



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting Minutes

USDA Service Center, 790 Colleen Street, Helena MT

August 15, 2017 8:30 a.m.

Call to order—the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Frasier at 8:34 a.m. In attendance were Stan Frasier, Jeff Ryan, Jeanette Nordahl and Scott Blackman. Also in attendance were Rachel Frost, Travis Wilson, David Martin, Linda Greaves and Chris Evans.

Introductions were made.

Motion by Nordahl to approve the minutes as sent, second by Ryan; motion carried.

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

Correspondence

Mile High CD MACD area meeting
Summit Flyer

Public Comment

There was none

Reports

NRCS—no report

Sun River—Travis is working on getting feedback for the 10 year workplan. He's going to be doing some fall meetings for public feedback. They had an insect collection in the Choteau area. They are conducting water quality monitoring (6 sites per month). They met with the Sun River irrigation managers working on communication on water availability and usage to avoid big swings in the river. They have been working with gauge partners for water data improvement. In the next month they'll be working on continued partner input on the work plan, working on the work plan, planning for fall spray days and Travis will be presenting at an MCC graduation ceremony in Helena. Travis got the \$5000 Weed Cost share from LCCD that allowed them to get an MCC crew in to pull a lot of weeds.

Weed District—No report

MRCDC—Rachel was here to talk about the Missouri River CD Council. The main thing they've been working on is fire recovery on the Lodgepole complex. They are also working with AIS efforts, evaluating how 2017's season has gone and how they can improve for next season. They've allocated all the Ranching for Rivers funding. They are hoping to host some workshops on Riparian Grazing management and have some funding available to assist on that. The board talked about the fact that there is a need for that information. Managing for wildlife habitat, and topics like that. Rachel said that she'd like to help the upper reach of the Missouri

address some of their needs and concerns. Jeff said that he gave Karl some feedback on the Council concerns. Stan asked about salt cedar statewide and hopes of getting rid of it. Rachel said that they've been doing a lot of work from boats, doing removal and locating sites via GPS. They're working really hard in the Fort Peck area on salt cedar, trying to keep it at the reservoir and out of the tributaries. Blackman asked about fencing in the burned areas and if there is some effort to incorporate wildlife friendly fencing. Rachel said that there is and they also are looking at improving fence locations as necessary to make ranching operations better. Evans will look at the potential of the cd hosting a riparian grazing seminar/field trip. There was further discussion about Russian olive and how much of a problem it is in the county. The Living on The Bank Project is still moving along. Proper development and homebuilding on/near banks is important.

Dave Martin said that they are having a realtor workshop on September 28 and he would forward the information to Rachel.

Supervisor Reports

Howe-Cobb-Augusta Area-no report

Ingersoll-Dearborn Area-no report

Blackman-MRCDC/Craig Area-Blackman said they had the Camp Make a Dream's annual float trip, they had great turnout. Fishing has been pretty heavy and there is a lot of moss on the river. Rachel asked if anyone was going to the Upper Missouri River Watershed meeting. Scott said that he hadn't gone this year.

Nordahl-Blackfoot Area-Jeanette said there's not too much exciting happening. They've pretty much stopped spraying, on the west side due to fires and the other side just because it's so dry. She said it was 34 this morning.

Frasier-WQPD/West Valley Area- Jeff said that the last WQPD meeting they're going to do a tour up Rimini. They're going to try to put in some source based water treatment facilities in the old mine adits that are dumping contaminated water into Ten Mile Creek. Should take place August 30--Check with Jennifer on date to be sure. They had some additional financial details on their budget. They had a presentation on water rights laws. They also had a presentation by James Sweierc about lack of water and development.

Ryan-LHWG/Birdseye Area-There's a violation on Seven Mile up Skelly Gulch that Ryan will be going out on.

Granzow-East Valley Area-no report

Old Business

Ladies day on the range report--Evans reported that they had pretty good turnout, but that in the future, it might be best to advertise it for all, not just "ladies day".

New Business

RRT grant sponsorship--Maintenance grant, need approval. Motion by Blackman, second by Ryan; motion carried.

WGS grant sponsorship--hosting cost grant, need approval. Motion by Blackman, second by Nordahl; motion carried.

Summit sponsorship--Ryan would like the CD to look at sponsoring the Summit. Motion by Ryan to put in \$1500 to match Cascade, Yellowstone and Valley CDs, second by Blackman. Dave Martin said he was on the conference call Monday. They had the Area reports. The subject of Gary Giem and Mike Hansen coming to our meeting never even came up during the area reports. Motion carried.

Montana Youth Range Camp hosting-General consensus was to go ahead with hosting. Dave Martin said he could help

310 Permit Applications

LC-04-17-Diamond Construction – Given that there has been no activity, the board is going to consider this permit application withdrawn.

LC-14-17-Henry – Given that there has been no activity, the board is going to consider this permit application withdrawn.

LC-17-17-Charles

Update: Evans discussed the application further with DNRC, who recommended technical assistance through their program. WWC Engineering will be conducting an onsite visit along with a hydrologic analysis to help the board make a decision.

LC-21-17 Russ Greaves

Location: N. F. Stickney Creek

When: 8/15 to 11/1

Purpose: replace culverts that were damaged and washed out in May 2015 and replace the temporarily installed culverts.

Dimensions: 25-30 feet of bank

Equipment: backhoe

Materials: 40-50 CY various sizes of riprap, 2 four foot diameter culverts and 1 five foot diameter culvert

Team Report comments:

Decision: Motion by Ryan to approve with modifications including an overflow channel with elevation not to exceed top of the culvert elevation; reinforced up and downstream with rip-rap. Second by Blackman; motion carried.

LC-22-17 PPLT

Location: Sevenmile Creek

When:10/1/17

Purpose:

The purposes of the project are to:

- 1) *Construct an inset floodplain to better connect an incised segment of Sevenmile Creek with its floodplain.*
- 2) *Reduce sediment production from eroding banks and terraces.*
- 3) *Revegetate disturbed areas and improve riparian cover along Sevenmile Creek*
- 4) *Remove rock barbs installed along the channel to promote natural channel migration*
- 5) *Install a stone crossing to enable access across the channel as part of a public system of trails throughout the Sevenmile Creek parcel.*
- 6) *Satisfy Montana Aquatic Resource Services' obligation to generate stream mitigation credits.*

Equipment: tracked excavators, articulated haul trucks, skidsteers and bulldozers. Equipment will operate from banks and will only need to enter the channel to cross from one side to the other.

Materials: 15 CY rock 36"-42"

Team Recommendation: Approval with modifications: Stagger rocks for pedestrian crossing. LCCD will work with contractors for a potential workshop. The last reach will be the one that Allen McNeal will be working on. That reach may be the best one to do a workshop on. Jeff will keep track of where the progress is on work and best time and location to do a workshop. Motion by Ryan to approve with the modification, second by Blackman; motion carried.

LC-23-17 Callaghan/Silver King Ranch

Location: Indian Meadows Creek

Time: TBD

Purpose: To rehabilitate irrigation ditch and diversion gates, damaged by 2003 Snow Talon Fire timber salvage and fire crews.

Dimensions: Approximately 6 feet of bank will be affected by diversion gate construction.

Equipment: Mostly hand tools, but will defer to Richard Thuma

Materials: 2x6 and 4x4 untreated lumber for diversion gate

Team recommendation: No inspection but good photos. Approval as proposed, but the CD would like photos of the finished project.

Motion by Nordahl, second by Ryan; motion carried.

LC-24-17 Frederickson

Location: Missouri River

When: intermittently

Purpose: Infrequent maintenance access as a ford

Equipment: Typically a four bottom plow would cross since it cannot safely be taken across existing bridge

Materials: None

Team recommendation: None

Decision: Since Blackman has to abstain for personal reasons, there was not a quorum for a vote. Motion to table by Frasier, second by Ryan; carried.

LC-29-12 Chuck Melaney

Request for an extension on an Annual Maintenance Permit

Motion to extend for 5 years motion by Frasier, second by Blackman; motion carried.

Other Business

Dave gave a brief report on the planned realotr workshop on the 28th of September. Septic/wells, stream permitting would be a good segment; calls out to water rights people, not sure on the mineral rights discussion.

Jeff is taking part in the planning conference call for the Summit. August 17. 7:30-8:30

Adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

The next meeting will be September 14, 2017 at 9:30 at Lambkins Restaurant in Lincoln. Scott probably won't be at the next meeting.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer Date

Recorder Date