



## LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting Minutes  
USDA Service Center  
790 Colleen Street, Helena MT 59601  
November 10, 2016, 1 p.m.**

**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, Sarah Howe-Cobb, Jeff Ryan, Ron Ingersoll and Jeanette Nordahl. Also in attendance were David Martin, Diane Fitzgerald, Kevin Stone and Chris Evans.

Introductions were made.

Motion by Ryan, second by Howe-Cobb to approve minutes as sent; motion carried. There were some questions about the financial statement and discussion about the big disbursement from the county. Motion by Blackman to approve the financial statement and to pay the outstanding bills, second by Granzow; motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

MT DOA Young Ag Couple's Conference

**Public Comment**-there was none.

### **Reports**

**NRCS**—John is out of the office right now. Diane said they're working on about 20 plans, the office recently attended CSP training.

**WQPD**—Frasier said that the last meeting had a tour of the wastewater facility and a report about the WQ requirements coming from the government that is going to cost the city a lot to meet. The water they put out now is cleaner than the water coming from Rimini as far as metals go. Ryan said that the nitrate levels requirements are impossible to meet.

**SRWG**—Kevin said that last month he was at the MWCC symposium in Billings. He said it was a really great experience with networking and education. He said he came away with a good appreciation of the BSWC program. They have been working on Muddy Creek with GID in-kind. They're working on planning and launching a new section of the website.

**MACD/SWCDMI**—Convention is next week. Ryan said that the floodplain resolution is moving along. They met with Sesso last month and Elena got a draft bill to him this week. Sesso said he would carry the bill at the session. They met with Tester's office in Butte too. They have some FEMA experts and they're willing to work at the national level. SWCDMI has a budget out, Steve had a copy of it to pass around. He also said that Elena sent out the 2015 Exempt Organizations tax return information. Steve said that the Montana Infrastructure Coalition is going to be hitting the state legislature for money for infrastructure improvements.

Evans said that the NRCS wants to meet up with the CD, a representative from DNRC and a representative about LCCD's funding concerns.

**Lincoln Area** – Motion by Blackman, second by Granzow to appoint Jeanette Nordahl in Bob Bushnell's place to fill out his current term and his elected term; motion carried.

**Lake Helena Watershed** – They are looking for volunteers to do some resource work.

**MRCDC** – see report. Jeff also said that there will be a presentation during the MACD convention.

**Weed District** – no report.

**Old Business**

Small acreage workshop results – Registration was small, but the right types were at the workshop. Speakers did a great job, the demonstrations were perfect and there was a lot of enthusiasm about the workshop.

Cheatgrass inoculant – 275 gallons was successfully distributed to area landowners. There will be a monitoring requirement for the next few years to see how it works.

**New Business**

Conservation Easement-Gehring – Jeff would like to have a letter go to the county in support of the Conservation Easement. Jeff made a motion to do that. Sarah Howe-Cobb asked if we could do the same for the Shortridge easement. Jeff amended his motion to add a support letter for the Shortridge easement as well. Second by Granzow; motion carried.

There was some discussion by Evans about wanting to keep Ashley Rivero on for a few months to do some scanning of old 310 files and data entry into the database. Motion by Ryan to offer Ashley 2-3 months at \$10/hour for up to 20 hours per week, second by Blackman; motion carried.

Dave Martin is on a committee to re-vamp the Tips for Fighting Weeds on Small Acreage booklet. He wanted to ask the board if he could represent the Conservation District on that committee. They approved.

Jeff Ryan said that he'll be in Lavina next week giving some technical advice on a willow cutting project. The 2011 floods blew out the diversion and they are going to make some improvements to the site with removal of the old diversion.

**310 Permit Applications**

CP-09-16 Ron Adams

Location: Rogers Creek

When: Sometime in the past 2 years

Activity: 3 stream crossings and 2 instream ponds

Team report comments: Inspection will take place October 17

Decision: motion by Blackman to approve action as noted in the team report with a few changes. Second by Granzow, motion carried.

LC-17-16 – Snowberry Properties

Location: Keep Cool Creek

When: 6/15-9/1

Purpose: improve fisheries; mitigate beaver activity; eliminate CMP on trib to Spring Creek and replace with a bridge

Dimensions: 660'; 50'; 100'

Equipment: excavator with thumb; skid steer or other loader; dump truck

Materials: boulders/cobble 1-3 CY  
Wood habitat structures, debris jams, brush trench overhang cover logs in substrate 10-20 CY  
Live willow/aspen/sod 20-30 willow/trees and 5CY sod

Team report Comments:

Decision: Motion by Granzow to approve pending FWP Approval, second by Blackman; motion carried.

LC-34-16 Frank Thompson – This permit remains tabled.

LC-36-16 Steinbach

Location: Little Skunk Creek

When: ASAP

Purpose: Irrigation structure; replace old headgate for irrigation

Dimensions: about 20 feet of bank

Materials: 20 CY pit run

Team report comments: approval with modifications: Reinforce upstream face of culvert with rock rip-rap; maintenance of culvert to avoid blow out; embed 12" in streambottom to pass substrate during high flow.

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

LC-40-16 PPLT

Location: Tenmile Creek

When: March-July 2017

Purpose: Bridge (Pedestrian)

Dimensions: The abutment is 8 feet wide and the bridge is 6.5 feet wide. Should be less than 10 feet on each side of the channel.

Materials: 1.8 CY concrete  
42' prefab pedestrian bridge  
53 CY fill

Team Report comments: No inspection, Eric Roberts saw no problems with the plan

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

Other Business

10 a.m. budget and planning meeting on December 8, regular meeting at 1 p.m.

**Adjourned 2:31 p.m.**

**APPROVED**

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Presiding Officer

Date

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Recorder

Date