



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES TO THE October 15, 2009 MEETING USDA Service Center Conference Room Helena, MT

CALL TO ORDER—The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier at 1 p.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Ron Schatz, Steve Granzow and Gary Murphy. Also in attendance were Alan Rollo, Mindy Gauthier and Chris Evans.

Motion by Granzow to approve September's minutes as sent, second by Schatz; motion carried.

Motion by Schatz to approve the financial statement and to pay the outstanding bills, second by Murphy; motion carried.

Correspondence—Evans shared the thank you note from the WQPD.

Public Comment—there was none.

REPORTS

NRCS Report—Mindy said that there were 505 applications statewide and over 1 million acres for CSP in the first application round. The office will be ranking their applications by the end of the month. The next deadline will be in the January timeframe. The state conservationist has asked that the CD's in the state convene the Local Work Groups in November. It was decided to hold it at 11 a.m. on November 12, prior to the next regular board meeting. Evans will publicly notice the meeting along with the board meeting 14 days in advance.

WQPD—Frasier said the last meeting was fairly uneventful. They had a report on the Bureau of Mines on the Groundwater monitoring project.

Sun River Watershed—The group had the executive meeting since the last meeting that Alan attended. It was Alan's understanding that all 3 CD's in the watershed would like to have the MOU signed. The RMF weed roundtable met and they are looking at forming a 501c3. Rollo believes that LCCD is very much a player in that group. Alan sees an improvement in the diversion permits on Elk Creek and that area in general.

MACD—Granzow, Murphy and Evans went to the Area meeting in Virginia City last week.

Evans will forward Convention registration info to Bushnell, Blackman and Cobb. Granzow will not be going, Schatz will not be going. Frasier is going and Bushnell is going.

Blackfoot/Upper Clark Fork—no report.

Lake Helena Watersheds—no report.

Missouri River CD Council—no report.

Old Business

Noel is wrapping up her field season on the Dearborn project.

New Business

Planning meeting—December 10th meeting 10 a.m. with lunch

York Gulch progress—contracting in progress for the second phase.

RC&D—Mindy asked about when the board would like to have the coordinators come in. Mindy can try to schedule them during the meeting on December 10th.

Data entry for the 310 database—there is some money available in a grant that we sponsor. Evans asked if it was okay to hire a temp to do data entry. The board agreed.

310 Permit Applications

LC-29-08—Robinson-Granzow motioned to extend, second by Schatz, carried.

LC-29-09—Schweitzer follow-up. Frasier gave a report on actions taken by applicant after permitting at the last meeting. Emergency actions taken at the direction of Frasier and Schatz were approved as completed. Motion by Granzow, second by Schatz to approve the action taken at the follow up inspections under CP-02-09; motion carried.

LC-31-09—Shortridge—Team inspection recommendations were: 1) at both sites, consult professional engineer to oversee project design and construction; 2) project should be completed during low-flow period in fall or pre-runoff next spring; 3) at site #2 professional engineer should determine if existing weir can be used to accomplish project objectives (and moving headgate location upstream) or if stepped weirs must be installed. 4) Engineering designs should be forwarded to the CD prior to work starting. Motion by Granzow to table pending engineering designs, second by Schatz; motion carried.

LC-33-09—AT&T—motion by Murphy, waiving the 15 day waiting period, second by Schatz, motion carried.

LC-34-09—Heckman—motion by Granzow to approve a 10 year ford permit, second by Schatz, motion carried.

LC-35-09—Jasicko—Grisak didn't request an inspection. Motion by Murphy to approve waiving the 15 day waiting period, second by Granzow; motion carried.

Other Business

DNRC 10 minute trainings—personnel and contracting were discussed.

December meeting—December 10th

Motion to adjourn by Granzow, second by Schatz; motion carried.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer

Date