



Meeting Minutes August 18th, 2021

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Bill Naegeli Chairman	Leona Gollen
Terry Hightower Vice Chairman	Advisors Present
Sean Moran (Zoom)	Arthur Potts Avista (Zoom)
Mindy Ferrell (Zoom)	Dillon Martini NRCS (Zoom)
	Jason Blakney FWP (Zoom)
Associate Supervisors Present	Andrew Welch NWE (Zoom)
Bud Scully (Zoom)	Visitors Present
	Caitlin Overland Attorney (Zoom)
	Jason Garber DNRC (Zoom)
	Alyssa Probst Attorney (Zoom)

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

- This meeting will be recorded

Minutes 2021

- A motion to approve July 21st, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted was made Sean, 2nd by Terry, motion carried.

Financial Report

- The financial report was sent to all Supervisors prior to the meeting.
- The financial report was reviewed in its entirety.
- A motion to approve the financial report for last period was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry motion carried.
- A motion to approve all invoices for August 2021 was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

310 Training September 2nd

- No-one is able to attend

- Mindy requested to ask if it can be recorded

Website Report and update review

- See attached report

Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Report

- See attached report

Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Update

- Next Tuesday from 5-8 at region 1 headquarter a public meeting will be held to voice concerns

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Update

- See Attached

Avista Utilities Update

- TRTAC & WRTAC on Tues and Wed. at 10:00 am Both are hosted on Zoom.
- Terry will attend TRTAC

North Western Energy (NWE) Update

- In middle of phase 2 of study for FERC Licensure.
- Last part of study will be after Labor Day and last for a week.

Public Education

Pollinator

- All three test pollinator gardens are doing fine.
- Camas Prairie is really doing great!!!

Water Festival is schedule for Oct. 5th this year.

- All 6 station presenters have been identified
- We are still a go but are really unsure what the schools will decide to do.
- School starts August 25th and Leona will call the schools on the 31st to get the kid count.
- Get Mindy the emails of all 5th grade teachers. September 30th starting to go into the class room.
- We will plan on going forward and wait t see what the school will do.

Supervisor Education

- Nothing to report

New Business

- Nothing to Report

Building Repair/Grounds Maintenance

- The septic tank is fixed.
- Our new fence is up and looks great.

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

- Site visit schedule for 24 Old Bull River Rd. to see if it has a perineal stream
 - This is not connected to the Bull River but it could be an underground perennial stream.
 - Terry does not think it connects on either end.
 - Terry, Sean will do a site visit at 11:00 am at property.

310 Activities

SW-07-21 Kegel Completion Form

- Bill visited the site and the trail is average 36 inches wide as stated in the permit.
- A motion to approve the project completion and close this permit was made by Bill , 2nd by Terry , motion carried.

SW-28-21 Stimson Lumber

- A motion to approve the project completion and close this permit was made by Sean , 2nd by Mindy , motion carried.

SW-22-21 Andrews

- Final site visit will be scheduled

SW-25-2020 Langford Extension

- A motion to extend this permit completion date to 8/18/2022 was made by Mindy , 2nd by Sean , motion carried.

SW-33-21 Avista

- A motion to accept this as a completed application was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry , motion carried
- A motion to accept this project as submitted was made by Mindy , 2nd by Terry , motion carried.
- FWP waived site visit
- 1 Supervisor abstained

SW-35-21 Harrington

- A site visit was scheduled for 1:00 pm at Mr. Harringtons property
- How will steps integrate
- Wall will be hard scaped?
- What type of wall
- How will you protect the resource?
- Possible retaining wall.
- Material not listed.

SW-36E-21 Craw

- A motion to accept this as an emergency with no further action required by applicant was made by Mindy, 2nd by Terry , motion carried.

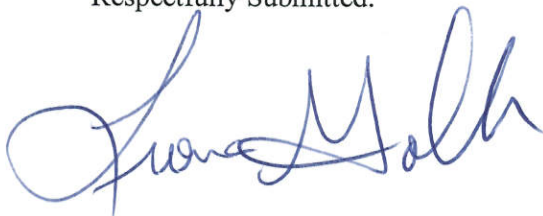
SW-29-20 Rahn:

- It was ordered by the Court that GMCD does have jurisdiction over this project.
- The Court said that the analysis that was done by GMCD did not give enough reason for not approving this project.
- Court did not allow GMCD to have a technical review.
- Caitlin felt that the team member reports was not satisfactorily completed.
- Caitlin also stated that there was not a whole lot of information documented as to why the board set to modify this application and not allow the ATV trail.
- A motion to approve and adopt the court order granting the project as originally submitted was made by Terry, 2nd, Sean. Motion carried.
- FWP approved and will send the paperwork.

A motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm was made by Mindy, 2nd by Sean, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.




Leona Gollen
Administrator

William & Naegeli
Bill Naegeli
Chairman



Report to the Green Mountain Conservation District

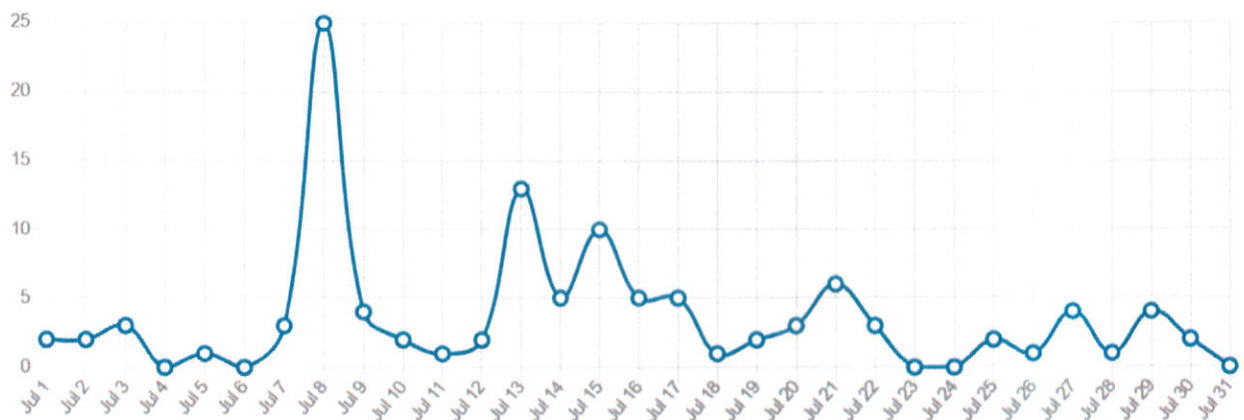
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Brita Olson, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) Coordinator

Website

- Final June Meeting Minutes were posted.
- July Minutes will be posted upon receipt.
- Website users over June: 103

Visitors



SESSIONS

112 ↑ 9%

USERS

103 ↑ 14%

PAGEVIEWS

176 ↓ 11%

PAGE/SESSIONS

1.57 ↓ 18%

AVG. SESSIONS

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BOUNCE RATES

79.46% ↑ 19%

Project Updates

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

- Have followed up with multiple landowners interested in continued revegetation efforts in 2022.
- Have a few site visits scheduled for Friday with landowners who wanted to have me out at low flow (streamside wetlands make the riparian areas difficult to access in the spring).
- Was awarded \$17,500 to continue this work in 2022 and 2023. Contract is pending LCFWG board review of our revised scope, schedule and budget (application was submitted originally close to a year ago, so we are being given an opportunity to update it).

Pollinator Program

- Completed a weeding at plots in Heron and in Trout Creek. Sign posted along highway in Heron by landowner. GMCD sign will go up when fence is done, and need to coordinate with ESCD to get fence up on the Camas Prairie. Elena completed weeding on the Camas Prairie. Will plan an additional day in August when there is opportunity around smoke and heat and other scheduling needs.
- Have begun planning/brainstorming for next year with Elena and Leona.
- Anticipate completing an interim status report and reimbursement request for DNRC sometime this week.

Sims Meander Project:

- Progress continues on implementing this project. Expect to be able to fully complete planned work – which will wrap up this month.
- Am planning some weed control efforts in coordination with the USFS for this coming spring, funded by the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement (Appendix B Habitat Restoration Monitoring and Maintenance Allocation). Weeds already on-site are expected to flourish following disturbance, while additional weed may have been brought in along with top soil which will be used for planting.
- Completed invoicing to DEQ and the USFS this past week, to cover multiple invoices, including one covering about 1/2 contract costs.



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- New Soil Conservationist, Amy Elkins.
- We are done with obligation for 2021 EQIP Contracts. We obligated just over \$135k in EQIP funds for the Plains Field Office spread over 7 contracts.
- We are done with obligation for 2021 CSP Contracts. One application was funded out of the Plains office.
- WRP Monitoring is now finished for 2021.
- Still no guidance on CSP Renewals. They will likely select from the 2020 CSP Enhancements. Will be reaching out to 2017 CSP contract holders that applied to renew.
- Working with Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group to get EQIP applications for our new Roots for Rivers TIP.
- Looking for interested applicants for our white pine tip as well as our cover crop tip. No deadline has been announced yet, but it will be sometime in the fall (it was in November in 2020).
- For our covid restrictions, visitors are allowed in the office with an appointment. Masks are required.