



Meeting Minutes September 19th, 2018

Supervisors Present

Sean Moran
Terry Hightower
Bill Naegeli
Mindy Ferrell

Employees Present

Leona Gollen

Advisors Present

Samantha Tappenbeck
Travis Lemke
Brita Olson

Associate Supervisors Present

Jackie Nichols Jim Carabin
Jean Dunn

Visitors Present

Darryl Gingrich
Autumn Parmenter

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

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Introductions

Minutes 2018

- A motion to approve August 2018 meeting minutes as submitted was made Terry by 2nd by Sean motion carried.

Financial Report

- Leona reviewed the financial report with the board for the last periods.
- A motion to approve the financial report for this period was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Final Site Inspections are all completed and no major violation were present.
- Area V Meeting September 25th in Helmville
 - Leona, Bill, Jean, Kent, Mindy will attend
- Administration Grant
 - We received our \$3,000.00 Administrative Grant Funds
- Supervisor Training
 - We will have an inhouse Supervisor training on September 20th.
- 310 Application Revisions

- Bob Flesher is working on 310 application revisions and they should be out shortly.
- A motion to write a letter requesting 310 processing financial assistance from DNRC was made by Mindy, 2nd Sean, motion carried
- DEQ 319 Bull River Grant is Closed
 - The project is complete with the exception of some on going maintenance.
- Annual MACD Convention in November is in Billings
 - Bill will be going and we will put in for a Supervisors Travel Expense voucher from DNRC.
 - Terry Hightower may also attend this year.

GMCD Website: (greenmountaincd.org)

- See attached

LCFWG COORDINATOR “WATERSHED REPORT”

- See attached

MT FWP Report

- No Report

NRCS Report:

Outreach

- Troy and Travis will organize activities and provide education associated with soil health and soil biology for 5th grade students attending the upcoming Water Festival on October 2nd.
- Missoula Conservation District Restoration Guide. Get it Electronic if you can

Eastern Sanders CD

- The job announcement for the ESCD (District Administrator) position has been posted. The job description/details are available for review at the Plains FO. Applications are due at the end of October 2018.

General

- Troy and Travis both attended an NRCS all employees meeting in Billings (September 11-13th) that featured the goals/objectives/vision of our new MT State Conservationist Tom Watson. Travis provided a brief update regarding NRCS organizational restructuring here in Montana, as well as new program updates/deadlines, and the potential for additional funding opportunities in Sanders County.

(SWCDM) Soil & Water Conservation District of Montana

- See Attached
- Samantha requested that we send her ideas and events to put in the calendar, Photos are also welcome
- Central Clark Fork CD’s are working on their own restoration plan.

Education

- Water Festival is October 2nd stop by.
- Next week Mindy is visiting all schools to review the Water Festival and mapping of the Clark Fork Watershed.
- Wildlife and Natural Resource Management class is up and running. Mindy is in the process reviewing how various different experts can fit in the teaching schedule.

Old Business:

- Nothing to Report

Building Repair Project:

- Nothing to Report

No-Till Drill/Gopher-Getter:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Avista's WARTAC & TRTAC meetings were held and the Management Committee meeting is next week.
- Avista has moved the deadline for funding proposals from December 1st to November 1st.

Subdivision Review:

- Nothing to Report

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

310 Activities

- NWE Armor (Kent).
 - Kent is gathering more information and we will discuss this next month.

SW-17-18 Dykstra Work Completion Form Removing Silt & Debris

- A motion that all work complied with the permitted activity and this permit is considered closed was made by Bill, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

SW-52-17 Henry Complaint

- A final inspection was completed on 08/23/2018
- A motion that Mr. Henry completed the project dismantle per the Team Member Report and this project is considered closed was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

SW-24C-18 Complaint Equipment in Bull River

- This is the second complaint on this property from the same person. The first was inspected in July 2017 and was found NOT to be a violation.
- Another site visit was conducted on August 23rd and no evidence of a tractor in the water channel or on the bank was seen
- A motion to write Mr. Rosch a letter thanking him for his concern and letting him know the findings of the site visit was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

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- A site visit was conducted on August 20th, 2018
- A motion to approve the project with the following modifications; *Continue on with the vegetation plan, regrade west slope 2 to 1. Silt fence at bottom of project for erosion control and use coconut mat seeding device* was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

SW-29-18 Reich

- A motion to accept as a completed application and approve project as submitted was made by Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.
- FWP waved site visit

SW-30-18 Parmenter

- A motion to accept as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.
- Katherine want to go on the site inspection

- Mindy would like to know where the fill would be retrieved from: The assumption is that they would move dirt from the dry creek bottom. Possibly taking some rock from the pasture to put on the bank.
- A section 404 permit is in process.
- The channel is digging out the north lawn. The last run off pummeled out the yard and broke a new channel.
- Site inspection is scheduled for September 27th at 1:00 pm at the project site, Sean, Terry, Ryan and Katherine will attend.

SW-31-18 Carabin/Brita Olson

- A motion to accept as a completed application and approve project as submitted was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.
- FWP waved site visit

SW-32-18 Amaya

- Landowner requested to have their project removed from the agenda for now.

A motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by Terry, 2nd by Mindy, Motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.

Leona Gollen
Administrator

Bill Naegeli
Vise Chairman

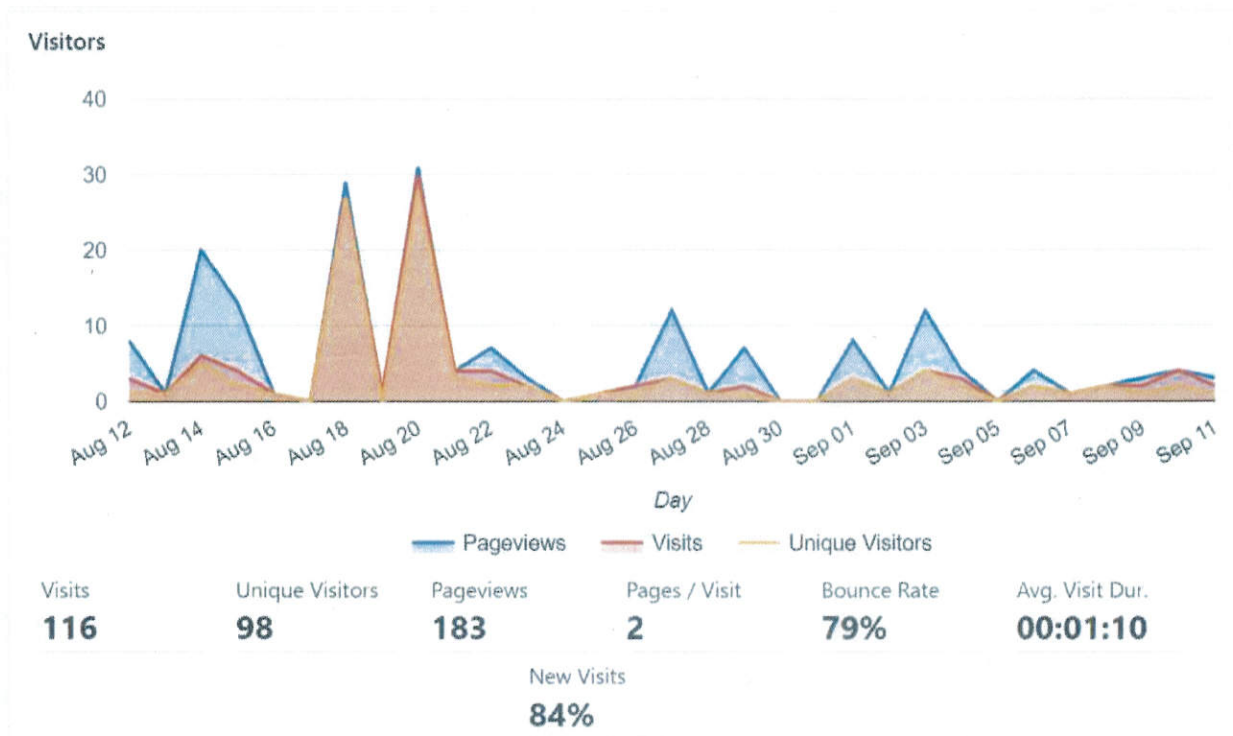


Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District
 September 19, 2018
 Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Final July Minutes were posted
- Draft August Minutes were posted

Last month:



Project Updates

Bull River Riparian Re-vegetation

- Final 319 report was accepted and final payment was received. DEQ 319 Contract for Dry Creek / Bull River Sediment Reduction and Revegetation Project has been closed out.

Vermilion River Restoration

- 319 Application for funding toward the next project on the Vermilion River, the Sims Meander Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project, was prepared and submitted on September 10. The review meeting for this application will be October 1 in Helena.

Watershed Restoration Plan

- Work continues on the update to the Lower Clark Fork Tributary Watershed Restoration Plan. Sarah nearly has a draft of a Prospect Creek subsection which will be sent out for

review soon, along with sections on Marten Creek and Swamp Creek. She plans to work on the Rock Creek subsection next.

Watershed Symposium – October 10-12 in Whitefish, MT

- The Montana Watershed Coordination Council puts on a Watershed Symposium in the state every two years. This year it will be in Whitefish. This is a great opportunity to learn from other groups in the state, connect with funders, and hear about other approaches to restoration and watershed outreach. The theme for this year's Symposium is storytelling. I'll be giving a few presentations: one joint presentation on watershed restoration planning with Sam Tappenbeck and Sarah Bowman; and one about the development of restoration films and their distribution.
- If anyone from Green Mountain Conservation District would like to attend, there are scholarships available for conservation districts. Let me know if anyone is interested.
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Report: 9/19/2018
Samantha Tappenbeck
Area Resource Specialist - Water



2019 Conservation Calendar: Request for events and topics
SWCDM Water Quality Mini-grants: Applications due October 12

Watershed restoration planning in the Central Clark Fork Basin:

- Meetings with Missoula CD in October
- Stakeholder meeting tentatively planned for November

Upcoming events:

- **Area 5 meeting:** September 25, hosted by North Powell CD in Helmville
- **Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3):** September 26, Glacier National Park Community Room
- **Montana Watershed Coordination Council Symposium:** October 10-12, Whitefish Mountain Lodge