



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting Minutes
Lambkins of Lincoln
Lincoln MT
September 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m.**

Call to order—The meeting was called to order by chairman Stan Frasier at 9:31 a.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Bob Bushnell, Jeff Ryan, Scott Blackman, Sarah Howe-Cobb and Ron Ingersoll. Also in attendance were Jeanette Nordahl, Diane Fitzgerald, Bob Flesher, Frank Thompson, Kevin Stone, Ashley Rivero and Chris Evans.

Introductions were made.

Motion by Ingersoll to approve minutes as sent, second by Bushnell; motion carried.

Motion by Howe-Cobb to approve the financial statement and pay the bills, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

Correspondence

Thank you from HHS Envirothon Team

Prickly Pear Tour

Cattle Handling Demo workshop

MWCC Symposium

Facilitator Workshop

Wage Survey-DNRC

NACD Annual Meeting

Public Comment-there was none

Reports

NRCS—the field office finished the Ten Mile contracts and there was enough money turned back from other counties that they were able to fund some more contracts. They are up to about 80 contracts and they have about 40 FY17 contracts. John George has applied for a special initiative for forestry that he hasn't heard back on yet.

WQPD—they took a tour of the Missouri River Water Treatment Plant.

SRWG—Kevin was present to talk about the watershed report. They had a spray day on Elk Creek and on Sun Canyon with some FS assistance. They are working on some grants and the work plan. He would like to hear about any ideas for restoration projects in the Lewis & Clark portion of the watershed. Apparently the Forest Serves has some sites where they'd like to do some prescribed burns over the next 10 years. It would protect private land adjacent to the forest property. No commercial logging is part of the project. Kevin and Jeff talked about the WAWG tour that they both went on.

MACD/SWCDMI—After discussion it was concluded to leave the priority resource concern resolution as written.

Convention: Jeff might go to the convention.

Jeff updated the board on the floodplain resolution and tour they did with the EPA representative.

Lincoln Area – Bob said that some proposed logging is going on in the Lincoln area. The ranger has the Granite Peak Lookout open for renting. You can barely see where the Lone Point fire was at the top of the mountain.

Jeanette asked about the Blackfoot/Hogum area violation. Evans had contacted Lynn Barker about getting to work on that project and told him that if we didn't hear from him, we would have to contact the County Attorney's office. Becky Garland called the office about that project, the day after the voice mail was left.

Lake Helena Watershed – the festival was good. They were short on funds to cover the raffle items. They'll have to continue to sell tickets to make up the cost of those items.

MRCDC – Jeff sat in on their call on August 23. There's some question as to the ongoing funding of the MRCDC with the Coal Tax budget issues.

Weed District – Bob said that there was some discussion at the weed meeting yesterday about the Tansy Ragwort project. It was a multi-county effort. Up at Libby, the Tansy along the highway is on both sides of the highway. Bushnell called Dave Burch from Department of Ag about it.

Old Business

Motion by Blackman to approve sponsorship of the garden grant, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried. Bob Flesher recommended that we focus on the number of people that the project will affect and the long term benefits of the project.

New Business

Motion to approve rain gauges for the small acreage workshop by Bushnell, second Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

310 Permit Applications

Follow up from YPL on-site

Adams/Rogers Creek situation

CP-04-15 – Kollars

Location: Stickney Creek

Purpose: Replaced culvert with bridge

Dimensions: 16' span, about 50' bank

Materials: 10 CY gravel, 9x9x8' RR ties, not in water

Team report comments:

Decision: Motion by Bushnell to consider the activity to be a violation. Removal of the bridge would likely cause more of a disturbance than leaving it in place. While the CD normally doesn't approve railroad ties, since this is an intermittent section of the stream, we will let it go this time. It is recommended that landowner have the up and downstream abutments armored with 12 inch or larger angular rock. Any further work done in or affecting the stream, must be done with a permit from the Conservation District. Any future work needs to be done with material other than railroad ties.

Second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

CP-05-16 – Dengel

Location: Skelly Gulch

Purpose: clearing ground

Dimensions: smaller than an acre

Materials: none

Team report comments: not evident from the above road the cleared areas are on a terrace several feet above the stream - the majority of the disturbed area has a good buffer strip from the stream - on the few areas that are nearer the stream the Dengels agreed to let the riparian vegetation reestablish - they are also going to seed grass in all the other disturbed areas - my recommendation to the L&C CD board is we consider this action settled and not a violation of the 310 law.

Decision: This project is not in the CD's jurisdiction so is not considered to be a violation of state law.

CP-06-26 – Hunt

Location: Banner Creek

When: sometime in the past year

Purpose: crossing

Dimensions:

Materials:

Team report comments: Inspection pending

CP-07-16 – Wirth/Devries

Location: Little Prickly Pear

When: sometime in past year

Purpose: irrigation diversion

Dimensions:

Materials: rock and fines

Team report comments: Not our jurisdiction since MDT does this as needed in an agreement with Wirth Ranch after taking over their diversion point when I-15 went in. They need to work with FWP on a 124 permit

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

****Amendment request to application/permit – they would like to use 5 foot ROUND culverts instead of the arch.**

Location: Stickney Creek

When: 8/1 to 9/30/16

Purpose: replace undersized culverts

Dimensions:

Equipment: Work to be completed by licensed road operator

Materials: 150 CY fill, 2 60 inch arch culverts

Team report comments: Jason did not want to inspect but his comments were:

- Recommend embedding the 5ft culverts 20% to keep them from getting perched and allowing them to pass bedload
- Recommend incorporating a reinforced overflow channel into the road (in other words, a reinforced depression in the road) to pass flood flows

Decision: motion by Blackman to approve as amended, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

LC-29-16 – Fechter

Team report comments: Motion to table pending inspection by Blackman, second by Bushnell; motion carried.

LC-30-16 – Sun Mountain Lumber

Location: Green Creek

When: September

Purpose: crossing for logging operation and for ranch access

Dimensions: 12-14’ wide and 12-14’ long

Materials: 10 CY native gravel/fill

Team report comments: Recommend approving as submitted, which is based on discussion during the site visit. Constructing a ford is preferable to reusing the old culvert or installing a new culvert, due to the active channel and high amount of bedload that would likely end up plugging a culvert.

Decision: Motion by Blackman to approve with recommendations, second by Bushnell; motion carried.

LC-31-16 – Larson

Location: Little Stickney Creek

When: 9-12/2016

Purpose: stream crossings

Dimensions: 12 feet at each of 3 locations

Materials: about 10 CY gravel

Equipment: excavator/bulldozer

Team report comments: Recommend no less than 28-30” culverts embedding the culverts 20% to help pass bedload. Recommend armoring the upstream and downstream ends of the culvert with a minimum of 8 inch rock.

Decision: Motion by Bushnell to approve with recommendations and to waive the 15 day waiting period, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

Frank Thompson had a permit application to turn in to the board. He explained the project and had some photos.

No further business the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. with lunch to follow.

The next meeting will be October 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 790 Colleen Street, Helena MT.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer

Date

Recorder

Date