



## Meeting Minutes October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, 2020

<b>Supervisors Present</b>	<b>Employees Present</b>
Bill Naegeli	Leona Gollen
Terry Hightower	<b>Advisors Present</b>
Mindy Ferrell (Zoom)	Jason Blakney FWP (Zoom)
Kent Wilby (Zoom)	Katherine Maudrone Flood Plain Admin. (Zoom)
Sean Moran (Zoom)	Dillon Martini DNRC (Zoom)
<b>Associate Supervisors Present</b>	Ben Montgomery (Zoom)
	<b>Visitors Present</b>
	Gene Jopling (Jops Shop)
	Mark Vander Mere Watershed Consulting (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 October meeting. All other interested parties will use the Zoom Meeting Room.

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

#### Introductions

- Bill informed the attendees that this meeting will be recorded

#### Minutes 2020

- A motion to approve September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted was made Sean by, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent motion carried.

- A motion to approve all invoices for October 2020 was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

### **Administrator's Report:**

Who will attend MACD Convention November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19 held via Zoom

- Bill will be there both days, Leona and Mindy, will attend on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Snow Plow Contract

- A motion to accept and sign the 2021 snow plowing contract was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, motion carried.

NACD Dues

- A motion to pay NACD dues in the amount of \$425.00 was made by Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

Kent Wilby Retiring/Associate:

- After 20 years of service as a Supervisor, Kent Wilby will be retiring as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. He has requested that the board consider him becoming an Associate Supervisor and maintaining the No-Till Drill for GMCD.
- We will vote on the changes in December

### **LCFWG Report**

- See attached report

### **FWP Update**

- General rifle season opens Saturday, October 24. The hunter check station on the west side of Thompson Falls will be a CWD check station this fall and will be open from 11 am-dusk on the weekends and as well as on Mondays. Hunter can drop off their samples or have them collected by staff at the check station. For question call (406) 752-5501 or visit [fwp.mt.gov/cwd](http://fwp.mt.gov/cwd).
- MFWP collected and released about 290 Westslope Cutthroat Trout into several miles of excellent tributary habitat above a waterfall in the Thompson River drainage in late September. Donor streams were first tested for fish pathogens, aquatic invasive species and all translocated fish were genetically tested prior to release. USFS staff assisted with packing the fish into their new home. This effort is part of a larger 5-year project to conserve local genetic stocks as many are in danger of being lost to hybridization or being replaced/displaced by non-native trout species.

### **NRCS Update**

- Please welcome the new Sanders County District Conservationist, Dillon Martini. Dillon grew up in bolder went to UM, worked for FS for a while and then moved to NRCS in Wyoming then moved back to MT.
- The Plains Service Center is still in "Phase III" which means visitors are allowed with pre-scheduled appointments and social distancing and masks are required.
- The application deadline for EQIP is November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for our 2021 program year. We are currently working on multiple applications for white pine restoration in the Green Mtn CD service area through our Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP).
- Troy and Brita are also working on a TIP on Bull River.

### **Avista Update**

- No Report

### **Public Education**

- Map Presentation at Noxon
  - This was well received. Everyone was excited to have an outdoor program. 6 kids attended physically and 6 kids attended virtually.

### **Supervisor Education**

- Area V Meeting Update



- All resolution passed and move to convention committee
- Working on Bylaws to merge the MACD and SWMCD
- Rebecca Boslough is the new MACD Director.
- County Workshop Update
  - How to recruit younger people to be active. Being on virtual is much more appealing to the younger people because of time restrictions and other reasons.
  - World events effects volunteer interest and maybe we need to modify our involvement and need to look for people to diversify our board.

### **New Business**

- Zoom format is so powerful we can as a host lock down the meeting mute everyone. We need be able to control the meeting. We need to look what our options are in zoom.

### **Building Repair**

- Still getting estimates on fencing

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

- We will put the Day Violation back on the agenda next month to ensure its completion.

### **310 Activities**

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

- Tabled until re-submitted

#### **SW-28-20 Russell**

- This project is a platform and dock installation at 37 Trestle Lane in Trout Creek. The bank is stable with good vegetation and the height of the bank is approximately 2 ft. Maximum of 10 linear feet of bank will be disturbed. Very little vegetation will be disturbed. The platform will be 4' x 4' steel frame anchored to the bank with helical screws. Because of the shallow water the dock will go into the water 60 ft.
- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.
- A motion to approve this project as submitted was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill, motion carried.
- FWP waved site visit
- No DEQ 318 form need

#### **SW-29-20 Rahn**

- This project is a ATV path located at Old Barn Rd. lot 4B in Thompson falls. The proposal is that the path is 50inches wide on a grade of approx. 14% that makes two runs across the slope and encompasses one cribbed switchback structure. The length of the trail would be 384 ft. disturbed area is 391 square yards.
- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried.
- A site visit was schedule for Friday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 am, and Bill, Jason, Mark V., Sean, Gene, & Katherine. will be in attendance.

#### **SW-30-20 Rolleri**

- Project is a platform and dock installation at 14 Edgewater Drive in Thompson Falls. The platform will be 4'x6'. Dock will be 16' long and 6' wide. Less than 10' of bank will be disturbed. Dock will be attached to bank with screw anchors. And the dock will be a floating dock attached to the platform.
- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.
- A motion to approve this project as submitted was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent, motion carried.

- FWP waved site visit
- No DEQ 318 form need.

**SW-31C-20 Graves Creek (Discussion Only)**

- One of the Supervisors and FWP spotted a possible violation on Graves Creek. This site has had a pond in the past and the previous owners (Fairbanks) received were told to stop diverting streamflow to the pond. It looks like new owners have again slightly altered the bed and bank and changed the channel to put water in a pond.
- The actual violation is on property owned by a trust with a Maryland address to cadastral.
- The pond is not visible from the road.
- This is a bull trout stream and there are concerns of the potential for juveniles to get entrained in the pond
- A site visit was schedule for Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- Leona will call or send a letter to the landowners advising them of the site visit.

A motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

*William D. Naegeli*

Approved.

Leona Gollen  
Administrator

*Leona Gollen*

Bill Naegeli  
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District  
October 21, 2020

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

### Website

- Final August Meeting Minutes were posted.
- Draft September Meeting Minutes were posted.
- October agenda was posted.
- Website users over August: 71



### Project Updates

#### Bull River Revegetation

- This fall, I'll be completing some mortality replacement plantings with some help from partners and volunteers on properties throughout the Bull River.
- In the coming year, I plan to develop some management / long-term strategies for all of our revegetation properties. I will also be planning for additional revegetation efforts – expanding current efforts and hopefully capitalizing on target outreach over the winter and spring through the private land stewardship program (below).
- Developing funding proposals this fall for planting along the East Fork Bull River on private and public land, removing fencing enclosures on Avista's wood duck property, and maintenance/planning work for all revegetation properties.

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

- Received an extension for this grant through 2021.
- Plan to work with Troy Hidy on a possible Targeted Implementation Plan for riparian revegetation in 2021.



- Will work over the winter and spring (after fall busy season wrapping up field work before the ground freezes) on finalizing a draft website and drafting all content for mailing.
- Pollinator grant was approved for demonstration plots that we plan to build in 2021.

Sims Meander Project: This month we are diving into final funding proposals necessary to set this project up for implementation in 2021, which includes a 2021 CFSA Sims Meander request that I would like GMCD to sponsor. I will send this out for review as soon as I have it, and it is due on November 2.