



# LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Helena USDA Service Center  
790 Colleen Street, Helena MT  
July 9, 2015**

**Call to order**—the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier at 1 p.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Scott Blackman, Steve Granzow, Jeff Ryan, Sarah Howe-Cobb and Bob Bushnell. Also in attendance were Larry Hoffman, Alan Rollo, John George and Chris Evans. Susan Geise joined the meeting shortly after 1 p.m.

Motion by Blackman to approve the minutes as sent, second by Ryan; motion carried.

Motion by Bushnell to approve the financial report as presented, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

**Correspondence**—There was none.

**Public Comment**—There was none.

## **Reports**

**NRCS**—George made the report for the NRCS. The office has had 10 forest, 5 range, 6 irrigation and 1 cafo/af0 applications. They should know in the next month or so how they'll shake out. 16 projects will probably be funded in Lewis and Clark County, 12 are obligated and 4 are in a pre-approved or approved status. One application will probably get picked up by Jefferson County. Ryan asked if any of the forestry projects would have woody material that he could ear mark for the stream/river projects. John will see if any of the landowners would be interested in making that contribution. The RCPP pre-proposal has been submitted for \$1.7 million over 5 years. We should hear back on September 4. If our project is selected for a full proposal, that will be due November 10. John will be working the county fair and welcomes anyone's help who would like to show up!

**WQPD**—Frasier missed the last meeting. Ryan went on the tour that was held in place of the meeting to the new fishing access site on Prickly Pear Creek. He said the project looks good, they had some willow loss, but the streambank seeding looks good. There is a possibility that they'll name the access site in honor of Bob Morgan.

**SRWG**—Rollo said that the last few months have been a lot of noxious weed work in the Augusta area. The MCC crews got a lot pulled. He said that they could tell a difference in the areas they'd pulled in last year. There were some areas last year where they couldn't get to due to bear activity that were noticeably thicker. In June they had the Elk Creek, Ford Creek and Sun Canyon Spray Days. They pulled and sprayed behind Gibson with the help of some outfitters. It was a tough month with the heat being a limiting factor on people and the chemical. Saturday will be the Sun Canyon Weed Pull. They haven't gotten to the restoration discussion for Elk Creek yet, but will move forward. Rollo wants to work with Geise and Howe-Cobb on other issues that are going on and need to happen in the Augusta area.

**MACD**—They are still looking for people who may be interested in serving on one of the standing committees. They filled the program director position.

**Lincoln Area**—Bushnell said that the water is very low in the Blackfoot. He said that Black Henbane has moved in along the new construction. Mike Horse project is well underway. Bushnell said they're

running 10-15 trucks everyday. Ryan mentioned that they are offering tours to people if they set it up ahead of time.

**MRCDC**—Coordinators report came via email in the past week. Their budget is in tough shape.

**Weed District**—Hoffman said that the insectary in Augusta is up and running, he'll be meeting with the coordinator next week. Rollo said that the coordinator has been involved in a couple of events and seems to be working out well. They found garlic mustard in the city of Helena as well as dyer's woad. All but one landowner allowed access to pull the weed. That person received a notice of non-compliance from the state. Both weeds will be monitored on those properties for 8 years. They did their 2<sup>nd</sup> recycling program yesterday, 526 containers were collected to the tune of about 390 pounds of plastic. There's a certified weed free council that is looking for 2 producers to sit on their council and they would like names by the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The Weed District has about 2 more days in the Augusta area and will continue to Lincoln next week along with the RID's in the County. The Bear Creek project out of York is finished and they will move along to the Prickly Pear Creek project. They have had great cooperation with the Forest Service. West Nile is being tested for in the Valley and near Craig. They have 180 active compliance reports, of which 25 have gone to the County Attorney, 5 of those have been turned over to the District Court.

**Lewis and Clark County**—Susan Geise mentioned that at the Weed District meeting some questions came up for the County Commission about the Freedom to Farm Act, as well as when they're considering subdivisions, they'd like to know how the Commission is following through on weed management plans.

Susan also said that while she tries to enforce the laws the way they are the County is looking at a new growth plan this fall and she would like to tighten up the rules in that plan.

Susan also said that the county approved a project for upgrade restrooms with showers in Hooper Park in Lincoln.

**Extension**—no report.

**RMFWRT**—Next board meeting is July 21. They've been busy with all the weed events.

### **New Business**

NRCS has a booth at the fair and John George welcomes having people help out at the booth. The request for formation of a Range Committee was discussed. After conversation, the consensus was to not formally create a range committee but to put Ron Ingersoll's name on as the Range contact. Supervisor ID's—At a future meeting Evans will bring the camera and the supervisor ID forms for those that need new ID's.

### **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.

#### LC-10-15—Mary Sampsen

Location: Blackfoot River

When: 10/15

Purpose: Irrigation maintenance (AMP requested)

Dimensions: 100 feet

Equipment: excavator, skidsteer, shovel. All will be pressure washed prior to use.

Materials: existing rocks in the area

Team report comments:

Decision: Motion by Bushnell, second by Blackman to table pending inspection; motion carried.

LC-11-15—Mary Sampsen

Location: Keep Cool Creek

When: 7/15-11/15

Purpose: Fish screen

Dimensions: See design from NRCS

Equipment: excavator, skidsteer, shovel. All will be pressure washed prior to use.

Materials: See NRCS design

Team report comments:

Decision: Since there is no NRCS design yet, the application is withdrawn pending that design. Motion by Bushnell to approve, second by Blackman; motion carried.

LC-12-15—Dusenberry

Location: Ten Mile Creek

When: 7/15-9/15

Purpose: Bridge

Dimensions: Bank disturbance no more than 20ft in width on both sides for concrete supports for bridge. Will not encroach into water. Bridge is 40 feet in length and will provide about 3 feet of overlap onto bank on each side.

Materials: 50 cy gravel up to 8 inches in diameter with gravel and sand

Equipment: Excavator and skid steer and 2 25 ton wreckers to lift current bridge up while doing work.

Team Report Comments: recommended approval as proposed

Decision: Motion by Bushnell to approve as proposed, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

**Other Business**

The next meeting will be August 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Dearborn Community Center, on Highway 434 outside of Wolf Creek, MT.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Presiding Officer

Date