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FINAL AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting ****7:00 PM**** September 16, 2019
Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 7:00
2. Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:05
 - a. August
 - b. 310 meeting
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. #19-32 Peter Fitzgerald, Shining Mountains Water Users Association, Cold Creek (Headgate replacement)
 - c. Work Completion Reports:
 - d. Monthly time spent on 310's
7. Old Business and Reports: 7:45
 - a. MCD Website
 - b. MCD 310 staffing
 - c. MCD accounts and interest
 - d. Lower Jack Creek Contract
 - e. Adopt a highway/clean-up
8. New Business: 7:30
 - a. Replacement Supervisor/Board positions
 - b. Office space
 - c. Gift for Mel/25 years
9. Correspondence: 8:00
 - a. MACD, Jeff Tiberi
10. Supervisors Report
11. Staff/Project Report
12. Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Area 6 meeting, September 24 – Alder, MT
 - b. Montana Board of Livestock Meeting, September 25 - Helena, MT
 - c. Gravelly Landscape Collaborative S. Tobacco Root Field Tour, September 26 – Sheridan, MT
 - d. MACD Convention, November 19-21 - Kalispell, MT

Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager

MCD Website – We are waiting for the estimate from one of the developers we spoke to. Additionally, we have the option of working with Kate Arpin at SWCDM for free.

Madison Stream Team – Monitoring will wrap up at the end of September (we have 5 remaining monitoring events). Additional streamflow monitoring and macroinvertebrate samples need to be collected throughout the fall, and there is quite a bit of data entry and analysis that will need to be done in the Fall/Winter.

Lower Jack Creek – I'm waiting to hear back from Jeff Dunn regarding the draft contract. He is having TU look over the contract to make any modifications if necessary. Jeff and I spoke on the phone to discuss having TU subcontract with RESPEC and Cindy Haushauer. He is willing to go this route, but did say that Trout Unlimited has a policy to charge 15% for administrative costs when subcontracting and managing funds. We will begin conifer fascine collection from the West Fork in early October, and will begin working with MCC crews and volunteers to harvest willows on October 14th. We are also waiting for applicant/contractor signatures on the 124 permit before submitting to Dave. I also followed up with the Army Corps to update them on the timing of our construction and monitoring.

MWCC Fall Watershed Tour – Tour took place Sept. 11-13th.

Watershed Restoration/Drought Resilience Planning – I attended a meeting with DNRC and the Missouri Headwaters organizations to discuss some of the priority drought vulnerabilities in the region. This meeting concluded the work with DNRC and Bureau of Reclamation with our two-year contract, and the items from that meeting will be incorporated into the basin drought plan being drafted by DNRC. Additionally, we made some water measurement equipment purchases to bill toward this contract. We will submit a final report and invoice to DNRC in September. In the end, I did not have time to complete as much drought planning work as I'd hoped. However, all of our obligations to DNRC have been met. I would still like to see more effort put toward this in the future as time allows.

CD Nonprofit – Hoping to resume Fall/Winter

Planning Board – No updates

Conservation Film Celebration – We had a great turnout at the film event. We will try to follow up soon with an email containing links to all the films so people can watch them on their own time.

Big Sky Watershed Corps – No updates on financial status.

Emily Osborn: Administrator

Administration Tasks: I am completing the various bookkeeping task throughout the month. I am working on putting the Annual Report for FY 2018/2019 together to submit to the Department of Administration.

NRCS Grant: The reporting deadline for the NRCS grant for the Pollinator Garden and Campus greenhouse is September 25th. I am working with Shylea to purchase Pollinator curriculum supplies for the remainder of the grant as well as mulch for the winter. Jamie Diehl's class had a work day to fill the raised beds in the greenhouse and will start planting this week.

Madison Farm 2 Fork: Has not met.

