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Final Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Board Meeting **12:00 PM** January 19, 2021
WebEx (virtual) & Madison Valley Baptist Church

1. Call meeting to order: 12:08
2. Supervisors Present: Nicholas Dyk, Kate Roberts, Kaye Suzuki, Abigail Dennis, Jon Siddoway, Paul Jurenas
3. Others Present: Ginger Guinn, Kristi Lyons joins at 1:15pm
4. Supervisor Oaths of Office 12: 09: Nicholas Dyk and Kate Roberts
5. Review minutes from previous meetings: 12:05
 - a. November 2020 Minutes
 - Modifications: Add the Spanish Q site visit to the top of the minutes for permit #20-11 attended by Jon Siddoway, David Laufenberg, and Nick Dyk at 10:30am with applicant Greg and Colin Rice. Kaye Suzuki would like ranch names along with applicant names on the agenda under 310 applications for clarity. Add George Boyd joined at 3:15pm at the top of the page under Supervisors present. Employee health stipend action item– George Boyd motioned, Kaye Suzuki seconded. Nick Dyk, George Boyd, Kate Roberts, and Kaye Suzuki all aye, Jon Siddoway nay.
 - b. Kaye Suzuki motions to accept minutes as modified. George Boyd seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
6. Financial-INA Accounting: 1:18 Kristi Lyons
 - a. November 2020 Financials and December 2020 Financials
 - b. Kristi Lyons asks if there are any ongoing projects. Yes, Lower Jack Creek. The LJC financial report shows we are under budget. Payroll expenses other looks a bit high, Kristi Lyons will look into it. Workers comp. is showing \$0. Maybe they are being categorized wrong. Project reports can be generated for all projects every month. Kristi Lyons will keep up with that; she is our new contact at INA Accounting. Kaye Suzuki clarifies that the county account is at \$96k and available to be transferred out. Kaye Suzuki motions to transfer \$90k from county account to FMVB Savings account (money market account). George Boyd seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - c. Kaye Suzuki motions to accept the financials as presented by INA. Kate Roberts seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
7. Public Comment 12:21: None
8. NRCS Report John Wagoner 12:21:
 - Working with David Laufenberg on TIP project in Tobacco Roots; working on EQUIP applications for 2021 and conifer encroachment work
9. Business-310-Paul Jurenas: 12:25
 - a. 19-31 Extension Request
 - Applicant: NorthWestern Energy – Sady Babcock
 - Stream: Madison River
 - Type of Project: Cofferdam
 - Status: Expired Nov. 30, 2020; requesting a 1-year extension
 - Date of Proposed Work:
 - Notes:
 - Approved as proposed. Kaye Suzuki motions to extend the permit and Kate Roberts seconds. All in favor and the motion carries. Permit now expires Nov. 30, 2021.

- Approved/Modified/Tabled

b. 19-25 Extension Request

- Applicant: Mike Thompson
- Stream: Ennis Lake
- Type of Project: Dock installation
- Status: Expired Nov. 30, 2020; requesting a one-year extension
- Date of Proposed Work:
- Notes:
 - Temporary aluminum, removable dock during the winter months. George Boyd motions to extend the permit with the previous modifications in place and Kate Roberts seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

c. Work Completion Reports:

- 19-03: Ron Lake (Jumping Jack Ranch) Unnamed stream; replacement of structure in stream for stock water use; approved as proposed.
- 19-33: Jeff Baker – Pony Creek culvert; approved with modifications
- 19-35: Jack Creek Ranch – Alex Webel; dredge Upper McKee Ponds; approved with modifications
- 20-08: Douglas Reedy; bridge construction on North Willow Creek; approved as proposed

d. Monthly time spent on 310's; Paul Jurenas – 3 hours

e. Restructure 310 Visits

- 310 Specialist Position and Hiring Process
 1. Reviews job description. We have spoken with a couple of potential applicants. Kaye Suzuki wants to add foot travel over rough terrain to the job description. Move training to requirements. Feb. 17 is upcoming Supervisor training. Supervisors are eligible for this job position.
 2. Create hiring committee with authority to hire includes David Laufenberg, Kaye Suzuki, Jon Siddoway, and Bayley Gibson. George Boyd motions to form committee to hire this position and approved the volunteers. Kate Roberts seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.
- Post job opening in Madisonian

10. Old Business and Reports 12:48:

a. MT Conservation Corp (MCC) Conservation Fellow

- Working on application; mid-May – September; \$9k
- Already approved \$6k. It fits within our strategic plan. Funds can come from the strategic fund, which are for implementing programs like this. George Boyd motions to approve \$9k from the strategic fund for the conservation fellowship position. Nick Dyk seconds. All in favor and the motion carries.

11. New Business 1:45:

a. Officer Elections – Co-Chair is also an option. Co-chair has signing authority and duties are split; ability to add items to meeting agendas; being a sounding board for staff. Some boards rotate the chair position among supervisors. No preordained structure for CD supervisor hierarchy, chair is only requirement.

- Chair
 1. George Boyd moves to nominate Nick as chair of the board of supervisors for 2021. Kate Roberts seconds. Nick Dyk accepts the nomination. All in favor and the motion carries; Nick Dyk abstains.
- Vice-Chair
 1. Nick Dyk motions to nominate Kate Roberts to be vice-chair for 2021. George Boyd seconds. Kate Roberts accepts the nomination. All in favor and the motion carries; Kate Roberts abstains.

- Treasurer
 1. George Boyd motions to nominate Kaye Suzuki as treasurer. Kate Roberts seconds. Kaye Suzuki accepts. All in favor and the motion carries, Kaye Suzuki abstains.
- b. Science Fair Awards money (\$200) to go to Ennis School for science supplies/resources. Science Fair is being judged by teachers and awarded differently this year. Kaye suggests we put this money already budgeted toward science materials at the school. We could wait until next year and roll the money over as well.

12. Correspondence:

- a. Lower Jack Creek
 - LIC 2020 Monitoring Report Madison CD Cover Letter
 - LIC Phase 1 Year 3 and Phase 2 Year 1 Monitoring Report
 - LIC Phase 2 Financial Report
- b. MACD Correspondence
 - November 2020 LAHC Report
 - December 2020 LAHC Report
 - MACD Letter to join appropriations committee
 1. This letter expresses the MACD's support of House Bills 6 and 7
 - MACD 2021 Legislative Packet
 - MACD CDB Survey
 1. MACD requests CD feedback regarding budgetary issues and changes at the CDB
 - MACD EO Dues Invoice
 1. Renewal of annual dues; \$30 per employee - reach out to Emily O, board doesn't recognize this due or that we have paid it in the past. Maybe employees pay this on their own.
 - CD Letters Regarding Contributions to MACD Legislative Funds
 1. Gallatin, Garfield and Flathead CDs have contributed extra funds to the MACD for this legislative session.
- c. Letter to CDs from Mark Bostrom (DNRC CARRD Admin.)
 - Regarding CDB vacancies and CD funding
- d. YMC Phase II Development – open up communication lines with GCD when we have 310 applications that drain into the Gallatin.

13. Supervisors Report:

14. Staff/Project Report:

1. Madison Stream Team
 - a. Completed data entry
 1. Data analysis and report in the coming months
 2. One field day in the winter for baseline nutrient sampling on Jack Creek
2. Pollinator Program
 - a. Winter/Spring 2021 rollout
3. Range Health Program
 - a. Working with partners to pilot a program this year
 - b. Other supervisors interested in the program?
4. Rancher Roundtable
 - a. January and February; 4 programs
 - b. Partnering with MVRG, MSU-Ext, and RVCD
5. Madisonian Newspaper
 - a. Natural Resource Notes (NRN) column on our Watershed Restoration Plan
6. Watershed Restoration Plan
 - a. Submitting the final draft to DEQ by Dec2021
7. Planning Board Subcommittee
 - a. Working on identifying and describing terminology in sub-regs to clarify review process
8. MOU with RVCD regarding common boundary along watershed delineation
 - a. On hold per RVCD February meeting

9. Events and Meetings attended

- a. Madison County Planning Board Subcommittee Meeting, Jan 11th
- b. Madison County Interagency Meeting, Jan 14th
- c. Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group; Jan 6th
- d. MT Conservation Corp (MCC) Info Session; Jan 5th
- e. MACD/DNRC Informational Session about funding and staffing in CARDD, Dec. 15th
- f. WRP meeting with Sunni, Jan 15th
- g. Tour of Ennis water facilities with Kelly Elser, Jan 15th

12. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; January 25th, 6p.m.
- b. MCD Monthly Meeting; February 16, 2021, 12pm
- c. CD Bureau New Supervisor Training; February 17th, TBA
- d. Rancher Roundtable, Calving Techniques, January 26th, 5p.m.
- e. Rancher Roundtable, Grasshopper Management, February 9th, 5p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 2:51