



Meeting Minutes August 20th 2025

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Mark Bronner	Morgan Owens
Kristen Wing	Advisors Present
Nancy Mehaffie	Sean Moran- Avista
	Dillon Martini- Zoom
Visitors Present	
Tanner Clegg	
Robert Frederick	
David Williams	
Kristopher Williams	

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 July 16th 2025 MEETING

- A motion to approve the July meeting minutes as submitted was made by Kristen, 2nd by Nancy. Motion carries.

310 ACTIVITIES

SW-23-24

- Sean gave update on the project completion.
- A motion to approve the project as complete was made by Nancy, 2nd by Kristen.
- There was discussion about adding more rock to the site as maintenance and if they could still do that after the project was considered closed. It was decided it would be better to leave the permit open and reevaluate if they will close or ask for an extension and add more material before the expiration date.
- Nancy and Kristen both withdrew their motion/2nd.

SW-05-25

- A motion to approve and close the project as complete was made Nancy, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-11-25

- A change occurred in the application to just be for testing rather than the full project since more information is needed for the project portion, but testing the sites is required in order to move forward. There is limited time to get the testing done per FWP guidelines (no work in the stream after August 31st), so we shifted focus in order to help the applicant get all the necessary pieces done for the other entities requirements.
- A site visit occurred on 8/18/25 where a demonstration of what the testing entails was given by the applicant.

- A motion to approve the project for testing as modified in the team report was made by Nancy, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-14-25

- A site visit occurred on 7/30/25. The main discussion point was the size of the dock.
- A motion to approve the project as modified in the team report was made by Nancy, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-15-25

- Mark Sommers- Northwestern Energy consultant emailed and notified us that they have approved the work authorization with the contingency that we approve the project.
- A motion to accept the application as complete and approve the project as submitted was made by Nancy, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-16-25

- There was discussion about the location of this project and the relative location to the river. It was decided that it is outside the jurisdictional line of the district.
- A motion to accept the application as complete, but deem it, "not a project due to being outside jurisdiction" and to refer the applicant to Avista to continue the work authorization process was made by Nancy, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-17-25

- There was discussion about the amount of material being requested and wanting more specifics on that for Avista.
- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made by Mark, 2nd by Nancy. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

- A motion to approve the financial report and the accounts payable for July as submitted was made by Nancy, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Morgan gave an update on the details of the Area 5 meeting in September.

LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT

- Sarah will be going to Butte for school in the fall and is unsure what LCFWG plans to do in her absence, but will keep us posted as she knows more.

MONTANA FWP

- No report

NRCS

- They are still taking applications for new projects. Dillon anticipates that window will close for this cycle in October.
- Ben Montgomery took a new position and they asked Dillon to step in until they hire a new person for the role, but there is a hiring freeze so he will be doing both jobs for the foreseeable future.
- Dillon was just teaching a UTV class.

AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE

- SW 16.25 (McGowan): Avista appreciated the notification and the need for the work. As it's far from the water and the bank below is in good shape in terms of existing retaining wall and vegetation, Avista recommends that GMCD accept the application as complete (noting that adjacent landowner is Avista), and that a site visit is not required for them to go ahead and proceed with the work. Avista would recommend that the project completion report includes a couple of photographs of the completed work.
- SW 17.25 (Klucewich): Avista appreciated the notification. From the brief and barely legible descriptions in the application, it appears that they are planning on installing 18 (cubic?) yards of 6-8" rock (riprap). A better description, drawings, and pictures (including from the water of the erosion/ need for riprap) would have been appreciated (and may be required by USACOE). Would recommend discussion on whether the application is complete as placing riprap may be the purview of also applying for a 404 permit. It is hard to ascertain without a site visit whether the proposed 6-8" cobble (i.e., smaller, rounded) material would suffice, although such material is preferable than larger angular riprap. If it is considered a complete application, Avista recommends the landowner contacts the USACOE to see if a 404 permit is required and that they provide (email) with USACOE's response.

Avista also recommends a site visit with representatives from GMCD, Avista and MFWP before proceeding with any work.

- Kirby Gulch boat ramp (eroding bank) permit completion. Appears to be largely holding up, some localized areas of erosion to the work have occurred since completion that will require follow up work in the future.
- The Tributary Trapping and Downstream Juvenile Transport Program will be starting fall trapping after Labor Day. This entails reinitiating trapping at the Graves Creek permanent weir trap and installing seasonal weir traps at the lower East Fork Bull River trap sites on the north and south channel on Kootenai National Forest land. Sean Moran will be sending a notification email to GMCD, MFWP, USFWS, and Kootenai NF.

NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE

- No report

AIP TASK FORCE UPDATE

- No report

PUBLIC EDUCATION

SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

EQUIPMENT

NEW BUSINESS

- Tanner Clegg with the National Wildlife Federation gave a presentation on beaver control and how he could collaborate with the district and/or clients on any projects involving beavers in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

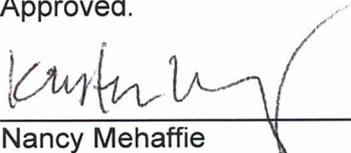
- We discussed 4H donations for the "Conservation Charlie" Award at the fair. Because it was not on the agenda, we could not do a vote/donation for this year. However, Morgan collected the donation request so that we are better prepared and can make a donation in the future.
- Bill was notified about a complaint up Mosquito Creek so we will be investigating that to see if unauthorized work has actually been done and then move forward with our normal complaint process.
- Morgan was emailed concerns regarding vehicles crossing the creeks of Swamp Creek and Galena Creek and damage/pollution happening because there is no bridge access for vehicles to use.

Meeting adjourned at 729 pm.
Respectfully Submitted.



Morgan Owens
District Administrator

Approved.



Nancy Mehaffie
Chairman