being done consists of leaving the large live alder stumps, that the area is well

vegetated and no heavy machinery was used. But any future work that is comparable to this project will need another 310 review. was made by Bill, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.

- 1 Supervisor abstained.

SW-25-20 Langford

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Kent, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- A motion to approve this project as submitted was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- FWP waved site visit
- No DEQ 318 form need

SW-26-20 Ames

- The trail is existing. At a later date maybe putting steps in, but right now the permit is for the platform and dock.
- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Kent, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.
- A motion to approve this project as submitted was made by Kent, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- FWP waved site visit
- No DEQ 318 form need

SW-27E-20 Avista

- A motion that the emergency work completed was necessary to eradicate loss of property and the project was approved with no further action required was made by Mindy, 2nd by Kent, motion carried.
- 1 Supervisor abstained

SW-28-28 Russell


This project was approved by Avista already.

It was decided that a site visit was not needed and we will approve the application and project at our next scheduled meeting.

- FWP waved site visit
- No DEQ 318 form need

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by Kent, 2nd by Mindy, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.



Leona Gollen
Administrator

Approved.



Bill Naegeli
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District
August 19, 2020
Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Final June Meeting Minutes were posted.
- Draft July Meeting Minutes were posted.
- August agenda was posted.
- Story "Streamside revegetation efforts in the Bull River continue" was posted.
- Story "Grow habitat for pollinators in your own backyard" was posted.
- Website users over July: 122

Visitors



Project Updates

Bull River Revegetation

- Continued efforts maintaining exclosures and monitoring revegetation success in the Bull River.
- Assisted Troy Hidy in expanding browse protection around cedar trees on the Ross property for another day this past month.
- Took photo points on the Rowe property. One example photo point is included below.
- Plan to complete additional work in late August through the fall as time, resources, and volunteers are available.



Photo 1. Rowe property revegetation effort (Photo point #1#1), August 2016.



Photo 2. Rowe property revegetation effort (Photo point #1#1), August 2020.

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

- Visited Edwards property with Regan Plumb (Kaniksu Land Trust), as following our engagement with Don Edwards, he intends to donated a conservation easement for the property.
- Continued developing plans for further revegetation efforts in the East Fork Bull River and mainstem Bull River with existing landowner contacts, including Don Edwards and others.
- Continued coordinating ideas for a DNRC grant proposal to fund the Sanders County Pollinator Initiative and demonstration gardens in 2021. Confirmed sites for 3 demonstration pollinator plots that will test different treatment/prep methods in different locations (Heron, Trout Creek and Camas Prairie), including on one private landowner's property. Effort will include multiple replicate trials of approximately 8 treatment, site preparation, and planting methods... and allow conservation districts to provide better informed and site-specific recommendations for developing a pollinator garden.
- Confirmed funding to continued private landowner work through April 2021 with support of the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's "Watershed Capacity Fund".
- As field work and project implementation winds down, plan to pursue further work on the draft website. May need to enlist some outside support in making this "live", as Kate Arpin is no longer with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana, and has been our primary website support person for years. We do not know if they have filled this role again yet.

Sims Meander Project: No new activity this month. We have preliminary consensus on a design alternative, and will continue developing this project for implementation in 2021 over the fall and winter. The USFS will complete permitting and NEPA consultation. I will work with Susan Drumheller to develop funding proposals for the remaining funding needed to implement the project.