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### Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Board Meeting **\*\*7:00 PM\*\*** June 16, 2020

Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 7:02
2. Supervisors Present: Jon Siddoway, Kate Roberts, Paul Jurenas, Kaye Suzuki, Nick Dyk, George Boyd
3. Staff Present: David Laufenberg, Bayley Gibson
4. Others Present: Mike Duncan (FWP) John Wagoner (NRCS), Kaleena Miller (MSU Extension) Takami Clark (Big Sky PR)
5. Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:03
  - a. May Meeting Minutes
    - Motions: Jon
    - Seconds: Kaye
    - **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
  - b. Annual Budget Meeting Minutes
    - Motions: Nick
    - Seconds: Jon
    - **Approved/Modified**/Tabled
    - Modifications: the line under Chamber of Commerce needs to read: We do not need to participate in chamber. Add approved wages under payroll expense. Add \$1500 to the fuel line.
6. Financial-Emily Osborn: 7:19: Emily Participates through phone call
  - a. Financial Report 5-31-2020
    - Emily Osborn explains that she will not recite each line, but is happy to answer any questions.
    - Kaye Suzuki motions to move \$25000 from county account into savings account.
    - Seconds: Nick Dyk
    - All in favor and the motion carries
  - b. Motions: Kaye Suzuki
  - c. Seconds: George Boyd
  - d. **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
7. Public Comment: 7:32 Kaleena Miller (See Correspondence)
8. NRCS Report John Wagoner: 7:54
  - a. There are currently four applications for conifer removal with 2 more on the way. All in all, 1700 acres funded. John is working with RVCD on beaver dam analog low tech stream restoration. It is a small project with Audra (RVCD) she plans to implement in the fall. They want to organize a volunteer day. John plans to write a conservation plan for the project. No site selected yet.
9. Business-310-Paul Jurenas: 8:00
  - a. 20-08
    - Applicant: Douglas Reedy
    - Stream: North Willow Creek
    - Type of Project: Replace existing ford with a bridge for better access to property
    - Status:
    - Date: ASAP
    - Notes: Ron Spoon - Based on the good bridge design and the photos showing appropriate location, I would be comfortable approving the project without a site inspection. In particular, the free span of 32 ft that exceeds normal stream width, and matches bankfull width

makes the project easy to approve. More often, we struggle with undersized crossing proposals which make for tough inspections.

- Inspection was waived.
- Motions: Nick Dyk
- Seconds: Kate Roberts
- All in favor and the motion carries
- **Approved**/Modified/Tabled

b. 20-09E

- Applicant: Ennis Shriver Ditch Company
- Stream: Madison River/Head of Ennis Shriver Ditch
- Type of Project: Emergency dam put in Ennis Shriver Ditch to prevent flooding that was threatening homes in Ennis. Dam was removed after river went down.
- Status:
- Date: Action taken 6/9/2020
- Notes: Board approves with the following recommendations: FWP may request a site inspection at their discretion. MCD Board of Supervisors would encourage the applicant to apply for a maintenance permit for this site to cover potential emergency actions in the future.
- Motions: Nick Dyk
- Seconds: George Boyd
- **Approved**/Tabled/Modified

c. Work Completion Report

- 20-05 Ore (Sand Hallow)

d. 20-02 Permit Update

e. Monthly time spent on 310's: 5 hours (Paul Jurenas)

## 10. Old Business and Reports: 9:01

a. Board Leadership

- Vice Chair:
  1. George Boyd says he will consider taking the position in November 2020.
  2. Kate Roberts offers to hold George's place and will step into the role until November.
- Kate Roberts motions to be the vice chair until November.
- Seconds: Kaye Suzuki
- **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
- All in favor and the motion carries.

## 11. New Business: 8:41

a. Hwy 84 Corridor Study

- Presentation by Takami Clark as a rep. for MT Dept. of Transportation (10min)
- The corridor between Norris and Bozeman is formed by the river, therefore a concern for the CD. MT DOT wants to improve this stretch of road and make it safer, so they are exploring alternative options and want public input.

b. Rental System Update: 9:16

- Staff will need to put a sign on Kate's property indicating that the implements are MCD property. Also build hitch pins and locks to keep equipment secure.
- Nick Dyk motions to move our rental equipment from Colton's yard to Kate Roberts property in Ennis.
- Seconds: Kaye Suzuki
- **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
- All in favor and the motion carries

c. Change 310 applicant date requirement to first Tuesday of the month by 5 o'clock.

- Board suggests that staff have checklist made to be sure applications are complete.
- Motions: Kaye Suzuki

- Seconds: Nick
  - **Approved**/Modified/Tabled
  - All in favor and the motion carries.
- d. MCD Priorities and Progress Document
- Board discusses this document that tracks staff progress and goals.

**12. Correspondence: :10:30**

- a. Imerys Talc Mine Bankruptcy Notice
- b. MSU Extension Survey **7:33**
  - Kaleena has developed this survey to assess the conservation/agriculture needs of Madison and Jefferson counties.
- c. DEQ Amended Public Hearing
- d. DEQ Water Quality Standards

**13. Supervisors Report 10:34:**

**14. Staff/Project Report10:34:**

1. Fall/Winter Workshop Series
  - a. Speakers and Subjects
    1. Any proposals?
  - b. Ranchlands Medical Training
    1. Develop with Aerie/Board to provide an educational service to the community
    2. Potential MVRG partner
2. Tributary Monitoring Program
  - a. Madison Stream Team
    2. Sites are being monitored on Jack Creek, Moore's Creek, and South Meadow Creek
  - b. Tributary Blitz Day
    1. In July or August; coordinating with partners/volunteers
3. Pollinator Program
  - a. Partner with other Area 6 CDs
  - b. Summer 2020 Pilot Project
  - c. Letter of Support for Gallatin CD grant application
4. Lower Jack Creek Project
  - b. Working with Madison Valley Ranch to ensure watering is adequate this summer
  - c. Working with Jeff Dunn (Trout Unlimited) to ensure monitoring is adequate and reported to Army Corp
5. Ennis Fly Fishing Festival
  - a. Chamber of Commerce facilitates the festival in early September
  - b. Co-host with Trout Unlimited the opening night's Film festival
6. E-Newsletter
  - a. Seasonal Publication; first release this week
7. Madisonian Newspaper
  - a. Natural Resource Notes (NRN) column
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month will be MCD's contribution
8. Events and Major Meetings attended
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> Bar7 Ranch Tour with George Boyd
  - May 26<sup>th</sup> Drone Training with Paul Jurenas
  - May 26<sup>th</sup> Madison County Planning Board Monthly Meeting
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> MCD Annual Budget Meeting

**12. Upcoming Dates:**

- a. Madison Valley Ranchlands Group, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m.
- b. Madison County Planning Board Meeting, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m.
- c. MCD Monthly Meeting, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:10:34**