



## Meeting Minutes April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

<b>Supervisors Present</b>	<b>Employees Present</b>
Bill Naegeli Chairman	Leona Gollen
Terry Hightower Vice Chairman	<b>Advisors Present</b>
Mindy Ferrell	Dillon Martini NRCS (Zoom)
Sean Moran (Zoom)	Arthur Potts Avista Utility (Zoom)
<b>Associate Supervisors Present</b>	
Bud Scully	<b>Visitors Present</b>
	Richard Johnson
	Bernie Tiesvold
	Steve & Pat Butler (Zoom)
	Nate & Corrie Kegel
	Rob Christensen
	Tom Perry

**Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.**

- Due to the safety concerns for large gatherings, GMCD has limited the number of attendants at our GMCD office for the meeting. All other interested parties will use the Zoom Meeting Room.

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

**Introductions**

**Minutes 2021**

- A motion to approve March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted was made Sean, 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 Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill motion `carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for April 2021 was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried.

**Administrator's Report:**

#### Work Day

- April 29<sup>th</sup> 3 pm 6pm.

#### Administrator Grant

- A motion to submit the administrator grant application as proposed was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, motion carried.

#### Purchase long hose for watering

- A motion to purchase a long hose for watering was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill, motion carried.

#### MT Youth Camp Sponsorship

- A motion to pay 150.00 toward camper fee tuition was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, motion carried.

#### Fencing

- A motion to approve 6 ft fence as described in walk about and accept the most reasonable bid. Was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Motion approved

#### White Pine Seedling Connection

- Lost virtual connection

#### New Computer

- GMCD will get \$950.00 from the Covid Relief fund to put toward a new laptop.

#### **Website Report and update review**

- See attached report

#### **Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Report**

- See attached report

#### **Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Update**

- Nothing to report

#### **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Update**

- See Attached

#### **Avista Utilities Update**

- See comments below on 310 applications

#### **NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Update**

- Noting to report

#### **Public Education**

- Pollinator program is moving along quite nicely. We have our first round of example garden prep done. Our next schedule work day is May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Water Festival is schedule for Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Hopefully it will not get canceled. We sent out packets to the teachers with seed and pollinator information to share with their class. The park is scheduled
- Mindy reminded the Board that there are a lot of WF presenters that are no longer in their previous positions and will not be available to present this year.

#### **Supervisor Education**

- Nothing to report

#### **New Business**

SW-29-20 Rahn site visit review.

- The Supervisors on the site visit discussed with the Contractor Mark Vandemere. They wanted to go to 2 runs with 1 switchback which was lined out by the contractor and agreed would work.



### **Building Repair**

- See fencing information under Administrators report.

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

### **310 Activities**

#### **SW-36-20 Meadows**

- Visit along Little Beaver Cr. at Mr. Meadows went well, Jason reviewed these notes, which are more a narrative than signed report form as we were all walking and talking and Mr. Meadows will resubmit an app, but at least it's a record of the visit and what was discussed.
- Sean, Jason and Terry met Mr. Meadows and a new, upstream neighbor, Matt @ 1:30. Talked and walked along Mr. Meadow's area of Little Beaver Cr. and got a better idea of the work originally proposed in the earlier incomplete and denied application. In seeing first-hand, the limited scope of the proposed removal of dead and flow blocking alder, the stable condition of the banks and low energy of the stream, and hearing Mr. Meadows commitment to stewardship, GMCD and MFWP concerns were much reduced.
- We advised Mr. Meadows to resubmit application with pictures of a typical problem area and an estimate of roughly how much dead alder would be removed from the limited areas highlighted in original application. This estimate could be in terms of how the dead alder removed would compare to multiples of a typical alder "clump" (i.e., four 4" to 6" diam alders in a typical clump). We observed the old bridge spanning timbers in creek deflecting flow and were OK with their removal. Advised Mr. Meadows to mention revegetation efforts including sticking willow cuttings in disturbed areas or naturally unstable areas in the new submittal (willow cuttings from upstream neighbor who offered to help plant in the fall).
- Other aspects including beavers (largely trapped out) and other revegetation or fencing ideas and neighboring landowners' involvement were discussed and we advised Mr. Meadows and his neighbor to contact Brita Olson/ LCFWG. Channel dynamics, overall stream potential, previous studies (Smith '95, recent reach assessment Watershed Consulting 2010, 04 & 15 Avista fish sampling) and the potential for additional future work including instream staked wood structures and rock placement were also discussed. Mr. Meadows agreed that the best course would be to resubmit updated original dead Alder and old bridge spanner removal application and assess possibility of future work and a different application.

#### **SW-06-21 Tiesvold**

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made last month
- A motion to accept this as a project with the following modifications *The cedar stump in the water can be trimmed about 12 inches when the water is low enough*, was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried
- Vegetation changes will happen this year.

#### **SW-07-21 Kegel**

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made last month
- A motion to accept this as a project with the following modifications *Remove tree in water and move down stream and wedge into the other woody debris on said property for fish habitat. 12-foot walkway ramp is to move platform back from the bank and is not include in total dock length*, was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion

#### **SW-13-21 Butler**

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made last month

- A motion to accept this as a project with the following modifications *There will be no trail modification and will be left as is. The dock will be removed from the water each year by floating it to the Bull River/Big Eddy boat launch*, was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion

**SW-17-21 Johnson**

- Request a dock installation at 39 Boat Way W. 4'' wide stairs from top of bank, horizontal down the slope ending at a 4'x4' landing. A 4' by 12' long ramp to edge of water and a 8' by 20' dock
- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried.
- Landowner will plant vegetation
- Site visit is scheduled for 10:00 am Jason, Bill, April 26<sup>th</sup>

**SW-18-21 Lapeirre Re-submit**

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy, motion carried.
- Avista was unclear on how Mr. Lapeirre is doing the anchor and stairway. The staircase will be similar to Knotty Pine but Author did not think this would be approved by Avista. Arthur told Mr. Lapeirre that he should use an anchored platform instead of stairs.
- Site visit scheduled Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**SW-19-21 Garr**

- A motion to Denied this as a completed application was made by Sean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry, motion carried.
  - Clarify the purpose and need of the project
  - No pictures
  - No quantity or dimensions of alders to be removed
  - Define clearing the beach.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Leona Gollen  
Administrator

Approved.

Bill Naegeli  
Chairman

Green Mountain Conservation District Meeting  
NRCS Report  
April 16, 2021

- Someone has been offered the soil conservationist position in Plains and has tentatively accepted the offer.
- New changes in our covid restrictions, visitors are allowed in the office with an appointment.
- Equip applications are being pre-approved. It looks like we will get 5 white pine restoration applications funded, 1 high tunnel application, and 1 cover crop application
- 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. I will be presenting the TIP to the state committee the week of 4/19 in a 5 minute presentation.
- We are also working on 2021 CSP applications.
  - There has been updated guidance that there are no longer limits on how many renewals a CSP contract holder may receive. As a result, all current 2017 CSP General and CSP Renewal contracts are eligible to apply for renewals. We are expecting 6 people to be eligible this year. I think we may struggle to find new enhancements for producers, but we will work through that on an individual basis.
- We are receiving more calls for Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA), mostly in regards to seeding recommendations, help managing forests, cleaning up from the wind event, fire-proofing land, etc.

Dillon Martini  
District Conservationist  
Plains Field Office





Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District  
April 21, 2021

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

**Website**

- Final February Meeting Minutes were posted.
- Draft March Meeting Minutes were posted.
- April agenda was posted and updated.
- Website users over March: 96

**Visitors**



SESSIONS	USERS	PAGEVIEWS	PAGE/SESSIONS	AVG. SESSIONS	BOUNCE RATES
151 ↓ 21%	96 ↓ 28%	754 ↓ 4%	4.99 ↑ 21%	00:04:01 ↑ 15	50.33% ↓ 26%

**Project Updates**

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

- Have made 2 site visits with new Bull River landowners, a few more in that drainage interested, and my first few contacts from Elk Creek.
- Letters the rest of the major tributaries will be going out by end of this month.
- Drafted a press release / website version to post and sent out for review as well.

Pollinator Program

- Held first work day with Leona and Elena, setting up plots at our three sites. We'll have our second work day on May 10 and then plant at the end of May or early June.

Sims Meander Project:

- Will have draft letter of agreement between Avista and GMCD for this project soon (ask Sean about that if you have questions).
- Anticipate issuing RFP at the end of this week it is currently out for review.
- The USFS continues trying to work through the NEPA process. With a few new processes and people, there have been some delays, but we expected to have a decision in time for this summer's implementation at this point. In the event that we don't, the project will be delayed by 1 year.