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**Final May Minutes**

Regular Board Meeting \*\*7:00 PM\*\* May 19th, 2020

Lion's Park Pavilion in Ennis, MT

1. **Call meeting to order: 7:03**
2. **Supervisors Present:** Nick Dyk, Kaye Suzuki, Paul Jurenas, Abigail Dennis, Bob Sitz, George Boyd, Jon Siddoway
3. **Staff Present:** David Laufenberg, Bayley Gibson
4. **Others Present:** Emily Osborne (INA Accounting), John Wagoner (NRCS), Mike Duncan (FWP)
5. **Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:05**
  - a. 310 Rule Update Meeting
    - Motions: Nick Dyk
    - Seconds: Kaye Suzuki
    - All in favor and the motion carries
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled
  - b. April Meeting
    - Motions: Nick Dyk
    - Seconds: Bob Sitz
    - All in favor and the motion carries
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled
6. **Financial-Emily Osborn: 7:11**
  - a. 4-30-20
    - Motions: Bob Sitz
    - Seconds: Kaye Suzuki
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled
7. **Public Comment (7:17): None**
8. **NRCS Report 7:18:**

NRCS offices are still closed to the public, but conducting field work and phone appointments. I haven't heard any official guidance as to when we will open offices to the public. Field offices are waiting on state office to approve applications for funding this year. Obligation deadline for contracting has been moved to June 15. The S. T-roots conifer project should receive \$250K for funding. 7 applications are within Sage Grouse habitat, and eligible for funding through the statewide SGI conifer encroachment fund pool. With our current applications, we have 3150 acres planned and shovel ready for brush management and woody residue treatment. Estimated cost of \$410K. Most of the inventory, planning, and other documentation is complete. Actively working w/ Southwest MT Sagebrush partnership to coordinate cross-boundary treatments, and Gravelly Landscape collaborative to develop outreach and communication plan. Will be meeting in the next couple weeks to develop a "product" to deliver message. HEL compliance reviews will be conducted in the next few weeks. WRE / Wetland Easement annual monitoring will be completed in June. CSP renewals will be obligated in July, we will only have 1 application. General CSP sign up will have an obligation deadline in the late summer/ fall. We have 1 application.
9. **Business-310-Paul Jurenas: 7:28**
  - a. 20-02
    - Applicant: Mike Locicero
    - Stream: Mile Creek
    - Type of Project: Bridge Removal and Reconstruction in order to access a building site with machinery this summer

- Status: Site visit on 5/14
- Date: Spring and Summer 2020
- Notes:
  1. \*Proposed Action: MCD recommends replacing existing bridge with new structure at the same location. Possibility that bridge stringers can be acquired by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. If this option is not possible, we recommend installing a 36inch "squash" culvert (buried 6 to 8 inches deep) and using the same road grade to complete the crossing. In both scenarios, we recommend revegetation and reseeding the site.

- Motions: Bob Sitz
- Seconds: Kaye Suzuki
- All in favor and the motion carries
- Approved/Modified\*/Tabled (\*see above)

b. 20-06

- Applicant: Chris Madrid
- Stream: South Willow Creek
- Type of Project: Placing rocks in creek bends to prevent creek from washing out fences
- Status: Site visit on 5/14
- Date: ASAP
- Notes:
  1. \*Proposed Action: Rip rap using native stone, no concrete allowed. Bank peeled back at a 2:1 slope and willow planting incorporated. Site closest to the bridge only to protect the bridge structure. Check with NRCS on professional engineering firm for additional site engineering recommendations. Waiver of 15-day period.

- Motions: Kaye Suzuki
- Seconds: Bob Sitz
- All in favor and the motion carries
- Approved/Modified\*/Tabled (\*see above)

c. 20-07

- Applicant: Dusty Wagner
- Stream: North Willow Creek
- Type of Project: Fix embankment around culvert by removing the failing treated wood Structure and replacing it with granite rock
- Status: Site visit on 5/14
- Date: May 20 to May 31, 2020
- Notes:
  1. \*Proposed Action: MCD recommends proceeding as proposed. However, if sloughing or scouring occurs on the bank, applicant must seek professional engineering analysis and assistance to correct the problem.

- Motions: Nick Dyk
- Seconds: Kaye Suzuki
- All in favor and the motion carries
- Approved/Modified\*/Tabled (\*see above)

d. Work Completion Reports: None

e. Monthly time spent on 310's: 25 hours

- 20-02:
- 20-06
- 20-07:

**10. Old Business and Reports: 9:03**

a. Board Leadership

- Vice Chair
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

b. Heavy Harrow Teeth and Maintenance Update

- \$3,150 of the \$5,000 approved has been spent
- Nick Dyk has the replacement teeth
- No action taken. Will get through this busy season, then replace.

#### 11. New Business: 9:15

- Dirt/stream work southwest of Norris (8:40)
  - Board determines that this work is not within our jurisdiction/not a project. If a formal complaint is filed, action will be taken and treated as a complaint.
  - Approved/Modified/Tabled/**Not a Project**
- Rental System Update
  - Build implement locks
  - Call or email the MCD office in order to check-out equipment and sign an agreement
    1. Approved/Modified/**Tabled**
- GROWW awarded "Growth Through Agriculture" mini-grant through Montana Department of Agriculture.
  - Will use to create garden space adjacent to greenhouse at Ennis School.
- Set Annual Budget Meeting date for first half of June
  - Meeting scheduled for Friday June 5, 2020 at 5pm at the Lone Elk Conference Room.

#### 12. Correspondence: 9:30

- Gravelly Landscape Collaborative – Funding Request (\$200)
  - Motions: Bob Sitz
  - Seconds: George Boyd
  - **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
- Lower Jack Creek Contribution
  - Staff to draft letter to landowner to present to Board at the June meeting.
- DEQ Water Quality Public Comment and Hearing in June
- Bridger Plant Materials Center (BPMC) – Donation Request (\$35)
  - **Approved** Staff will send invoice to Emily (INA Accounting)
- DNRC beneath stream boring clarification

#### 13. Supervisors Report 9:40:

- Jon Siddoway states Range Days in Dillon are canceled.

#### 14. Staff/Project Report 9:42:

- Medical Training Options
  - Winter Ranchlands Clinic and Potluck
    1. Develop with Aerie/Board to provide an educational service to the community
    2. Potential MVRG partner
- Tributary Monitoring Program
  - Madison Stream Team
    1. Volunteers have been contacted
    2. Sites and monitoring will be reduced this year
  - Tributary Blitz Day
    1. Similar to Christmas Bird Count or Bio-Blitz Days
    2. July or August; single day event
- Pollinator Program
  - Partner with other Area 6 CDs
  - Summer 2020 Pilot Project
- Lower Jack Creek Project
  - Finished planting/browse protection/watering on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Working with Madison Valley Ranch to ensure watering is adequate this summer
  - Working with Jeff Dunn (Trout Unlimited) to ensure monitoring is adequate and reported to Army Corp
- Ennis Fly Fishing Festival
  - Chamber of Commerce facilitates the festival in early September
  - Co-host with Trout Unlimited the opening night's Film festival
- E-Newsletter
  - Anticipated publication in early June

7. Events and Major Meetings attended

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Lecture and Discussion for MSU Graduate Students
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Madison County Planning Board Monthly Meeting
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Semi-annual Meeting for Missouri Headwaters Partnership
- May 6<sup>th</sup> MCD Budget Meeting with Kristi and Emily
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Branding Calves with George Boyd

**12. Upcoming Dates:**

- a. MCD Monthly Meeting, June 16th, 7p.m.

**13. Meeting Adjourned: 9:50**