



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting Minutes Lambkins Restaurant, Lincoln MT September 10, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Call to order—The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier at 9:30 a.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Jeff Ryan, Steve Granzow, Bob Bushnell and Ron Ingersoll. Also in attendance were John George and Chris Evans.

Motion by Bushnell to approve minutes for the August meeting as sent, second by Granzow; motion carried.

Motion by Bushnell to approve statement and pay the bills, Ingersoll second; motion carried.

Public Comment

There was none.

Reports

NRCS—George made a brief NRCS report. They are doing planning and fieldwork. Obligations are done for the year and workload has picked up in the office.

WQPD—The group toured the ASARCO cleanup project. The area where the new stream channel will be was staked. Most of the cap has been put in place over the waste area. There are a few buildings left that will be removed and the area will be capped. The last thing they'll be doing is building the new stream channel along the slag pile area. Frasier had asked how many yards of material were to be moved, the estimate is about a million. They had a brief report on the watershed festival. There were probably fewer people this year, but interest was very high.

SRWG—no report.

MACD—Area meeting the 21st in White Sulphur Springs. Jeff Ryan and Evans will go. Granzow had the MACD comments made on the free-range bison issue. Evans will get a copy of those to the board via email.

Lincoln Area—Bushnell said that it's been pretty quiet.

Lake Helena Watershed—no report.

MRCDC—no report.

Weed District—Frasier mentioned the push to fight garlic mustard. The weed will most likely will be listed on the state noxious weed list.

Old Business

Evans informed the board that we were selected to submit a full proposal for the RCPP. It is due November 10.

The Soil Health Workshop is the 17th, Steve Granzow said that he'd like to go, as did Ron Ingersoll.

The Montana Range tour is the 16th and 17th.

New Business

Project application for cost share program—Motion by Bushnell to approve the \$2500 cost share, second by Ingersoll; motion carried. Landowner needs to sign an agreement to maintain the culverts for the life of the project as determined by NRCS' practice life list.

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: Table until resolution between parties is made.

LC-14-15 Greaves

Location: North Fork Stickney Creek

When: Fall or early spring

Purpose: placement of side by side culverts

Dimensions: 4 foot diameter, 16 foot long

Materials: 4-6 inch crushed rock and 1 inch road mix

Equipment: backhoe

Team report comments:

- 3 4-foot culverts or 1 large culvert, 12 feet or 2 6-foot culverts.
- Recommend the larger culverts the better.
- Reinforce upstream and downstream ends and stream bank with rip rap 24-36 inch.
- Incorporate overflow into roadway.
- Complete during dry conditions.

Motion by Bushnell second by Ryan; motion carried Draw up picture of overflow

LC-15-15 Petritz

Location: Canyon Ferry Reservoir/Missouri River

When: 8/1 through 10/1

Purpose: replace old dock

Dimensions: Bank won't be affected, new dock is 17 x 11

Materials: Wooden boards, encapsulated floats and various hardware

Equipment: hand tools

Team report comments: Roberts wanted to know where the old dock went. Applicant has stated that they broke up the old rotting dock that had the Styrofoam floats that were disintegrating and took it to the dump.

Decision: Motion by Bushnell to approve, waiving the 15 day waiting period, second by Granzow; motion carried.

LC-16-15 BBCTU

Location: Stonewall Creek

When: 9/15 -11/15

Purpose: habitat expansion for westslope cutthroat

Dimensions: 250 feet of stream included. Cross vane and sluice gate on the existing headgate. Bypass pipe will enter channel so that fish can be redirected back to stream.

Materials: Boulders-25, 18-24 inch
Gravel-1/2 CY

Hardware for pipe, screen etc.

Equipment: Excavator, native seeding done by hand or ATV

Team report comments: No request for inspection, Pierce was okay with the project

Decision: Motion by Bushnell to approve, waiving the 15 day waiting period, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

LC-17-15 YPL

Location: Beaver Creek

When: Already done

Purpose: mats for fording stream

Dimensions: 12-15 feet on each bank (5 crossing sites total), 60 square feet at each crossing, for mat mounts.

Materials: 12 foot by 20 foot untreated wood at each site.

Equipment: Excavators were used to place the mats

Team report comments: Roberts commented that these are the same sites that he and Ryan looked at last year for the Winterburn logging project. He didn't recall that a bridge had been approved as is shown in one of the photos so we should follow up on that. He said that since the mats are in, and they are using them, he's okay with issuing an after the fact permit. He recommends a strongly worded letter stating the potential punishment for violations as a reminder that they need to seek a permit prior to beginning any work. He also requested an onsite inspection following removal of the structures to determine if any remediation work needs to be done.

Motion by Granzow to send a letter of violation to YPL, permit denied, second by Bushnell, with the requirement to remove of all material by September 30 with a follow up inspection after removal is complete. Motion carried.

LC-18-15 Hall

Location: Sweeney Creek

When: fall 2015

Purpose: replace rotten wood diversion with a new pre-cast concrete diversion structure

Dimensions: 12 feet by 6 feet

Materials: 1.25 CY concrete

Equipment: mini tracked excavator

Team report comments: Motion to approve by Granzow, waiving the 15 day waiting period, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

Discussion on CP-01 and CP-02—Motion by Bushnell to work with other agencies on required mitigation, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

Discussion on CP-03 through CP-05—since the landowner who did the work moved, the requirement to pull the structure out seems unreasonable. Motion by Ingersoll to table pending recommendations by DNRC; second by Granzow; motion carried.

Discussion on the North Fork Stickney Creek on-site: The group looked at the bridges that Mark Pieloch put in under 310 permitting a few years ago. Jeff said that the bridges are really nice sturdy bridges.

The next meeting will be October 8, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Helena Field Office Conference Room, Helena, MT.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer

Date