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FINAL AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting ****7:00 PM**** June 17, 2019
Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 7:00
2. Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:05
3. Financial-Emily Osborn: 7:06

4. Public Comment:
5. NRCS Report:

6. Business-310-Ethan Kunard: 7:15
 - a. #18-20 Steve or Eric Hamilton, South Willow Creek (Ditch Diversion in Potosi Campground)
 - b. #18-29E Keith Dunn, North Willow Creek (Beaver Dam)
 - c. #19-18 Moonlight Basin, Lees Pool & South Side Road
 - d. #19-19 Brandon Gross, Ennis Lake (Dock installation)
 - e. #19-20 Yellowstone Club, Rich Chandler, Muddy Creek (Clear span bridge)
 - f. #19-21 David Maichel, South Willow Creek (Rip rap)
 - g. #19-22 Granger Ranch, Mill Creek (Head Gate Maintenance)
 - h. #19-23E Granger Ranches, Mill Creek (Head gate maintenance)
 - i. #19-24 Brad Owens, UT Moran Creek (Culvert installation)
 - j. Work Completion Reports: #18-01 Tim Hokansen
 - k. Monthly time spent on 310's

7. Old Business and Reports: 7:45
 - a. MCD Nonprofit
 - b. #19-01 Acela Truck Company violation
 - c. MHP/MWCC Fall Watershed Tour
 - d. 2020 Meeting/Holiday Schedule – 3rd Tuesday

8. New Business: 7:30
 - a. BSWC
 - b. MCD Position Descriptions
 - c. Montana Outdoor Heritage Project
 - d. MCD/Chamber Film Festival
 - e. 2018/2019 Net income
 - f. Update and Approve 2019/2020 Budget
 - Office Space long-term goals
 - MACD dues
 - 310 site inspection long-term strategy
 - MCD Website
 - Staffing needs

9. Correspondence: 8:00
 - a. Sunni Leadership Montana graduation

- b. Forest Service, Bear Creek Days thank you

10. Supervisors Report

11. Staff/Project Report

12. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Montana Board of Livestock Meeting, June 24th-Helena, MT
- b. WCS Summer Speaker Series, Big Horn Sheep, June 25th Jack Creek Preserve, Ennis, MT
- c. Montana Youth Range Camp, June 25-28-Bozeman, MT
- d. 33rd Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp, July 14-19-Missoula, MT
- e. Montana Range Tour, September 4-5-Harlowton, MT
- f. MACD Convention, November 19-21-Kallispel, MT

Staff Report

Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager

Big Sky/Jack Creek Stakeholder Group – I attended a headwaters alliance meeting in Big Sky in late May to discuss ways of better coordinating monitoring/conservation efforts on the Gallatin and Madison sides of Big Sky. Additionally, I attended the Big Sky Resort Tax Q&A to request a rollover of \$1,200 to go toward monitoring efforts on Jack Creek for this upcoming summer.

Madison Stream Team – Our annual training was on June 6th. We had 17 attendees, 8 of which were new volunteers. The schedule for monitoring events has been set, and they will begin June 11th. Most of the monitoring objectives are similar to last year, with the addition of a noxious weed mapping component that is in coordination with MVRG Weed Committee and Madison County Weed Board.

Lower Jack Creek – No updates

MWCC Fall Watershed Tour – We have a meeting with MWCC to begin planning the “Madison” portion of the tour on June 12th.

Watershed Restoration/Drought Resilience Planning – We received a payment for \$1,366 from our Watershed Management Grant for work done this past quarter. I also was updated by the MT DEQ that they have the remaining TMDLs (sediment & temperature) for the Madison planning area in draft format. We hope to be receiving both of those documents soon.

CD Nonprofit – No update

Planning Board – The planning board will be meeting on June 24th for our annual Big Sky visit. We will tour projects in Moonlight Basin, Yellowstone Club, Spanish Peaks, and Big Sky resort that have been approved (or are anticipating upcoming review).

Strategic Plan/Work Plan – (see attachment) I have reorganized and refined some of the ideas that came out of our November 2018 strategic planning meeting to begin tracking what we have done, as well as what is upcoming. The hope is that we can use this as a way to prioritize our efforts and develop goals/timelines for the focus areas we identified in November. Items in “green” are things we’ve accomplished already in 2019, or are on our way to accomplishing. Items in “yellow” are areas where we need to focus a little more attention and keep close on our radar. I’ll continue refining this and updating it regularly as a way to track how and when we’re meeting our objectives as an organization.

Montana Outdoor Heritage Project (MOHP) – We’ve been approached as a potential host for the MOHP conversation series (visit <https://montanaheritageproject.com/> for more information). The website says, *“The Montana Outdoor Heritage Project has launched a robust public discussion through September 2019 to hear from as many Montanans as possible. Montana residents are invited to participate by joining community conversations held across the state and by taking the Heritage Survey to help prioritize the challenges facing our lands, water, and wildlife. This public process is an important first step towards protecting our outdoor heritage and way of life for the next generation.”* I need to learn more about the effort, and what it would entail to host a “conversation”. I hope to learn more to report back for the June 17th board meeting.

Big Sky Watershed Corps – Briana’s last day was June 7th. Emily and I are working together to pick up the projects and programs we had outlined for her over the next 6 months.

Emily Osborn: Administrator

Administration Tasks- Financial tasks for the month of June are being completed. I will submit our proposed fiscal year 19/20 budget to Madison County after the board approves it at the June meeting.

GROWW: I have taken over the pollinator garden project from Briana. We will be having a site prep day on Wednesday, June 12th with a planting day TBD. All materials for the project have been purchased.

Madison Farm 2 Fork: I have accepted a position with Madison Farm 2 Fork to assist in administrative duties. I will be completing the Greenhouse project in the coming months and will submit those purchases along with the pollinator garden purchases to NRCS in the coming month for reimbursement to the MCD.