



## Meeting Minutes October 16th, 2024

<b>Supervisors Present</b>	<b>Employees Present</b>
Terry Hightower	Morgan Owens
Bill Naegeli	<b>Advisors Present</b>
Kristen Wing	Arthur Potts-Zoom
Nancy Mehaffie	Jason Blakney- Zoom
Mary Reed	Dillon Martini
<b>Visitors Present</b>	
John Gubel	
Dawn Wahle	

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

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

### INTRODUCTIONS

- This meeting is being recorded.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### MINUTES FROM August 21st, 2024 MEETING

- Minutes were approved as submitted.

### 310 ACTIVITIES

#### **SW-07-23 Olsen**

- A motion to accept the project as complete and close was made by Kristen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy. Motion carries.

#### **SW-09-24 Lyle**

- There was discussion about whether or not the homeowner followed the guidelines of the project laid out in the permit.
- A motion to table completion for a site visit and further review was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Motion carries.
- A site visit will be scheduled.

#### **SW-10-24 NorthWestern**

- A motion to accept the project as complete and close was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Motion carries.

#### **SW-12-24 NorthWestern**

- A motion to accept the project as complete and close was made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Motion carries.

#### **SW-22-24 Wahle**

- A motion to approve the project as modified in the team report was made by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Motion carries.

#### **SW-23-24 Avista**

- A motion to approve the project as modified in the team report was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy. Motion carries.

### **Prospect Creek Complaint**

- There was discussion about why we take complaints and how complaints are handled on a case-by-case basis just like applications that are brought to the office.
- The owner emailed in response to the letter to state that he did not think he needed a 310 permit to work in the pond because when he submitted an application in 2022, the project was determined out of our jurisdiction. The owner was informed that the project he applied for then was away from the pond and therefore not a project, but clearing out the culvert with a backhoe in the pond that dumps into Prospect Creek is within our jurisdiction. The owner was asked to submit a 310 application after the fact for the work he did and told in the future that any work in or directly next to the pond would also need a 310 permit.

### **Bull River Complaint**

- A letter was sent on 10/7/24 and there has been no response. A 2<sup>nd</sup> letter will be sent via certified mail.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The financial report for September was reviewed in its entirety.
- The financial report for September was approved as submitted.
- Nancy brought up the amendment for the CDA grant and us getting more money than we applied for due to the new legislative funding via the coal tax.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- We will be getting a new computer monitor for the office not to exceed \$250 since the monitor we bought used last year stopped working.

### **LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT**

- No report

### **MONTANA FWP**

- No report

### **NRCS**

- My detail in the Dillon WU is now complete
- October 25th – Deadline to apply for our EQIP program (high tunnels, white pine forestry projects, riparian projects in the bull river, and cover crops)
- December 27th deadline to apply for CSP for this year
- Beginning site visits on new applications for EQIP and CSP – so far, there are a few for our White Pine TIP in EQIP and a couple new CSP applications
- Providing Conservation Technical Service (CTA) as requested.
- Administering active contracts
- New Soil Conservationist position has been flown

### **AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE**

- They are in the beginning stages of engineering new projects including North Shore, Flat Iron and Bull River Bay. More details to come as they progress and are ready for 310s.

### **NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE**

- No report

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

- Watershed Festival was a success, however it was too cold for the augmented sandbox to work, so Morgan is working on scheduling classroom visits with it so that the kids can still experience it.
- Ag Days was also a huge success with 12 different stations this year including our pollinator station.

### **SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYEE EDUCATION**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

- The Hi-Land Construction company came and got the driveway done and filled the holes around the building for animal control. They suggested bringing in two more loads of gravel for the middle of the driveway to help with runoff and gave us a direct quote of \$750 for those loads.
- A motion to bring in two loads of gravel at \$750 was made by Kristen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy. Motion carries.
- We are still working on getting one more bid for a mini split system and designs are being drawn for a bid for the bathroom remodel.

**EQUIPMENT**


**NEW BUSINESS**

- A motion that GMCD covers the cost of convention for Morgan and any board member that wants to attend was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. Motion carries.
- The board agrees with all new resolutions presented for convention.
- A motion to cancel November meeting and move the December meeting up one week to December 11<sup>th</sup> was made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 745 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted.

Approved.

  
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Morgan Owens  
District Administrator

  
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Nancy Mehaffie  
Chairman

*Mary Reed*  
*Mary Reed*

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