



Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Nancy Mehaffie-Chair	Morgan Owens
Mary Reed	Advisors Present
Kristen Wing	Dillon Martini (Zoom)
Bill Naegeli	Jason Blakney (Zoom)
Terry Hightower	
Associate Supervisors Present	Visitors Present
Mindy Ferrell (Zoom)	
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Jim Elliott	
Joanne Schork +2 kids	
David and Karen Brown	

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

- This meeting will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES FROM June 21, 2023 MEETING

- Approved as reviewed

310 ACTIVITIES

- Joanne Schork Discussion- decided it is out of GMCD jurisdiction and she needs to contact state on water rights issues.

SW-11-23 Zimmerman

- There will be stairs to the water with a platform at the bottom to access the sandbar. However, it will be setup for a future dock installation.
- A site inspection was completed by Bill and Jason Blakney 7.14.23 at 9am.
- A motion to accept this as an approved 310 permit was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry. Motion carried.

SW-13-23 Rivera

- Dock installation. There are currently docks on both sides of his property.
- A site inspection completed by Bill and Jason Blakney for 7.14.23 at 10am.
- A motion to accept this as an approved 310 permit was made by Terry, 2nd by Bill. 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 was not made on the July Financial Report, will be put as agenda item for next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Update from Sarah on Harlow Ranch-final design should be ready end of July, requested communication from GMCD payment and reimbursement from DNRC

LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT

- No Report

MONTANA FWP

- Sampling streams this month and next for fish. Seeing a lot of fluctuation.
- Monitoring water temperatures due to a low-flow year and the recent high temperature days.

NRCS

- Wrapping up contracting for 2023. All EQIP contracting complete. 1/3 funded CSP apps complete.
- Dave Wroblewski, District Ranger for the Lolo NF, and myself are working on a Joint Chief's application for funding for forest management in the Thompson Falls area. Application is due in late August
- Administering a number of active forestry contracts, high tunnel contracts, CSP contracts, and a few active irrigation contracts
- Already receiving a decent amount of interest in EQIP for FY 2024. Working through initial site visits on all of them. Mixture of interest in thinning for white pine, high tunnels, and cover crops.
- Working on Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) on a few properties for plant identification and pasture management recommendations.

AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE

- Anticipating work on Genatos dock replacement and new anchor platform. Will be in contact with GMCD and Sanders County Floodplain.
- Working on Flat Iron boat ramp dredging
- Coordinate boat ramp grate in Trout Creek for after October 1st.
- Scheduling work on erosion project at Pilgrim Creek Park for late summer/early fall.

NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE

- No Report

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Mindy got in contact with Emily regarding Watershed Festival coming up in October.
- A meeting was set with Mindy, Emily and Morgan for September 11th for Watershed Festival details.

SUPERVISOR EDUCATION

- Education presentation posted by Hailey Graf on 310-positive feedback from Nancy

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion to turn mileage in based on accumulation as submitted was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mary. Motion passes, however Terry opposes.
- **GMCD Insurance:** We have to have insurance by June 30, 2023. Got plan through Western World for liability. Still waiting for errors and emission add-on cost.
- **Bylaws:** Nancy continues to work on bylaws.
- **FERC Letter:** Nancy made changes and sent it. A request for all the supervisors to receive new copy with changes was made by Terry.

BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

NEW BUSINESS

- Introduce Morgan as new District Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Elliot asked about no-till drill calibration. Bill said it cannot be calibrated any more.
- Dave Brown asked about how and when our financial audit would be done. Nancy addressed these questions that we are following state recommended guidelines and doing an internal audit looking at past fiscal year.
- Bill got a phone call regarding Steamboat or Salish area wanting excavation, which we are currently not approving, but client wants inspection done and Bill is waiting on call back. No action needed at this time.
- Schork requested a letter from GMCD regarding her situation.

Meeting adjourned at 719pm.

Respectfully Submitted.



Morgen Owens
GMCD Administrator

Approved.



Nancy Mehaffie
Chairman