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Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Board Meeting ****7:00 PM**** October 20, 2020
WebEx (virtual)

1. **Call meeting to order: 7:00**
 - a. **Kate Roberts, Nick Dyk, Kaye Suzuki, Jon Siddoway, George Boyd, and Abigail Dennis (associate) are present**
2. **Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:05**
3. **Financial-Kristi Lyons: 7:06**
 - two anomalies this month; USGS bill for appx. \$3k and another for Trout Unlimited of appx. \$5k
 - Kaye Suzuki motions and George Boyd seconds to transfer \$15k from the county account to the savings account
 - motion carries
 - Kaye Suzuki motions to transfer \$10k from savings account to checking account and Jon Siddoway seconds
 - motion carries
 - Nick Dyk motions to accept the financial reports as presented and Kate Roberts seconds
 - motion carries
4. **Public Comment:**
 - Jeffrey Tiberi (with MACD) gave a quick update regarding legislative issues regarding CDs
 - coal tax changes may change funding stream for some CDs
 - he sends a monthly report to CDs
 - thanked supervisors for their energy/effort to invest into CDs and their local community
 - let him know if there's anything that MACD can do for us
5. **NRCS Report:**
 - John Wagoner is working on conifer reduction in the S. Tobacco Roots; another 100 acres was worked on this past weekend
 - working on building maps and budgeting for Eastern Tobacco Roots for a Targeted Implementation Plan
 - would like to hold meetings for the public/landowners in the coming month to see if there's interest
 - Nick Dyk asked if they'll be in person or virtual; John would prefer in-person, but isn't sure what would be the best way forward given COVID
 - Jon Siddoway suggested working with the Jefferson NRCS DC to include some of those folks near and north of Harrison
 - Nick suggests we could look at 310s from the past few years in the Harrison area as ideas for folks to contact
6. **Business-310-Paul Jurenas: 7:15**
 - a. **20-15 Extension Request**
 - Applicant: Laszlo (Grainger Ranch)
 - Stream: O'Dell Creek
 - Type of Project: Ford
 - Status: Applied for extension; could not finish work prior to permit ending Oct1, 2020
 - Date of Proposed Work:
 - Notes: Tabled at September meeting pending comments from MFWP
 - Mike Duncan spoke with Travis Lohrenz (MTFWP) and they decided that work is ideally June - September
 - Approved/**Modified**/Tabled
 - Nick Dyk motions to extend the permit June 1st – Sept 30th, 2021 and George seconds

-motion carries

b. 20-20

- Applicant: Germain (Moonlight LLC)
- Stream: Trib of Jack Creek
- Type of Project: Sewer main crossing
- Status: Site visit on 9/9 with M. Duncan, P. Jurenas, D. Laufenberg, K. Germain
- Date of Proposed Work: Fall 2020
- Notes: Tabled at September meeting pending more information from the applicant; new information accompanies this month's meeting materials
 - Mike Duncan and David Laufenberg provide the background
 - it is ultimately the board's decision to decide on the requirements
 - Nick Dyk wants it to pass a 50year, 24hr storm event
 - Mike discusses a sleeve

-Nick motions and George seconds that the pipe must be buried 2x the depth of a scour analysis, secondary sleeve on pipe within and 30ft beyond the stream bank, minimum of 36in north and 48in south and must pass a 50year event of a 24hr storm, culvert bedded 6in below the stream bed and set at appropriate slope, water bar installed on the maintenance road to prevent runoff into the stream channel, inspect the crossing following major runoff events and post-frost

-motion carries

- Approved/**Modified**/Tabled

c. 20-22

- Applicant: Maichel
- Stream: Sand Hollow (in-stream pond)
- Type of Project: Dredge
- Status: Site visit on 10/7 with M. Duncan, P. Jurenas, D. Laufenberg, D. Maichel
- Date of Proposed Work: Fall 2020
- Notes:
 - issues with naming of 310s, make sure to follow the final agenda
 - Nick Dyk motions and Jon Siddoway seconds to accept the application with the modifications indicated in the team report
 - motion carries
- Approved/**Modified**/Tabled

d. 20-23

- Applicant: Maichel (Cataract Water Users Association)
- Stream: Cataract Creek
- Type of Project: Weir replacement
- Status: Site visit on 10/7 with M. Duncan, P. Jurenas, D. Laufenberg, G. Reich
- Date of Proposed Work: Fall 2020
- Notes:
 - Mike, George, Nick, and David discuss
 - Nick motions and George seconds to approve the application as proposed
 - motion carries
- **Approved**/Modified/Tabled

e. 20-24

- Applicant: Germain (Moonlight LLC)
- Stream: Trib of Jack Creek

- Type of Project: Two trail crossings (one culvert and one bridge)
- Status: Site visit on 10/7 with M. Duncan, P. Jurenas, D. Laufenberg, K. Germain
- Date of Proposed Work: Fall 2020 – Fall 2021
- Notes:
 - some discussion regarding water bars
 - Nick Dyk motions and Kaye Suzuki seconds to follow team report recommendation regarding water bars and accept the permit
 - motion carries
- Approved/**Modified**/Tabled

f. 20-25

- Applicant: Germain (Moonlight LLC)
- Stream: Trib of Jack Creek
- Type of Project: Trail bridge with sewer main
- Status: Site visit on 10/7 with M. Duncan, P. Jurenas, D. Laufenberg, K. Germain
- Date of Proposed Work: Fall 2020 – Fall 2021
- Notes:
 - George brings up concerns regarding the pipe freezing in winter conditions
 - Mike offers the option of a sleeve
 - Nick Dyk motions and Kaye seconds to approve with a sleeve that spans the manholes on either side of the bridge
 - motion carries
- Approved/**Modified**/Tabled

g. 20-26

- Applicant: Fox of Pond and Stream Consulting (16MT Ranch)
- Stream: Trib of Wikiup Creek
- Type of Project: Road bridge
- Status: Did not conduct a field visit, but photos were requested from the applicant
- Date of Proposed Work: 11/1/2020 – 11/1/2021
- Notes:
 - George moves to approve 20-26 with requirement that they send follow-up photos and Kaye Suzuki seconds
 - Motions
- Approved/**Modified**/Tabled

h. 20-27

- Applicant: Laszlo (Grainger Ranch)
- Stream: Madison River
- Type of Project: Ditch diversion
- Status: Did not conduct a field visit
- Date of Proposed Work: October 1, 2021 deadline
- Notes:
 - Paul conducted a site visit on 10/17 with Mr. Laszlo but was not present at our meeting
 - Nick Dyk motions to accept 20-27 and 20-28. George Boyd seconds to accept the application, but to minimize disturbance in the stream
- **Approved**/Modified/Tabled

i. 20-28

- Applicant: Sampson (Sampson Investments)
- Stream: Madison River
- Type of Project: Ditch diversion
- Status: Did not conduct a field visit
- Date of Proposed Work: Fall 2020
- Notes:

- **Approved**/Modified/Tabled

- j. Work Completion Reports:
- k. Monthly time spent on 310's; 24 hours – Paul Jurenas
- l. 310 Completion Visits (Rice and Locicero)
 - George, Jon, and Nick would be interested in going to these sites
 - let's get them done by November meeting and perhaps day of the meeting
- m. Restructure 310 Visits
 - supervisors would like to help with field visits
 - different options; could go by region; could go by month
 - mike offered to go out solo but doesn't want to do scheduling
 - add this to the next meeting as well

7. Old Business and Reports:

- a. MOU with RVCD regarding common boundary along watershed delineation
 - we'll review the doc this month and likely sign an updated MOU at next meeting
- b. Lower Jack Creek Update
- c. Cataract Water Users Association Update
 - George motions and Nick seconds to contribute \$5k to the project

8. New Business:

- a. Multimeter maintenance will be required if we continue to want DO, pH, Conductivity data; appx. \$750
 - Nick motions to not exceed \$1200 and Kaye seconds
- b. B. Gibson out of office for now

9. Correspondence:

- a. FY 20.21 Taxable Valuation & Mill Levy Calculation
- b. NRCS Conifer Encroachment Application and Background
- c. CD Supervisor Election Law draft bill and Zeller Interpretation
- d. DEQ Selenium Letter
- e. Southwest Montana Private Ponds Document (RVCD, MTFWP, NWEnergy)

10. Supervisors Report:

11. Staff/Project Report:

- 1. Madison Stream Team
 - a. Began final round of monitoring and pulling of data loggers
 - b. Tributary Blitz
 - 1. Still waiting for lab data from the state
- 2. Pollinator Program
 - a. May not roll out the program until Spring 2021
- 3. Lower Jack Creek Project
 - a. Sprayed deer repellent on plants for second time
 - b. Survival is better than earlier phases, but it was a dry growing season
 - c. \$18k remains in budget
 - 1. \$2k for TU; \$1k for fence; \$15k for 2021 site work
 - d. Working with J. Siddoway and NWEnergy to re-seed this fall
- 4. Madisonian Newspaper
 - a. Natural Resource Notes (NRN) column on tributary blitz

5. MCD Newsletter
 - a. Planned for late September, but might not get sent out until November
6. Planning Board
 - a. Working on identifying and describing terminology in sub-regs to clarify review process
 - b. Lee's Pool has yet to be decided upon by the commissioners
 - c. Planning board agendas will be included in CD meeting packets to keep supervisors aware of business
7. Covid-19 Funding
 - a. MWCC small grant for speaker and WebEx (applied and awarded; \$250)
 - b. State CD grant for laptop, PPE, and phone stipend (in the application process; working with the county)
8. Events and Meetings attended
 - a. NRCS and RVCD to discuss TIP opportunity and boundary issues, September 16th
 - b. Low-tech permitting day with RVCD and MFWP, September 18th
 - c. CD Bureau Training 101, September 23rd
 - d. Low-tech building day with RVCD, NRCS, MFWP, and volunteers, October 2nd
 - e. Madison County Interagency Meeting, October 8th
 - f. Area 6 Annual Meeting, October 9th
 - g. Rancher Roundtable Planning Meeting, October 13th
 - h. MSU "Rough Cut Seminar" speaker on CDs, October 14th
 - i. MWCC Summit to Stream Conference, October 14th – 16th
 - j. Water Rights Conference, October 20th

12. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; October 26th, 6p.m.
- b. MCD Monthly Meeting; November 17th, 12p.m.