



Meeting Minutes December 16th, 2020

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Bill Naegeli (Zoom)	Leona Gollen
Terry Hightower	Advisors Present
Mindy Ferrell	Jason Blakney FWP (Zoom)
Kent Wilby (Zoom)	
Sean Moran (Zoom)	Dillon Martini NRCS (Zoom)
Associate Supervisors Present	Andrew Welch (North Western Energy) (Zoom)
	Visitors Present

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 October meeting. All other interested parties will use the Zoom Meeting Room.

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Introductions

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Minutes 2020

- A motion to approve November 18th 2020 meeting minutes as submitted was made Mindy by, 2nd by Bill, 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 Bill, 2nd by Mindy motion carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for December 2020 was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

Revenue from sale of Marijuana

- Biggest thing MACD is looking for is that the coal severance is not longer there and want o investigate pulling money from this revenue source. They wanted the CD input on their thoughts as a source of income.
- Any source of income to help is a plus. There was a question on whether we receive funds from alcohol sales.
- A motion that GMCD will express to MACD the desire, regardless of how the revenue is generated all Cd's need to be fully funded. Was made by Mindy, Kent motion caried.

Kent Wilby Retiring/Associate:

- After 20 years of service as a Supervisor, Kent Wilby will be retiring as of December 31st 2020. He has requested that the board consider him becoming an Associate Supervisor and maintaining the No-Till Drill for GMCD.
- A motion to accept Kent's retirement and appoint him as an Associate Supervisor starting January 1st 2021 was made by Bill , 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

LCFWG Report

- See attached report

FWP Update

- FWP has been doing a lot of work associated with Avista and Northwestern.
- FWP just hired a guy for FWP Fisheries biologist funded by Avista.
- FWP interviewed for our wildlife biologist position in Thompson Falls yesterday.

NRCS Update

- See Attached

Public Education

- Nothing to report

Supervisor Education

- Nothing to report

New Business

- MACD have a camera and microphones for CD's called OWLS.
 - Leona will contact MACD to see if they have one for us. Rebecca.

Building Repair

- Still getting estimates on fencing

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

Northwestern Energy Re-Licensure

- What is GMCD's role at this point. NWE is in the middle of developing the study plans.
- January 6th day and evening open to the public. We will get the information from Andrew.
- There are 9 proposed plans in this study.
- Comment period is 90 day after file Have until March 11th to comment
- Go to the NWE web page.

310 Activities

SW-08-20 Yellowstone Pipeline

- Tabled until re-submitted

SW-23-20 Stimson Lumber Project Completion

- A motion to accept this project as complete and close the permit was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean motion carried.

SW-29C-19 Day Project Completion

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

SW-34-20 Nason

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made last month
- A site visit was scheduled for Monday 23rd, 12:00 pm and Mindy, Bill, Jason, Andrew (from NWE) was in attendance.
- Emphasize that she has to contact NWE the actual landowner. Just to clarify you are the applicant for this project but you have to get approval from the landowner NWE. It is your entire responsibility. And no work can be done until you contact them.
- A motion to accept this as a project with the following modifications: *Use existing rock and place at water and vegetation edge Toe in rock and fill bench roll top of bank to 2:1 Use stumps as natural riprap on downstream end and slope back. Remove iris, use rocks from stairs along toe Revegetate with willows and other natural veg.* was made by Bill, 2nd by Mindy motion carried.

SW-35- Ferguson (Covote Saloon)


Leona e-mailed and spoke to the landowner on 12/10.2020 and told her that the application was not complete. At that time we requested her to add more information to the application and describe what it looks like now and what they would like to do. We also requested pictures of the site. As of the beginning of the meeting we have not received the updated application or any pictures.

- A motion that this application is not complete was made by Terry, 2nd by Bill, motion carried
- A portion of the property is FS land

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


Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.


Leona Gollen
Administrator

Bill Naegeli
Chairman



LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP

Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

December 16, 2020

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

Website

- Final October Meeting Minutes were posted.
- Draft November Meeting Minutes were posted.
- December agenda was posted.
- Website users over November: 60

Visitors



Project Updates

Empowering watershed stewardship and restoration on private lands (223 grant) / Bull River Revegetation

- Working on a draft “Roots for Rivers” TIP with Troy Hidy. To start, we’ve decided that this will likely focus on the Bull River, as we have the most momentum in that drainage to capitalize on.
- Met with Don Edwards via zoom to further develop plans for work on his property in early November. Am working to refine revegetation plans on his property for implementation in 2021.

Pollinator Program

- Pollinator grant contract finalized last meeting. Will work to develop an agreement with GMCD and LCFWG for implementing this project soon.
- ESCCD, GMCD and LCFWG will meet in January to finalize some planning details so we are ready to “break ground” in the spring.

- Completed a lot of background research and reading to inform priorities for pollinator gardens (e.g. establishing no spray zones to protect pollinators that we attract to our plots) and eventually inform landowner outreach.

Sims Meander Project:

- The Kootenai National Forest completed a fourth iteration of the design for this project, "Alternative 3 – Modified" which was distributed to stakeholders for review.
- Continued to revise our Avista / CFSA Appendix B project plan that will support this project. We can expect a decision from the Management Committee in March 2021.
- Completed an annual report to Montana Department of Environmental Quality on December 15.



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Green Mountain Conservation District Meeting

NRCS Report

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The Plains Service Center is in "Phase I" which means visitors are allowed to meet with staff with pre-scheduled appointments and social distancing and masks are required, however, visitors are not allowed in the building. Meetings must take place in the parking lot or in the field.

We are currently working on multiple applications for white pine restoration in the Green Mtn CD service area through our Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP).

We are also working on developing a new TIP for stream restoration work in the Green Mtn CD service area in conjunction with the Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group.

Both Troy and Dillon have a decent amount of leave scheduled throughout the remainder of December.

Thank you,
Dillon

Dillon Martini
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