



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting Minutes Dearborn Community Center June 14, 2018 8:30 a.m.

Call to order – the meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Blackman at 8:33. In attendance were Scott Blackman, Jeff Ryan, Stan Frasier, Jeanette Nordahl and Ron Ingersoll. Also in attendance were Sue McNeal, Stratton with the RMFWRT and Chris Evans.

Introductions were made.

Motion by Ingersoll to approve the minutes from the May meeting as presented, second by Nordahl; motion carried.

Nordahl/Frasier to earmark one of the CDs for leave liability; motion carried.

Motion by Frasier to accept the financial statement as presented and pay the outstanding bills, second by Nordahl; motion carried.

Correspondence –

Plant material dues, yes.

Public Comment-

Sue McNeal was present to introduce Stratton and catch the board up on the RMFWRT activities. She'd like to assist with the Dearborn spray day this year. There is some interest on the part of the landowners. She has secured a crew from the Lewis & Clark Weed District. The earliest they'd be available would be the week of June 25th. Sue is going to see if the Forest Service can provide a crew. The Ponderosa Snow Warriors will bring some help too. They set the day for June 25th. They're going to meet at 7:30 at the highway shop on 200.

Evans will get a letter out to landowners about reseed need. Photos are helpful to show what's not coming in at all. Acreage estimates to try to match up with intensity map would also be helpful.

The Weed roundtable is working with the forest office in Choteau to get money for weed projects. Sue asked if that money could be accessible for private land and they agreed to that for biological control.

Reports

NRCS-Office staff have been busy with field visits and training. Jeff wanted to convey his thanks to John George and his assistance in getting lined up with Matt Daws to get plant material for the Sevenmile project on the new PPLT land stream project.

Sun River – Evans passed around correspondence from Bruce Farling about direction for the Sun River Watershed Group. Jeff Ryan is concerned about the direction they seem to be headed with the person contracted by TU. Evans has passed on her concerns to Alan Rollo about the direction they are heading. Evans will contact Farling to let him know to add Jeff Ryan.

Weed District – concern was raised as to the current efforts of the Weed District. The landowner chemical program for road spraying was apparently discontinued. Evans was asked to reach out to the Weed District to try to establish some kind of regular communication.

WQPD – Last meeting was pretty short. They were discussing a field trip to the old ASARCO plant, and one out to Sevenmile. Their budget was approved to go to the county commissioners. They have quite a sum of money in their budget now. They are gearing up for the Tryan project on Prickly Pear Creek. Army Corps required a wetland delineation on the project which has held that up. That project should start this fall.

Supervisor Reports

Howe Cobb-Augusta Area 1- no report

Nordahl-Blackfoot Area 2-there was a Forest Service meeting yesterday about the fire effects and having flooding or other run-off issues.

Ingersoll-Dearborn Area 3-Ron said they had a severe run-off event off a state section that burned. He has some photos of plugged culverts that they had to pull out to keep the road from washing out. He's having trouble getting someone in to replace the fences in the rougher terrain.

Blackman- Craig Area 4-Scott went to the Montana Range Forum last month. He said that it was a good turnout. They had a good line up of speakers, one guy from Wyoming especially, Bob Bud with the Wildlife Natural Resource Trust. The trust was started from coal money and now they use matching funds. They've worked on over \$100,000,000 in projects. They had a breakout session with a woman from Bozeman on working through problems doing brainstorming etc. They're supposed to get notes from that session at some point.

They had some folks from MSU and Fort Keogh talking about various research projects that they are currently working on. They did an afternoon on the Montana Rangeland Partnerships. They have 4 people running it with different ideas

Granzow-East Valley Area 5-no report

Ryan-MRCDC/LHWG/Birdseye Area 6-Jeff has been out on the Sevenmile project with PPLT. He's hauled out some of the willow that dried out to help augment plant materials. It's being used in drop structures etc. They are getting closer to doing a demo out there. They've selected a site. It's probably going to be rather short notice. It's high risk time for doing a demo. As far as the MRCDC goes, they cancelled the last quarterly meeting and did a conference call. The River Rendezvous is in July. They will have a quarterly meeting during that. The 12th is the next board meeting.

Frasier-West Valley Area 7-Ten Mile creek has quit flooding. The snowpack is down finally. The fire department had their annual pancake breakfast and had a great turnout. Stan said he has his leafy spurge sprayed. The grass is tall and thick.

David Martin--no report

New Business

There was discussion about the July meeting, since so many couldn't make it. The decision was to reschedule it to either the 19th or 26th and to have the Local work group meeting before the regular meeting, in the Helena location.

Permissive mill levy hearing-Evans will have a hearing in the Helena office on June 21. Since we're not increasing the requested benefits, there should be no change.

Riparian Grazing Day-June 27. Stan, Chris, Ron, Scott, Jeff and Sarah should be able to go.

Range Day August 14-we're going to have this at Scoutana, with monitoring in the morning, a visit from Montana Wild's Raptor People and the Montana Biological Weed Control Project person to talk about releasing and monitoring insects that help control invasive species.

Supervisor Summit August 29/30

310 Permit Applications

EME-02-18 Mord

Location: Elk Creek

Decision: approve as modified, motion by Frasier, second by Nordahl; motion carried.

EME-07-18-Green Meadow CC

Ten Mile Creek

Decision: motion by Ryan to approve with modifications, second by Frasier; motion carried.

EME-08-18 Wirth

Little Prickly Pear

Decision: motion by Ryan, second by Frasier to approve, pending a follow up with Mullen; motion carried.

LC-03-18 Mord

Location: Elk Creek

Decision: motion by Frasier, second by Nordahl to approve as modified; motion carried.

LC-07-18 Prickly Pear Simmental Ranch

Location: Prickly Pear Creek

Decision: Motion by Ryan to approve with modifications, second by Ingersoll; motion carried.

LC-10-18 Broken O

Location: Elk Creek

Decision: Tabled pending water going down so inspection team can see the site.

LC-11-18 Broken O

Location: Sun River

Decision: Tabled pending water going down so inspection team can see the site.

LC-12-18 Petersen

Location: Sevenmile Creek

Decision: There was some question as to the new locations proposed and the actual plan of work, so the board tabled the application for now; motion to table by Ryan, second by Frasier; motion carried.

LC-13-18 Nordahl et al

Location: Spokane Creek

Decision: motion by Ryan to table since the group wasn't sure if they wanted to go with culverts or a bridge, second by Frasier; motion carried.

LC-14-18 McMenemy

Location: Missouri River (Holter Reservoir)

Decision: Motion by Nordahl to approve as proposed, second by Frasier; motion carried.

LC-15-18 YPL

Location: Beaver Creek, 7 sites

When: 7/15-8/31

Purpose: Protection of pipeline-placement of weirs

Dimensions: See table

Materials: 50-55 CY 24" -36" rock, 150 sq ft erosion control matting, seed as needed

Equipment: trackhoe; support trucks, hand seeding and putting in matting by hand

Team report comments:

Decision:

LC-16-18 Lundberg

Location: Canyon Creek

When: ASAP

Purpose: bank stabilization for bridge protection

Dimensions: 20 feet of bank; no encroachment

Materials: concrete blocks, about 2000 pounds

Equipment: crane sitting on dry land

Team report comments:

Decision:

LC-17-18 Century Link

Location: Ten Mile, Sweeney, Creek on Birdsey Road (Park?), Silver Creek

When: Summer/fall 2018

Purpose: Directional bore for utilities

Dimensions: na

Materials: na

Equipment: directional bore machine, backhoe

Team report comments:

Decision:

Other Business

Local work group/July meeting

Permissive mill levy hearing

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Range Day August 14

Supervisor Summit August 29/30

Next meeting July 19 or 26th, no meeting in August unless there's an emergency situation or the 310 load forces a meeting.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer _____ Date _____

Recorder _____ Date _____