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*Local Common Sense Conservation*

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**Final Agenda**

Regular Monthly Board Meeting \*\*7:00 PM\*\* April 20, 2021

WebEx (virtual) & Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 7:00
2. Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:05
3. Financial-INA Accounting: 7:06
4. Public Comment:
5. NRCS Report:
6. Business-310-Cody Marxer: 7:15
  - a. 21-05
    - Applicant: Jeff Laszlo, Granger Ranches, LP
    - Stream: O'Dell Creek
    - Type of Project: Fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration, and water quality improvement
    - Status: Phase 18 Stream and Wetland Restoration Project
    - Date of Proposed Work: 5/1/21 to 8/1/21
    - Notes:
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled
  - b. 21-06
    - Applicant: Granger Ranches, Jeff Laszlo
    - Stream: Bear Creek
    - Type of Project: Replace small section of washed out bank attached to the diversion with a cement wing.
    - Status: Irrigation structure was previously replaced in June 2018 (permit #18-03)
    - Date of Proposed Work: 4/15/21 to 4/22/21
    - Notes:
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled
  - c. 21-07E
    - Applicant: Virginia City Ranches Association
    - Stream: Eight Mile Creek
    - Type of Project: Reinforce eroding bank around culvert.
    - Status: Emergency action taken on 3/29/21 due to sloughing off of material around main culvert under Two Bumps Road.
    - Date of Proposed Work:
    - Notes:
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled
  - d. 21-08
    - Applicant: Brett Owens

- Stream: Trib. of North Meadow Creek
- Type of Project: Placement of 3 culverts and one headgate to control water diverted for an irrigation pump.
- Status:
- Date of Proposed Work: 4/21/2021 to 4/21/2021
- Notes: North two culverts
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

e. 21-09

- Applicant: Brett Owens
- Stream: Trib. of North Meadow Creek
- Type of Project: Placement of 3 culverts and one headgate to control water diverted for an irrigation pump.
- Status:
- Date of Proposed Work: 4/21/2021 to 4/21/2021
- Notes: South Fork Culvert
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

f. 21-10

- Applicant: Kevin Kramer
- Stream: Ennis Lake
- Type of Project: Remove existing dock and install a temporary rolling dock structure
- Status:
- Date of Proposed Work: 4/21/2021 to 5/21/2021
- Notes:
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

g. 21-11

- Applicant: Kristy Saier
- Stream: Whitney Creek
- Type of Project: Remove crushed culvert and replace
- Status:
- Date of Proposed Work: 4/21 to 5/21
- Notes:
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

h. Work Completion Reports:

i. Monthly time spent on 310's; X hours

j. David Laufenberg accompanied the 310 Field Visits this month.

**7. Old Business and Reports:**

- Heavy Harrow Teeth/Tire - Update
- MCD Model Draft 310 Enforcement Policy
- Kate Roberts Signing Authority
- MOA with RVCD

**8. New Business:**

- Educational Funding Request from Elaine Westbrooke at MSU

**9. Correspondence:**

- Updated Draft 310 Joint Application and Instructions

- b. MACD Correspondence:
  - LAHC Minutes: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - LAHC April 3 Legislative Update
  - Bridger Plant Materials Invoice
  - MACD 2021 Dues
  - MACD Board Meeting Minutes – March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - MACD Financial Report 3/1/2021
  - Montana Agriculture Resiliency Grant Program
- c. DNRC Correspondence
  - New Director – Amanda Kaster
  - Public Notice: Water Use Permit Moonlight Basin
  - Public Notice: Change to Water Rights (Moonlight Basin and Jumping Horse)
- d. Cliff Lake Day Use Improvements
- e. Rosebud Conservation District No Till Drill For Sale
- f. Flatiron Development Pre-application Packet
- g. Madison F2F/GROWW Donation from Women’s Club
- h. Montana Youth Range Camp

**10. Supervisors Report:**

**11. Staff/Project Report:**

1. Madison Stream Team
  - a. Sunni Heikes-Knapton hired as short-term employee to help with the State of the Streams Report
  - b. Report completion is anticipated in early May.
  - c. 2021 Lab Analysis Funding and Sampling Analysis Plan is in progress with DEQ.
2. Pollinator Program
  - a. Town Commissioners gave the “green light” to move forward with pollinator gardens
  - b. 3 locations; prepare and plant gardens April/May
  - c. Individuals are also picking up seed as the office for their private gardens
3. Range Health Program
  - a. MSU experimental station – club moss
  - b. September Ranch Tour – regenerative ag, soil health, etc.
4. Wildlife Speaker Series
  - a. Partnering with RVCD, BCD, Ruby Habitat Foundation, Centennial Valley Association
  - b. 3 virtual events this summer
5. Madisonian Newspaper
  - a. Natural Resource Notes (NRN) column on “New 310 Permit Specialist”
6. Watershed Restoration Plan
  - a. Public meeting postponed until summer to ensure adequate community involvement
7. Planning Board Meeting (Summary from March 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting)
  - a. Freddy’s Place Minor Subdivision – Recommended for Approval with Modifications
  - b. Town of Sheridan Growth Policy – Recommended for Approval with Modifications.
  - c. Subdivision Regulations Revisions – In Progress – Public Hearing will occur this summer
  - d. State Legislature Update – High volume of activity specific to county planning departments
  - e. General Staff Report – Office is experiencing high work load; anticipate more subdivisions.
8. South Meadow Creek Restoration
  - a. Working with FWP (Travis Lohrenz) and MRF (Jim Kramer)
  - b. Design and install replacement headgate structure upstream of Endecott Ranch
9. MCD Annual Banquet
  - a. Will dovetail this with a ranch tour in the fall in the Harrison area
10. MCD Cost Share or Grant Program
  - a. Working on a draft application to be ready by the Budget meeting in June
11. Events and Meetings attended
  - a. Madison County Planning Board Subcommittee; March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; March 29<sup>th</sup>

- c. MSU-Ext. and DEQ Water Monitoring Training, Pt.1; March 31st
- d. Beaverhead-Deerlodge Working Group; April 7th
- e. MACD Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Meeting; March 30<sup>th</sup>
- f. MACD/EO Monthly CD Roundtable; March 17<sup>th</sup>
- g. Range Health Group Meeting; March 18<sup>th</sup>
- h. High Divide Collaborative Workshop; April 6<sup>th</sup>
- i. 310 Training with the State; April 7<sup>th</sup>
- j. Madison County Interagency Meeting; April 8<sup>th</sup>
- k. Montana Conservation Corp. Info. Session; April 8<sup>th</sup>
- l. "How do patterns of growth affect our wallets?" webinar; April 14<sup>th</sup>
- m. DNRC CARDD Supervisor Training, Module 2; April 7<sup>th</sup>

**12. Upcoming Dates:**

- a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; April 26th, 6p.m.
- b. MCD Monthly Meeting; May 18th, 7pm
- c. Range Health Meeting; April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4pm