



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting Minutes
USDA Service Center Conference Room
790 Colleen Street, Helena MT
October 11, 2018 at 1 pm**

Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jeff Ryan at 1 pm. In attendance were Jeff Ryan, Steve Granzow, Ron Ingersoll, Sarah Howe-Cobb, Jeanette Nordahl and Stan Frasier. Also in attendance were Christian Lehnert, Kevin McDonnell, John George and Chris Evans.

Correspondence – Evans shared the information from MACD, including the survey draft responses and the Convention information.

Public Comment – there was none

Reports

NRCS – Office staff is planning for 360 signup (Oct. 19) and obligations Jan. 25th. They are working on finishing up ECP applications for FSA. The general signup deadline for EQIP is Oct. 19th.

SRWG – The new coordinator started work this week and will be meeting with partner organizations as soon as she can.

MRCDC – no report.

WQPD – meeting was cancelled

LHWG – gearing up for the Tryan PP Pear restoration project

Weed District – Christian was present to discuss where the Weed District work is to-date. He feels like things are settling down with the end of summer and other than the seed drill, the equipment has all been winterized.

Supervisor Reports

Other than the 310 and emergency workload, things have been pretty quiet around the county.

Old Business

Jeff Ryan and David Martin attended the Area 6 meeting. They remain guardedly optimistic in regard to the direction that MACD is headed.

New Business

The board took up the issue of reimbursement to associate supervisor Alan Rollo for the 310 and emergency workload that he has been handling for us. It was decided that reimbursement will be \$100 for a full day, \$50 for half day plus mileage. Motion as such by Howe-Cobb, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

310 Permit Applications

CP-02-18 McDonnell

Joslin Creek-McDonnell put in an emergency notice for bridge replacement, and Diamond Bar X filed a complaint against him. No action pending inspection.

CP-03-18 Perry-Canyon Ferry/Missouri-Strainer

This is out on Canyon Ferry. Landowner put in to BOR for a permit last year and then rescinded the request, then did the work. No action pending inspection

EME-28-18 Hunter's Lair LLC

Sun River. Alan Rollo went out on this inspection and recommended approval as completed, with the note that any future work needs a permit and need to keep the channel a bit narrower to encourage bedload passage not deposition. Motion to approve work as completed by Stan, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

EME-30-18 Lee-Home Gulch/Sun River-Yerk-no action pending inspection.

EME-33-18 Diamond Bar X-Joslin Creek-Mullen-no action pending inspection.

EME-36-18 Various Landowners-Ford Ck

Ford Creek. There was supposed to be someone to meet with Alan, but they didn't show up. They have also not forwarded photos at this point. Alan's comments were: Project needs to be cleaned up if they don't want problems at high water in the spring. Some rock needs to be removed from under bridge to give more room. Approach on river right was built up so now that area will act as a dam. That approach needs to be lowered. This was put on hold, there was concern that they had viewed the wrong site.

EME-37-18 Brooke

Ten Mile Creek

Major debris and log jam. Adam Strainer took a look at it and indicated that he thought it should be removed with an emergency notice. He asked her to notify the CD when the removal was completed and mitigate turbidity during the project where possible. Motion by Frasier to approve work as completed, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.

EME-38-18 McDonnell-Joslin Creek-Mullen--this is the same work that Diamond Bar X filed a complaint against Mr. McDonnell. There is some concern that this is a neighbor dispute and that they are trying to get the CD involved in a land access argument. No action pending inspection.

EME-39-18 Ingersoll-?-Mullen. No action pending inspection.

EME-40-18 Collins

See LC-44-18. Prickly Pear Creek. What was a 310 permit turned into an emergency upon inspection. This was a safety issue, an access to their home. Strainer commented that they should do it under the emergency provision. Motion by Frasier to approve work as completed, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

LC-12-18 Petersen

Location: Sevenmile Creek

When: 7/1/2018

Purpose: Bank stabilization-placement of rip-rap

Dimensions: Fifty feet of bank, 1-2 feet encroachment

Materials: 50CY of 20 inch minus river rock.

Equipment: Front end loader, excavator or rubber tired backhoe

Team report comments: Tabled pending more information.

Decision: This remains tabled.

LC-40-18 Willard

Location: Willow Creek (east side)

When: ?

Purpose: repair washed out culverts and road

Dimensions: about 20 linear feet sites 1 and 2; about 10 feet from stream

Material: 20CY small gravel from washout

Equipment: Backhoe and dozer

Team report comments: No one met Alan at the site. There's not enough information on what they want to do to make any educated comments. Major work that can cause big problems with stream if done poorly. Need to deal with livestock effects on vegetation too, that could help hold bank next time. Alan said a time extension for a better inspection done with someone there who knows about the project would be a good idea.

Decision: Motion by Frasier to table pending inspection with Willard or Mark Young, second by Nordahl; motion carried.

LC-41-18 Beck-Alan would like to see a full inspection on this one with FWP present-Smith Creek-Yerk No action pending inspection with FWP biologist.

LC-44-18 Collins

Location: Prickly Pear Creek

When: ASAP

Purpose: address erosion issues and restore access to residence and livestock

Dimensions: 7' high, 16' wide and 10' deep. No encroachment on creek bed

Materials: About 500-800 pounds of rock to fill 124 CY void

Equipment: small farm tractor, heavy duty wrecker or crane, medium size backhoe for bridge footings, no equipment in water

Team report comments: this turned into an emergency.

Decision: Motion by Frasier, second by Ingersoll to approve project; motion carried.

LC-45-18 Sampsen

Location: Blackfoot River

Purpose: Annual Maintenance on point of diversion

Dimensions: about 8-10 feet

Materials: this is a removal of material

Equipment: Excavator, skidsteer and shovel

Team report comments: 1. Existing riparian vegetation remains intact; 2. Excavator does not enter Blackfoot River; 3. Fill is removed by pulling it toward the ditch to minimize the fine sediment input to the Blackfoot River.

Decision: Motion by Nordahl to approve with team recommended modifications, second by Frasier, motion carried.

LC-46-18 Koford Inspection pending

LC-47-18 Robertson-Elk Creek-Inspection pending.

LC-48-19 Rask-Ten Mile-Strainer-Inspection pending

LC-49-18 American Bar Landowners-Missouri/Holter-Strainer No action pending inspection.

LC-50-18 Sampsen

Location: Blackfoot River

Purpose: Annual Maintenance on point of diversion

Dimensions: about 8-10 feet, 75 to 100 feet into river

Materials: this is a removal of material

Equipment: Excavator, skidsteer and shovel

Team report comments: 1. Excavator does not enter the main channel of the Blackfoot River; 2. Large woody debris shall remain in the channel, maintain existing debris jam on upstream end of the island at side channel inlet; 3. Don't excavate material beyond bankfull width; 4. Maintain natural channel morphology when excavating deposition on inside bends; 5. Maintain existing pool adjacent to root wads protruding from the bank.

Decision: Motion by Nordahl to approve with team recommended modifications, second by Frasier, motion carried.

Calendar of upcoming events

November meeting-8th in Helena

MACD Convention November 13-15, Billings

December meeting-13th in Helena-long meeting budget/planning at 10 a.m.

January meeting-10th in Helena

February meeting-14th in Helena

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at pm.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer _____ Date _____

Recorder _____ Date _____