



Meeting Minutes September 17th 2025

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Mark Bronner	Morgan Owens
Kristen Wing	Advisors Present
Bill Naegeli	Sean Moran- Avista- Zoom
	Dillon Martini
Visitors Present	
Jim Adair	
Susan LaMont	
Mason Cottrell	
Don Miller	

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 20th 2025 MEETING

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

310 ACTIVITIES

SW-08-25

- A motion to accept the project and close as completed was made by Mark, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-22-24

- A motion to approve the extension request was made Bill, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-23-24

- Sean let us know that in order to do the extra work, there would be other permits required that they are not ready to resubmit at this time, so he requested to close the project as is and said when they do the work in the future, they will get a new 310 permit when needed.
- A motion to accept the project and close as completed was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-17-25

- A site visit was done on 9/12/25.
- A motion to approve the project as modified in the team report was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-18-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made by Bill, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-19-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-20-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete and approve the project as submitted for maintenance was made by Bill, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.
- FWP did request a site visit, so that will be scheduled and completed before permit is finalized.

SW-21-25

- There was a complaint that a large amount of rock was added to a diversion/dam on Mosquito Creek. A site visit was completed on 9/12/25 and it was determined that new rock had been added that was not permitted. FWP states that it is an issue for fish migration and is asking that some of the rock be moved or adjusted to account for pooling needs for the fish. A violation letter has been sent to the person in charge of managing the diversion, who is different than the land owners that the diversion is on. An after-the-fact 310 application will be requested.

SW-22-25

- There was a complaint that a new bridge had been added across Mosquito Creek. A site visit was completed on 9/12/25 and a new bridge was built over the creek that was not permitted. The landowner was present and an after-the-fact 310 application was given to them and requested that it be turned in for the October meeting.

SW-23-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-24-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made by Bill, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carries.

SW-25-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made by Kristen, 2nd by Bill. Motion carries.

SW-26-25

- A motion to accept the application as complete with a site visit was made Kristen, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

SW-28-25

- Sean Maran was doing stream work for Avista in Graves Creek and came across a previous diversion violation that was taken down when it initially occurred and now the diversion is back. This is now the third time this has encountered at this location. We are determining who the new landowners are in order to send out a violation letter and a site visit will be completed when landowners are notified. An emergency 310 application will be submitted by Avista for moving rock necessary to block bull trout from being able to enter the diversion per FWP's request.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Morgan gave an update on the details of the Area 5 meeting in September.
- Water Festival planning update
- Update on plan and budget for new Area 5 grant proposal.

LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT

- No report

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 just took a pesticide management course.

AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE

- No report other than the Graves Creek violation listed in 310 section.

NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE

- No report

AIP TASK FORCE UPDATE

- No report

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Ag Days hosted by MSU Extension that we present at for all 3rd graders in Sanders County is October 1st.
- Water Festival for all 5th graders in Sanders County is October 7th.

SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion to reverse the policy adaptation that supervisors get regular meetings stipends was changed to only getting mileage reimbursement for regular meetings to abide by Sec. 76-15-313(a), MCA, was made by Bill, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

EQUIPMENT

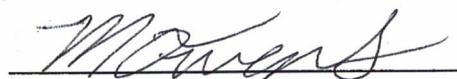
NEW BUSINESS

- Morgan requested an extension of hours to be allowed to go up to 30 hours a week as needed during busy times. We discussed when those busy times are and what they entail and the extra duties she has during those times and that when those times are scheduled, they will be covered in the administrator's report in a prior meeting.
- A motion to extend employee hours up to 30 hours a week as needed was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mark. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Following up on the email about the Swamp Creek crossings, Mason Cottrell came to the meeting to address his concerns and explained the problems with the vehicles crossing the creek on a daily basis and why there is a need for a bridge. He asked for advice and possible funding options that he could look into to try to get a bridge installed.

Meeting adjourned at 805 pm.
Respectfully Submitted.



Morgan Owens
District Administrator

Approved.



Nancy Mehaffie
Chairman