



# LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

USDA Service Center, 790 Colleen Street, Helena MT 59601

March 10, 2016, 1 p.m.

**Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Scott Blackman, Steve Granzow, Bob Bushnell and Sarah Howe-Cobb. Also in attendance were Jenny Paddock, Eric Roberts, Larry Hoffman, Ann McCauley and Chris Evans.

Introductions were made.

Motion by Bushnell to approve the minutes as sent, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

Motion by Bushnell to approve the financial statement and pay the outstanding bills second by Granzow; motion carried.

### Correspondence

County budget-The request for our budget came in last week.

Statewide Biocontrol project-they've requested a letter of support and also any ideas on sites to conduct mass releases on in the county.

Area 3 invite-Blackman and Granzow plan to attend.

**Public Comment**-there was none.

### Reports

**NRCS** – Jenny was in for John who has been out sick. Jenny had one thing to discuss, the proposed special initiative for Forestry practices. Jenny said the other thing is that the CSP deadline is coming up at the end of March.

**WQPD** – No meeting

**SRWG** – Bushnell motion for backpack sprayer, Granzow second; carried. Granzow will get.

**MACD/SWCDMI** – Ann McCauley gave a brief report on MACD/SWCDMI. The D.C. "fly-in" is next week by a group from MACD, DNRC etc. A group from Montana concerned about bison issues went down to Denver to discuss the issues that Montana has with that situation. Ann said they made a number of hires on the program side of things across the state for grazing plans and range monitoring.

Evans indicated that the dues statement was received and wanted to know how the board wanted to proceed. Motion by Bushnell to approve dues payment in full, based on what the CD received from the county in 2015, second by Granzow; motion carried.

**Lincoln Area** – Bushnell said that the snow is gone, the flowers are up.

**Lake Helena Watershed** – No report

**MRCDC** – upcoming meeting.

**Weed District** – Hoffman was at the meeting to give the Weed District report. Joe Enger is a new member on the weed board. Dan Carlin is the new county engineer. He'll be doing field



inspections, and monitoring on bridges and roads. They had a report on MDT's project on Green Meadow to Silver City road. The Augusta Insectary is probably going to be cancelled this year due to issues with the superintendent. The compliance process is changing. Complaints will go 1 year from the time of the first inspection which is a good thing. The Dearborn Project is coming up on June 19, Lincoln is coming up, Canyon Creek will also be in June, the planning meeting for that is April 6<sup>th</sup> (ask Larry about that). They are hoping to finish up the Powell County agreement for funds matching purposes. They are looking for support letters on the Right to Farm and Ranch. They want to put a resolution into the county commissioners to keep grandfathered ranches and farms protected from incoming neighbors. They are also looking for support for an educational program. Around 250 students and all the rodeo grounds will be targeted with that program. Larry is looking for about \$2400 for that series. They are working on some Adopt a trail programs at Augusta and Lincoln trailheads, fire rehab on Cabin Gulch and Sucker Creek. Motion by Granzow, second by Howe-Cobb to approve up to \$2400 toward the educational programs; motion carried.

USFWS-Elk Creek project ongoing. The goal is to spend out the remaining funds in the Partner's checking account with Sue McNeal's impending retirement.

### **Old Business**

Election—reminder to supervisors to be sure to file by the 14<sup>th</sup> if they are up for re-election.  
Ten Mile Mural—the unveiling went well, the mural is really nice. Photos on the District's Facebook page.

### **New Business**

Envirothon-3 teams

### **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:

Decision: Update: Ed now has an attorney involved who is trying to get the work approved under the farm exemption with the ACOE.

LC-02-16-NWE

Location: Black Diamond Creek

Purposes: Utility- plowed electric cable

Dimensions: 12-15 feet on each bank, each site (5)

Equipment: cat mounted plow, possible use of mini excavator to install line depending on size of rocks

Materials: 440' cable

Team Report Comments: Pierce would like to inspect after snow has diminished to the point where the site can be viewed.



Decision: Remains tabled pending inspection. They are also discussing whether to bore the project versus trenching.

LC-04-16 – Eric Roberts

Location: Tenmile Creek

When: March 1-November 30

Purpose: Fisheries enhancement with a decrease in erosion. Removal of current culverts and replacement with a bridge

Dimensions: 800 linear ft. 300 feet upstream of the culvert and 500 feet downstream.

Equipment: 2 track excavators to set bridges, one track excavator for stream work, track skid steer, trucks and incidental support equipment

Materials: 1-3 foot median diameter rock about 70-80 CY

Juniper trees (40-50) or evergreen trees

Gravel road mix imported from local source to backfill road to bridge

Floodplain cobbles

Team report comments: No inspection requested from supervisor in area

Decision: Motion by Granzow, second by Howe-Cobb to approve, waiving the 15 day waiting period and with the comment to use as many willows as possible.

LC-05-16 – Missouri River Ranch and Eagle Canyon Ranch landowners associations

Location: Stickney Creek

When: May-September

Purpose: replace undersized culverts

Dimensions:

Equipment: Work to be completed by licensed road operator

Materials: 2 (or 4) 36 inch culverts to span existing road and 2 (or 4) 36 inch culverts 25 north of site

Team report comments: Jason didn't request an inspection. He did say that he doesn't usually recommend 2 culverts side by side but understands financial considerations. He recommended embedding culverts, not having them perched and incorporating a reinforced overflow channel into the road – a reinforced depression in the road – to pass flood flows.

In addition, a letter was received after the application was submitted changing the original 2 culverts to 4 at each site on the recommendation of Gordon LaFaver.

Decision: With the confusion about requested culvert size, motion by Blackman, second by Granzow to table the application pending further review; motion carried.

**APPROVED**

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Presiding Officer

Date

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Recorder

Date