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FINAL MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting ****12:00 PM**** February 18, 2018
Madison Valley Public Library

1. **Call meeting to order: 12:05**
2. **Supervisors Present:** Nick Dyk, Jon Siddoway, Mel McKittrick, Abigail Dennis, Kaye Suzuki
3. **Staff Present:** Emily Osborn, Ethan Kunard
4. **Others Present:** Paul Jurenas
5. **Review minutes from previous meetings: 12:05:** Jon moves approve January's minutes as amended. Kaye seconds. All in favor and motion passes.
6. **Financial-Emily Osborn: 12:10:** Kaye moves to approve the financial report as presented. Mel Seconds. All in favor and motion passes.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Business-310-Mel McKittrick: 12:25**
 - a. **#18-20 Steve or Eric Hamilton, South Willow Creek (Ditch Diversion in Potosi Campground):** Tabled until Mel can meet with Ron Spoon to do a site visit.
 - b. **#18-29 Keith Dunn, North Willow Creek (Beaver Dam):** Tabled until a site visit can take place.
 - c. **#19-01 Acela Truck Company, David Ronsen, Warm Springs Fishing Access Site (Complaint):** We received a complaint from FWP for a 310 violation on Warm Springs fishing access BLM land where allegedly Acela Truck Company drove a truck across the river to film a commercial for their company. Ethan contacted David Ronsen with Acela Truck Company and left a message on February 8, 2019 as well as mailed a certified letter the same day informing them of the complaint and inviting them to the February board meeting. Nick moves to table this complaint for the March meeting. Kaye seconds. All in favor and motion passes.
 - d. **#19-02 Greg Doud, South Meadow Creek (Headgate Replacement):** This project is to move the existing head gate up South Meadow Creek to the stream diversion. R.E. Miller is the contractor. Mel and Dave Moser, FWP will do a site inspection after the snow melts. The MCD board can approve the permit, Nick moves the approve permit #19-02 as presented. Dave Moser will inspect at a later date. Kaye seconds. All in favor and motion passes.
 - e. **Work Completion Reports:** None
 - f. **Monthly time spent on 310's:** Mel has spent 3 hours on 310's this month.
9. **Old Business and Reports: 12:52**
 - a. **310 Site training, Monday, February 25th at Madison Valley Bank:** Bob Flesher, DNRC will be present to lead the training. 16 attendees are confirmed.
 - b. **Lower Jack Creek amended construction contract-RE Miller, Phase II:** Ethan presented the revised contract for the board. Phase II of the project shows an increase of \$7000.00 for cobble and gravel materials. Jeff Dunn, TU and Respec will both be working on the project. Mel moves to approve the amended contract. Jon seconds. All in favor and motion passes. Ethan discussed pursuing funding from Lone Peak Land Company.
 - c. **Banquet Planning:** After review of the two Stewardship Award nominees. Mel moves to accept Jack Creek Preserve as the 2019 Stewardship Awardee. Jon seconds. All in favor and motion passes.
 - **Select Stewardship Awardee**

1. Jack Creek Preserve:
2. Gary and Bennie Clark:

10. New Business: 1:37

a. New Associate Supervisor

- **Paul Jurenas:** Paul has expressed interest in becoming an MCD associate supervisor. Nick moves to install Paul Jurenas as an associate supervisor for the MCD. Jon seconds. All in favor and motion passes.

b. **Wildlife Speakers Series:** The WCS has been putting on the speaker series in the Beaverhead, Ruby, and Madison Valley's. They are looking for local partners in the Madison Valley for the 2019 speaker series. They are considering featuring Big Horn sheep. Ethan will update the board with further details in March.

c. **MWCC Fall Watershed Tour:** The MWCC has a watershed tour every two years. 2017 featured the Musselshell. The MWCC will feature the Missouri Headwaters for 2019 in mid to late September. They would like to have multiple day tours and dinner presentations featuring different organizations to showcase how local communities are engaging in the natural resources. Janet Endecott and the GROWW program were recommended to showcase.

11. Correspondence: 1:54

- a. Spanish Peaks ODP
- b. Moonlight Basin Lower Ulery's 4 Subdivison

12. NRCS Report: none

13. **Supervisors Report:** Jon summarized the new SRN publication, Rangelands for December featuring an ecological assessment for the northern range of Yellowstone National Park.

14. **Staff/Project Report:** See below

15. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Board of Livestock Meeting, March 1-Helena, MT
- b. 2019 State Wide Administer Training, June 3-6-Highwood, MT
- c. Montana Range Days, June 17-19-Dillon, MT
- d. Montana Youth Range Camp, June 25-28-Bozeman, MT
- e. 33rd Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp, July 14-19-Missoula, MT

Staff Report

Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager

Watershed/Drought Planning – EPA is still reviewing the completed TMDLs submitted by the DEQ. Additionally, I've talked with the DEQ, and they are going to provide us with the sediment and temperature draft TMDLs to aide in our planning and speed up our timeline for our watershed plan.

Madison Stream Team – I've been helping Briana draft our 2018 MST report, and it should be available soon.

Lower Jack Creek - I've submitted an updated draft contract to RE Miller, and am waiting to hear from Tanner if we need to make any additional modifications. We are also waiting for confirmation of support on our request to Montana Trout Foundation. I received a phone call several weeks ago with one of their board members informing they are unable to fund the full requested amount, but they felt confident they would be able to support the project at some level below the \$15,000 ask. I've been talking with Jeff Dunn about submitting a request to Madison-Gallatin TU for the remaining amount, and will be visiting with him soon to go over the final budget. As we stand now, our project budget is based on the following levels of support:

Support		Confirmed?
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NorthWestern Energy	44,000.00	Yes
DRNC 223	20,000.00	Yes
Montana Watershed Coordination Council	20,000.00	Yes
Trout and Salmon Foundation	5,000.00	Yes
Landowners (MVR @ \$5,000; Fasules @\$1,000)	6,000.00	Yes
Montana Trout Foundation	15,000.00	requested
YDCCF	5,000.00	Yes
In-Kind	9,000.00	yes
Total support requested/secured	124,000.00	

The tentative timeline for the project is outlined below:

Date	Activity
2019	
September-October	Conifer fascine collection and bundling
Mid-October	Willow harvest (8,778 cuttings)
Late-October	Streambank construction: floodplain excavation, gravel toe construction, conifer fascine
Late-October/Early-November	Streambank construction: willow layering, soil lifts, willow staking
November	Contingency week
2020	
March/April	Containerized plantings installed

Missouri Headwaters Partnership – We met in January to discuss several matters, including: FWP private pond study (I will be meeting with FWP to talk about Madison-specific goals from this study), legislative and policy engagement (I have some ideas of ways we can work on better communicating our work with our delegates), and the MWCC Fall Watershed Tour.

MWCC Fall Watershed Tour – MWCC has decided to host their biennial fall tour in the Missouri Headwaters. This is a 2-3 day tour that will move throughout the region to focus on projects, programs, and initiatives being carried out by local CDs and watershed groups. I'll be helping organize this at the MWCC>MHP>MCD levels, and am looking for board input as to what story we want to tell. More details will be forthcoming.

MWCC Watershed Day & Annual Meeting – I attended the two-day event on January 28th and 29th in Helena. I had a table setup at the Capitol Rotunda with information about MCD, and later attended the statewide watershed award ceremony. The next day, we had over 100 attendants at the annual meeting. It was a very worthwhile event, and I very much enjoyed moderating the agency Director's panel where I had the opportunity to meet Tom Watson, the new NRCS State Conservationist. I want to thank the board for allowing me to participate so actively in MWCC.

CD Foundation – We haven't discussed this since our November Strategic Planning meeting. However, with as high of a priority as it ranked during this meeting, I don't want the discussion to lose momentum. To begin moving this effort forward, I'm developing a proposal/plan outlining the purpose, intent, timeline, and "next steps" that we could take to move ahead in our discussions. I'd be happy to work on this with the help of any board members who may be interested.

Planning Board – I was unable to attend the January meeting due to a conflict with the MWCC event mentioned above. However, I received notice that I was elected Vice-President of the board while absent.

Emily Osborn: Administrator

Administration Tasks- Emily has been working with Kristi Lyons to finish the MCD's year-end quarterly reports and unemployment insurance reporting. All W-2's have been provided to all 2018 MCD employees.

310 Workshop: To date we have 15 confirmed attendees. Bob Flesher will be leading the training. Emily will put a public notice in The Madisonian for the meeting.

2019 Banquet Planning- We have received 4 sponsorships to date for the banquet. \$800.00 total. Event tickets sales will open online February 26th after the total sponsorship tickets are counted.

GROWW: Jamie Diehl has been provided with the \$4000.00 pre-loaded credit card for purchasing the greenhouse supplies. She will report to Emily each month on the expenses, and Emily will request reimbursement from NRCS.

Briana Shook: Big Sky Watershed Corps Member

Madison Stream Team – I have been working towards wrapping up the 2018 stream team season by getting all of the data scanned, entered, and analyzed for the report. Ethan and I have been working hard to get the MST report complete – and it is nearly finished!

MCD Annual Report – I have created a draft for the MCD Annual Report, as well as a visual for the Strategic Plan to eventually be shared with the public and utilized for outreach.

Ennis School Pollinator Garden – I have kicked off the start of this project by researching many different aspects including native species to use, equipment needed and where I will be purchasing, and finding other sources to reach out to. I have begun a draft for a project proposal that will be shared with the GROWW board when completed.

Social Media – I have started playing an active role for MCD social media pages and generating new posts in hopes to gain a more engaging presence to our community and followers. I would like our social media to be a great resource in addition to, and compliment, our E-Newsletter and website.

Education & Outreach Training – On the 13th-15th I will be attending the BSWC Education and Outreach training in Bozeman. Topics planned in the agenda include: History of Conservation Districts, Fundraising, Working with State/Private/Federal agencies, Risk Management/Bear Aware, Communication and Outreach via Technology, Project WET, K-12, and Best Practices.

Nick Adjourned the meeting: 2:21pm