



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting Minutes Dearborn Community Center, Hwy 434, Wolf Creek Montana August 13, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

Call to order—the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Bob Bushnell, Jeff Ryan, Sarah Howe-Cobb, Scott Blackman and Ron Ingersoll. Also in attendance were John George and Chris Evans. Jason Mullen from FWP in Great Falls joined the meeting shortly after 8:30.

Introductions were made.

Motion by Blackman to approve the minutes as sent, second by Bushnell; motion carried.
Motion by Bushnell to approve the financial statement and pay the bills, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

Correspondence—Montana Range Tour, September 16 and 17.

Public Comment—There was none.

Reports

NRCS—John had an update for the office in Helena and White Sulphur Springs. There are 40 contracts in Lewis and Clark, 11 in Meagher County. For FY 15, there are 23 new contracts obligated, 22 in Lewis and Clark, 1 in Meagher. There have been 24 applications for FY 16 coming up with a nice variety in types of applications. For the 2 Chiefs project, the SO has requested \$160,000 for the coming year. They have 230,000 in requests so far. John will be gone a lot in October.

WQPD—They had no meeting last month. There's a fee increase request (10%) that was approved. The next meeting they want to do another tour out by the smelter area in East Helena to look at the stream diversion. Jim Wilbur is working to get some water right changes on Prickly Pear Creek.

SRWG—Rollo couldn't be at the meeting. Sarah said that she was at the weed pull. Rollo's email said that he's been primarily been involved working on the various weed projects.

MACD—The area meeting will be hosted by Meagher CD and the convention is in Missoula in November.

Lincoln Area—The fire up Sucker Creek is still burning.

LHWG—Watershed Festival—if the Rolling Rivers Trailer is actually running, Evan will use it at the Lake Helena Watershed Festival on the 22nd.

MRCDC—Annual Rendezvous/Float Trip out of Jordan area.

RMFWRT—Motion by Bushnell to approve \$750 to be used for projects, not administration, second by Blackman; motion carried.

Old Business

Training-Evans attended the WordPress training in Kalispell, it was worth the trip. There is a new website and we have a Facebook page as well.

Soil Health Workshop-September 17

Montana range tour-September 16 and 17. Unfortunately we had our workshop scheduled before I knew the dates to the Range Tour.

New Business

Newsletter—need supervisor article

Supervisor ID card forms-All supervisors are eligible for an ID card which allows them to get the State Rate at hotels etc. Evans can take photos and collect the forms and will get them to DNRC for processing.

Bank stuff-A problem with the last bit of paperwork to update signature cards resulted in our updated file being shredded. We need to gather up all the ID information etc. to update the bank records.

310 Permit Applications

LC-02-15—Chevallier Ranch

Location: Canyon Creek

When: ASAP

Purpose: Fix work done under violation

Dimensions: 600 feet of bank; no stream encroachment except for about 100 feet of riprap

Equipment: excavator, dump truck, front end loader

Materials: 33Cy Class II riprap, 36 CY Class I riprap, willow clumps every 10 feet of the 600 feet of bank; topsoil and seed.

Team report comments: Remains tabled pending ACOE resolution

Decision: remains tabled pending ACOE decision

LC-13-15—Mike Wirth

Location: Gladstone Creek

When: 8/1-8/2

Purpose: Installation of culvert for driveway access

Dimensions: 35' of bank will be impacted

Materials: 40 CY 6" or less of natural shale and topsoil from site

Equipment: 320D Cat Excavator—will not work in stream

Team Report Comments: Embed culvert 20% to allow for fish passage and movement of streambed substrate; Armor upstream banks around the culvert with rip-rap to prevent erosion; Complete instream work before October 1; use silt fence as described in application to prevent sediment from moving downstream during construction.

Decision: Motion by Blackman to approve with modifications and to waive the 15 day waiting period, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

LC-31-13—BBCTU

Followup inspection results—Landowner will apply for permit to re-vamp upstream diversion for irrigation purposes.

Stickney Creek-Plan for site visit—August 20, 2015, the team will meet in Craig for a site visit. Landowners have been notified via mail, Don MacIntyre is working with the County Attorney's office and Sherriff's department to get a least one deputy to go along with the team.

Jeff Ryan wanted the board to see follow up photos of the project on the Beaverhead River that was done 2 years ago. The site looked good, with good willow regeneration.

Other Business

There was discussion regarding potential projects on the Missouri.

Motion to adjourn 9:10 a.m.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer

Date