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Local Common Sense Conservation

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Final Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Board Meeting ****12:00 PM**** February 16, 2021

WebEx (virtual) & Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 12:03
2. Supervisors Present: Nick Dyk, Jon Siddoway, Abigail Dennis, George Boyd, Kaye Suzuki, Paul Jurenas, Kate Roberts
3. Staff Present: Bayley Gibson, David Laufenberg
4. Others Present: John Wagoner, Kristi Lyons, Jim Kramer, Jon Malovich, Mike Duncan joins by phone at 12:43
5. Review minutes from previous meetings: 12:05
 - a. January Minutes
 - Jon Siddoway motions to accept the January minutes as presented. Seconded by Kate Roberts. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
6. Financial-INA Accounting: 12:06
 - a. \$9000 transfer from savings to checking on 1/28/2021
 - b. January 2021 Financials
 - Small amount of county assessment came in. Annual Report submitted late. We paid a \$55 fine. Monthly payroll is about \$7200. Kristi Lyons suggests we move money to cover this. Kaye Suzuki motions to transfer \$10000 to checking account from the savings account to cover payroll. Jon Siddoway seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - NACD dues, \$50, were for the conference last week. Three days of presentations, virtual platform.
 - Kaye Suzuki motions to accept the financial report as presented. George Boyd seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
7. Public Comment:
8. NRCS Report:
 - a. In the process of assessing and ranking projects for the year. Five conifer cutting projects. 6000 acres total. Honey bee pollinator projects. Wetland easement restoration on the Ruby. TIP was submitted last week for our district. Funding determined in March. Moving forward on planning Range Days.
9. Madison River Foundation – Jim Kramer and Jon Malovich
 - a. Jon Malovich is the executive director as of July 15, 2020. Focus on bringing in business acumen and get back on track to what the foundation was established for. Trying to realign actions and work/purpose with the foundation's mission. Refocus on science, and pull back from politics. One key point is that they want to have cooperative relationships with partners. Kaye Suzuki warmly welcomes the relationship.
10. Business-310-Paul Jurenas: 12:42
 - a. 21-01
 - Applicant: North Western Energy
 - Stream: UT to MFWF Gallatin
 - Type of Project: Utilities – access transmission line to replace 4 new electric transmission poles
 - Status:
 - Date of Proposed Work: 5/1/21 to 9/30/21
 - Notes:
 - Installation of a power line in Big Sky. Putting in a temporary access road. Using temporary oak matting to cross a wetlands area over the top of the stream. Opted out of a site visit. Mike

Duncan is comfortable with this decision. Nick Dyk wants a modification that they contact us if they slide off the matts, so we can see if there are any impacts. Kaye Suzuki wants pictures or video of this process that we can use in the future. Oak matts are fairly common – 6x6 or 8x8 plank tethered together; displaces weight of machinery. Nick Dyk motions to approve the permit with the modification that if they fall off the matts to let us know. Jon Siddoway seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.

-Kaye Suzuki was unable to sign form 273 for this permit due to physical limitations

- Approved/Modified/Tabled

b. 21-02

- Applicant: John Herold
- Stream: South Meadow Creek
- Type of Project: Remove and replace existing timber bridge with prefabricated steel bridge
- Status:
- Date of Proposed Work: 3/1/2021 to 3/31/2021
- Notes:
 - Mike Duncan, Paul Jurenas and Nick Dyk visited the site last week. The team requested more photos as well as plans for the rip-rap and plans of the bridge abutment. New abutment would be two feet back from where the existing one is. Mike is concerned that there would be a narrower channel than before with this plan. Rip rap component is super important and wasn't visible at the site visit. The sloped fill will result in a narrower cross-section.
 - Nick Dyk recommends coming up with a list of concerns. Concerns include: minimum channel width at the base to be no less than what is currently present; scour analysis or rip/rap sizing; placement of rip rap around the abutments. Nick Dyk motions to table this permit and send a letter requesting more information from the applicant. Kate Roberts seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

c. 19-27Ext.

- Applicant: MB MT Acquisitions, LLC (Kevin Germain)
- Stream: Moonlight and Jack Creeks
- Type of Project: To provide improved roads/access in the Lee's Pool development, specifically the South Side Road
- Status: Permit expired 11/30/2020
- Date of Proposed Work:
- Notes: Requesting a 2-year extension
 - Nick Dyk motions to grant a 2-year extension for this permit. George Boyd seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - Kaye Suzuki was unable to sign form 273 due to physical limitations.
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

d. Work Completion Reports:

- 20-07 N. Willow Creek; Dusty Wagner; project to fix embankment around a culvert.

e. Monthly time spent on 310's; Paul Jurenas: 9 hours total

f. 310 Permit Specialist Position and Hiring Process

-Interviews next week. Called references last week. We have good quality candidates. Interviews will take place in person in the conference room in the Lone Elk Mall.

- Interviewing candidates by the end of the month
- Hiring by our March meeting
- Transition Date: hire date by our next meeting, therefore present at the March meeting.

11. Old Business and Reports 1:38:

a. MT Conservation Corp (MCC) Conservation Fellow

- Interviews and selection in the coming month

- We have been selected to participate in the program. Fellow will start mid-May. Nick Dyk wants to have a job description, expectations written out.
 - b. Science Fair Funds
 - \$200 went to the Ennis School District for conservation science programming
- 12. New Business 1:42:**
- a. Heavy Harrow Teeth – Ennis Schools
 - Reach out to the Skills USA program to see if they are interested in switching out the teeth. Reach out to Chris McGowan at Ennis schools. Teeth in Harrison, under cover in a shed.
 - b. Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group
 - GAOA proposals for FY23 project
 - Serving as Madison CD liaison
 - Proposals for Great American Outdoors money; focused on infrastructure – roads, campgrounds, etc.
- 13. Correspondence 1:53:**
- a. Annual MOA with NRCS
 - It is signed every year. Nick Dyk motions to sign the annual MOA with NRCS. Jon Siddoway seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - b. MCD Model Draft 310 Enforcement Model – this model is from Lewis & Clark CD. We would need a public hearing before adopting it.
 - c. Working Lands Internship Program
 - d. Moonlight Basin Pre-Application Packet: Madison Overlook 2
 - e. MACD Correspondence
 - LAHC Minutes 2/2/21 – Legislative Update
 - MACD/SWCDM Combined Budget
- 14. Supervisors Report 2:02:**
- a. Abigail Dennis is stepping back from her role as associate supervisor.
- 15. Staff/Project Report 2:17:**
1. Madison Stream Team
 - a. Data analysis and two-year report by the end of March
 - b. Baseline nitrate sampling on Jack Creek
 - c. Working with Adam Sigler (MSU-ext.) regarding Tributary Blitz data for the state
 2. Pollinator Program
 - a. Potentially partnering with the Town of Ennis to have public pollinator gardens
 3. Range Health Program
 - a. Working with partners to pilot a program this year
 4. Wildlife Speaker Series
 - a. Partnering with RVCD, BCD, Ruby Habitat Foundation, Centennial Valley Association
 - b. 2 virtual events this summer
 5. Madisonian Newspaper
 - a. Natural Resource Notes (NRN) column on our website (updates/resources/outreach)
 6. Watershed Restoration Plan
 - a. Public meeting likely in March
 7. Planning Board
 - a. New employee in the planning office; Levi Simonson
 - b. Pre-apps: North 40 (Ennis), Madison Overlook 2 (Moonlight), and Rambling Moose RV (VC)
 - c. Floodplain Designation update
 8. Planning Board Subcommittee
 - a. First round of updates has been brought to the board; second round in progress
 9. MOU with RVCD regarding common boundary along watershed delineation
 - a. RVCD February meeting update; XX?
 10. Employee Org
 - a. Spoke with Ethan Kunard (prior MCD manager) and Chris Evans (LCCD admin.)
 - b. We have paid these dues in the past

- c. Represents a clearing house of updated and relevant resources for CD employees
- d. Add as a line item in our budget under dues.

11. NRCS Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP) for E. Tobacco Roots Stream Health Projects

- a. Edited and provided feedback on first and second draft

12. Events and Meetings attended

- a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting, Jan 25th
- b. MSU Soil Fertility Webinar, Jan 20th
- c. Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group; Feb 3rd
- d. NACD national convention; Feb 8th – 10th
- e. MACD Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Meeting; Jan 26th, Feb 2nd and Feb 9th
- f. MACD/EO Monthly CD Roundtable; Jan 25th
- g. MACD/SWCDM combined budget meeting; Jan 17th
- h. Field visit with Supervisor Bob Sitz; Jan 26th
- i. Hosted Rancher Roundtables; Jan 26th (97 participants!) and Feb 9th
- j. Ennis Town Meeting (pollinator gardens proposal); Feb 11th

13. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; Feb 22nd, 6p.m.
- b. MCD Monthly Meeting; March 16th, 12p.m.
- c. CD Bureau New Supervisor Training; February 17th, 7a.m.
- d. NCAT Soils Conference; March 8th and 9th
- e. Rancher Roundtable, Grazing to Improve Soil Health; February 23rd, 5 p.m.

14. Meeting adjourned 2:28

Approved

Presiding Supervisor

Date

Recorder

Date