



# LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

Dearborn Community Center, HWY 434, Wolf Creek, MT

June 8, 2017 8:30 a.m.

**Call to order**—meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier at 8:33 a.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Scott Blackman, Ron Ingersoll, Steve Granzow and Jeff Ryan. Also in attendance were Dave Martin, Sherry Frederikson, Larry Hoffman, Pat Troy, Travis Wilson, Nate Matheson, Diane Fitzgerald, Jason Mullen and Chris Evans.

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

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

### Correspondence

#### Public Comment

There was none.

### Reports

**NRCS**—Diane Fitzgerald was present to make the NRCS report. The office staff is getting ready to rank the special initiatives. Broadwater County didn't bring in any and Meagher had a few. Nathan Matteson from Butte is working in the office this summer with NRCS. He's in school in Dillon.

**SRWG**—Travis Wilson said they had the MCC crew up Ford Creek made up of the crew leaders. They hiked from the guest ranch to the Cobb place and pulled weeds in the riparian area. They also moved into the uplands and surveyed for more weeds in the private lands area. They have been doing other weed projects too, with multiple spray days. On the 21<sup>st</sup> is the Sun Canyon Spray Day and July 8 is the Weed Whacker Rodeo. June 29 from 1-4 at the First Interstate bank meeting room, the water management and water quality work groups will be meeting.

**Weed District**--Larry talked about the upcoming Dearborn Spray Day on the 12<sup>th</sup>. They are working on a Lincoln project with 370 landowners trying to get a Noxious Weed Trust Fund project going. They are working with NRCS, WQ, and the CD on the small acreage push. They've put out Dalmatian toadflax insects and had 2 ag days on weeds and agriculture. Monday they're looking at the full crew for road rights of way and special projects.

### Supervisor Reports

Howe-Cobb-Augusta Area-No report.

Ingersoll-Dearborn Area-Ron said that the Dearborn Area spray day is going to be happening on Monday. Evans will put together a reimbursement form to Larry for the chemical reimbursements.

Blackman-MRCDC/Craig Area-Scott read through Rachel's report. He mentioned the upcoming River Rendezvous. Jeff Ryan is going to go on that, except for the Canadian portion. Other than that, he said that she's going to be at Range Days and across the state. There are lots of fishermen in Craig. June 17 is the Upper Missouri group annual meeting at Craig.

Nordahl-Blackfoot Area-No report.

Frasier-WQPD/West Valley Area-Stan said he's been gone a lot lately. The Water Quality meeting had a presentation on water rights. Jeff said they still don't have a financial person on board. Jeff's term on that board is up this month. Neither Stan nor Jeff will be at the next WQPD meeting. They have the Sweeny Creek project completed out by Stan's place. He said it looks good.

Ryan-LHWG/Birdseye Area-Jeff said that not a whole lot is going on out his way. He said that they're having their first workgroup meeting at DNRC on the floodplain regulation concerns. He's hopeful they'll make some progress.

Granzow-East Valley Area-Steve said things have been quiet other than the house building that's going on east of his house.

### **Old Business**

Winter Grazing Seminar-The board discussed potential for speakers for the Winter Grazing Seminar. Scott recommended Neil Dennis (ask NRCS for contact info) out of Canada, or Steve Kenyon (rotational grazing). Evans should have dates and location secured soon, and will get updates to the board on a regular basis.

### **New Business**

Public Hearing—No one attended. There was a motion by Granzow to approve the levy for benefits, second by Ryan; motion carried.

Newsletter-Scott will send in something.

MACD Spring meeting—Martin asked what role the CD wants him to play at the meeting. There was discussion about the issues that LCCD addressed in the letter to MACD/MACD Board members and how Dave was to answer concerns about LCCD if they were brought up during the spring board meeting. As of the date of this meeting, our letter indicating concerns has not been responded to officially.

### **310 Permit Applications**

EME-03-17-Greaves—Motion by Ryan to approve with the condition that if this is not the site of the proposed new culverts, additional work needs to be done. Second by Blackman, motion carried.

CP-01-17-Sterling—Powerline—Motion by Ryan that the activity is not in violation of the 310 law, but that it is an unsafe situation; second by Ingersoll; motion carried. Blackman abstained from voting.

CP-02-17-Sterling—Ford—Motion by Ryan that this activity is in violation of the 310 law, the landowner/operator need to have a maintenance permit in place for continued use of the ford; second by Granzow, abstention by Blackman; motion carried.

LC-04-17-Diamond Construction

Location: Canyon Ferry/Missouri River

When: ASAP

Purpose: Bank Stabilization

Dimensions: 75 feet of bank

Equipment: Excavator and skidsteer

Materials: 150CY native rock and gravel from local pit, 30 CY Concrete, 65 LF of Wall blocks

Team Report comments: Problem with BOR, need to table pending changes

Decision: Continues to be tabled pending updated design from applicant.

LC-14-17-Henry – Continues to be tabled.

LC-17-17-Charles

Location: Blue Cloud Creek

When: 7/1

Purpose: installation of culvert for access to home

Dimensions: 60 feet

Equipment: tracked excavator and roller

Materials: onsite fill, 12" plus rip rap, about 350 CY

Team Report comments: 5' squashed culvert, 60' long, rip rap another 3 to 4 feet on faces above the culvert, key into bank 2')

Decision: Motion by Ryan to deny based on 2011 report from Atkins Engineering (Dan March), second by Granzow; motion carried. Applicant really needs to consider an open bottom culvert or a bridge at this site.

LC-18-17-Mord

Location: Elk Creek

When: 5/15 to 6/30

Purpose: irrigation diversion, movement of rocks for diversion check dam

Dimensions: little to no bank. Most of the boulders have moved to within 50 feet of where the check dam was.

Equipment: excavator with thumb, not in the stream

Materials: rocks and boulders already in the stream bed

Team Report comments: complete after mid-June, excavator cannot enter stream to complete work; there is no current agreement with USFWS.

Decision: Motion by Granzow to approve work, including work in the stream with the condition that applicant needs to obtain an FWP Sign off for the 318 Authorization or a 318 Authorization from DEQ, and a 5 year maintenance permit. Applicant needs to contact the CD office when work is complete for follow up inspection and also contact the CD office every time work is to be done under the maintenance permit. Second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

LC-19-17-BBCTU-Stew Schwartz

Location: Blackfoot River

When: 8/15 to 9/30

Purpose: upgrade to existing diversion with headgate, sluiceway, fish screen and armored riffle.

Dimensions: 700 feet of river

Equipment: hydraulic excavator, native grass seeding by hand

Materials: see designs page 7

Team Report comments:

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

**Other Business**

Dave Martin said that the \$1000 that the CD donated for the Ag Day – well attended with 4<sup>th</sup> graders, event was organized based around a Lewistown event. He said it was a really good event, well organized.

Dave also presented at Flood Awareness Day this year. He asked if maybe the message could be adjusted for next year. Regroup and reorganize?

Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**APPROVED**

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Presiding Officer

Date

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Recorder

Date