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FINAL AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting ****7:00 PM**** May 20, 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: Mary Hendrix, DNRC Conservation District's Bureau
5. NRCS Report:
6. Business-310-Mel McKittrick: 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. #19-07 Levi Dutton, Sheep Creek (Culvert installation)
 - d. #19-08 3 Rivers, Butte Creek (Fiber optic)
 - e. #19-09 3 Rivers, Deadman Creek (Fiber optic)
 - f. #19-10 3 Rivers, Horn Creek (Fiber optic)
 - g. #19-11 3 Rivers, Madison River (Fiber optic)
 - h. #19-12 3 Rivers, Mile Creek (Fiber optic)
 - i. #19-13 3 Rivers, No Name (Fiber optic)
 - j. #19-14 3 Rivers, Canal Crossing (Fiber optic)
 - k. #19-15 3 Rivers, Papoose Creek (Fiber optic)
 - l. #19-16 3 Rivers, Sheep Creek (Fiber optic)
 - m. #19-17 3 Rivers, Sun Creek (Fiber optic)
 - n. #19-18 Moonlight Basin, Lees Pool & South Side Road
 - o. Work Completion Reports:
 - p. Monthly time spent on 310's
7. Old Business and Reports: 7:45
 - a. MCD Nonprofit
 - b. #19-01 Acela Truck Company violation
 - c. Banquet Report
 - d. MHP/MWCC Fall Watershed Tour
 - e. 2020 Meeting/Holiday Schedule – Tues/Thurs
 - f. Montana Range Days Scholarships
 - g. Montana Youth Range Camp Scholarships
 - h. Agenda for Budget Meeting
8. New Business: 7:30
 - a. Montana Leopold Conservation Award-Applications due July 1st
 - b. GROWW Program Administrator-Emily
 - c. MACD insurance option
9. Correspondence: 8:00

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10. Supervisors Report

11. Staff/Project Report

12. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Livestock Genetic Management and Grazing, May 29-30-Hobson, MT
- b. 2019 State Wide Administer Training, June 3-6-Highwood, MT
- c. MWCC Ales for Charity Night, June 4th-Helena, MT
- d. Montana Range Days, June 17-19-Dillon, MT
- e. Montana Youth Range Camp, June 25-28-Bozeman, MT
- f. 33rd Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp, July 14-19-Missoula, MT
- g. MACD Convention, November 19-21-Kallispele, MT

Staff Report

Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager

Jack Creek/Moonlight Basin Watershed Planning – We'll be attending a "healthy headwaters" meeting in Big Sky to discuss monitoring needs on both sides of the divide. Additionally, we are meeting with Karen Filipovich to discuss future coordination needs for organizing discussions around the Jack Creek watershed in the future.

Madison Stream Team – We were awarded ~\$2,000 from the DEQ to cover lab analysis costs. Additionally, we submitted a rollover request to the Big Sky Resort Tax to pay for some monitoring on Jack Creek. The training date is set for June 10th, and I'll be working with Briana to organize and plan the training. We will also be participating in a one-day workshop with MSU Extension Water Quality to discuss opportunities for better engage communities in the Madison, Gallatin, Yellowstone, and Sun River watersheds with volunteer data collection. The goal of the workshop is to identify tools we can use to increase awareness and understanding around water resource conditions at the local level.

Lower Jack Creek – We will be working to develop individual contracts with Jeff Dunn, Cindy Haushauer, and RESPEC for their upcoming involvement in construction oversight. Together, ~\$15,000 is going to their expenses for oversight, and we need to make sure individual roles and expectations are clearly outlined. I visited the Phase I site last week to look at the condition of the containerized willows and cottonwoods. Roughly, it appears that about 80% of the plants are living. In an effort to reduce browse pressure this spring/summer, I applied a chemical treatment to all of the plants to hopefully limit ungulate browsing.

MWCC Fall Watershed Tour – We had a meeting in April to discuss details for the tour. The tour will begin in Butte, and we will spend the first day in the Big Hole/Beaverhead. The first overnight stay will be in Dillon, before spending the second day in the Ruby/Madison. We will stay in Ennis the second night, and then visit the Jefferson/Gallatin the final day. We need to plan 1-2 potential tour stops, and MWCC will plan all of the logistics.

Watershed Restoration/Drought Resilience Planning – No update

CD Nonprofit – I've worked to refine the objectives of this group, and have identified a list of prospective board members to reach out to. Additionally, I've begun parsing out potential roles and responsibilities that we might consider splitting between the Conservation District and the nonprofit.

Planning Board – There is a new Planning Director who I met last week while working on the department's 2019-2020 budget. During the April meeting, we discussed a proposal for the North 40, and also took a brief look at the proposed updated Ennis subdivision regulations.

Strategic Plan – I will be going through the outcomes from our strategic plan to begin selecting some items for us to consider taking on for 2019-2020. This will coincide with our upcoming budget planning meeting, and will ensure we are following through with the priorities we set for the next ~3 years.

Emily Osborn: Administrator

I will be traveling to New Zealand from May 15th to May 31st, 2019

Administration Tasks- I have completed or scheduled all the administrative tasks in preparation for my trip. I have been working with Ethan drafting the MCD FY 19/20 budget for our Budget meeting on June 10th.

2019 Banquet – I've included in the meeting packets the final budget for the banquet for review. Payment will need to be submitted to the RVCD for our share of the expenses. These numbers have been confirmed by the RVCD.

GROWW: I have accepted a position with the GROWW program as an administrator to help with the invoicing and volunteer schedule. This position will be approximately 10 hours per week.

Bear Creek Days: The MCD will be volunteering with the food preparation and serving on Thursday, May 16th. I have coordinated with Melissa Griffiths (MVRG) to split the Bear Creek Days Costco shopping. The Forest Service confirmed that we will be feeding approximately 600 students, volunteers, and presenters over the course of the three days. The RMEF contributed \$1500.00 to be spent on these supplies. Confirmed MCD volunteers are; Ethan, Briana, Adam, Kaye and Jon.

310: I have been working with Don MacIntyre, DNRC and Justin Ekwall, Deputy County Attorney – Madison County to address the #19-01 310 violation. Don MacIntyre provided Justin with the documents to confirm this is a violation. Justin is reviewing the documents and will contact the MCD.

Briana Shook: Big Sky Watershed Corps Member

Madison Stream Team – A few volunteers are still continuing early run-off turbidity sampling and I have been analyzing the samples as they come in. Ethan and I have begun taking stream flow measurements and continuing to get the TruTracks out on designated sites. I have set a date for the upcoming 2019 Training for June 6th and I am working on flyers to help spread the word around town and electronically. I am also working on incorporating noxious weed ID and AIS best practices into the training this year.

Ennis School Pollinator Garden – I have met with Blake Nursery to discuss plant species, what they have available, and what may work for the garden. I have received a quote from them that lists species, quantity, and price. I will be meeting with the GROWW program to discuss the species list and possible changes to the budget. Once I get approval for species and budget spending, I will order the plants. I estimate this to happen around end of May to early June. Planting should take place soon after. I will also be discussing needs for the garden and what to purchase based on the budget.

SWCDM Grant – I received funding for a grant I applied for to address non-point source pollution within the Madison watershed by education and outreach. For this project, I will be purchasing custom dog waste stations to place in town. Locations are TBD, however I am currently working with the Ennis Lions Club as a partner, and Montana FWP has given permission to place a station at the Ennis fishing access site.

BSWC Technical Skills Training – I attended the BSWC Technical Skills training on April 30th-May 3rd. This training provided me with some background that will help when it comes time to do the Madison Stream Team training.

