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**FINAL AGENDA**

Regular Board Meeting \*\*7:00 PM\*\* October 21, 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-Paul Jurenas: 7:15
  - a. #19-33 Jeff Baker, Pony Creek – Culvert Installation
  - b. #19-34 Nicholas Dyk, South Willow Creek – Headgate replacement
  - c. #19-35 Jack Creek Ranch, Upper McKee Ponds – Pond maintenance
  - d. Work Completion Reports:
  - e. Monthly time spent on 310's
  
7. Old Business and Reports: 7:45
  - a. MCD accounts and interest
  - b. Replacement Supervisor/Board positions
  
8. New Business: 7:30
  - a. Equipment update – Colten Clark
  - b. 310 salary review and position structure
  - c. MACD Conference
  - d. CD Banquet
  - e. MCD Job Description
  
9. Correspondence: 8:00
  - a. MACD Resolutions
  - c. MACD Dues Proposal
  - b. Madison County Planning Department, Kirby Minor Subdivision
  
10. Supervisors Report
11. Staff/Project Report
  
12. Upcoming Dates:
  - a. Montana Board of Livestock, October 22 – Helena, MT
  - b. AERO Expo, Seeding the Future: Cultivating Community Resilience, October 25-27, 2019 – Bozeman, MT
  - c. MACD Convention, November 20-22 - Kalispell, MT

## **Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager**

**MCD Website** – MCD will work with Kate (SWCDM) to develop the new website when she is back from leave.

**Madison Stream Team** – Volunteer monitoring was finished in September. Emily and Ethan collected macroinvertebrate samples from Jack Creek – South Side Road in early October to satisfy our remaining contract item in the Big Sky Resort Tax grant roll-over. Remaining items that need to be completed include: removing all TruTrack devices from Moores Creek, North Meadow Creek, South Meadow Creek, and Jack Creek. Additionally, data analysis for the water quality and streamflow monitoring needs to be done, and rating curves for TruTrack stations need to be developed. Then, the 2019 monitoring report can be drafted. Finally, data needs to be uploaded to the MSU Extension Water Quality database, as well as the Montana DEQ database. After this has been completed, we can submit our report to the DEQ for the Volunteer Monitoring Lab Analysis grant we were awarded. Before the 2020 field season, staff gages need to be installed on all TruTrack monitoring stations (we purchased staff gages with the DNRC drought resilience money, but have not yet had time to install). Also, the temperature sensor on the Jack Creek – Canyon stations needs to be reinstalled (the concrete block holding the sensor to the streambed was damaged during high water).

**Lower Jack Creek** – Ethan received help from volunteers to collect the +1,000 ft. of conifer branch material that will be used to build the fascines. If road conditions are favorable, the USFS will help transport the material from the West Fork to the project site on 10/15. The Montana Conservation Corps crew arrived on 10/14 to help with willow harvesting. They will provide support for that full calendar week, and additional volunteers will accompany them on 10/17, 10/18, and 10/19 (if you're interested/available in volunteering please let Ethan know). RE Miller will mobilize and begin moving material on 10/21. Work is expected to be completed by end of October (with the exception of containerized plants that need to be purchased and installed in Spring 2020). Most of the funding contracts (seven total) for the project expire 12/31/2019. Ethan is hoping to submit reports for as many of these contracts as possible by mid-November.

**Watershed Restoration/Drought Resilience Planning** – Ethan submitted the final report and invoice for the DNRC Drought Resiliency Planning contract in September. He's not yet heard back from DNRC on the status of the invoice or report. There will be opportunities to use time/funding from the Watershed Management Grant during winter 2019/2020 to work on future project planning and landowner/partner outreach. As part of this grant, we were awarded \$3,000 toward our host site fees for Big Sky Watershed Corps. We have not yet heard from DNRC if/how this money can be reallocated to other project areas with the early departure of the BSWC member.

**CD Nonprofit** – Hoping to resume Fall/Winter

**Planning Board** – The planning board is currently trying to organize a site visit for the Lee's Pool subdivision that we will be reviewing soon.

**Big Sky Watershed Corps** – No updates on financial status.

**Ethan's Departure** – I was recently presented with an offer to be the Executive Director for the Montana Watershed Coordination Council, and am currently working on transitioning. I'm projecting my last day at the CD to be November 15<sup>th</sup>, but will be available for help and assistance beyond then if needed. I met with the MCD Executive Committee to discuss a job description for MCD to advertise, and can also provide for the hiring process as needed.

**Emily Osborn: Administrator**

**Administration Tasks:** I am completing the various bookkeeping task throughout the month.

**NRCS Grant:** All purchases for the Pollinator Garden and Campus Greenhouse have been completed. The final grant report has been submitted and is pending approval for the final reimbursement. The total amount spent was: \$6960.57 was the total amount spent of the \$7000.00 grant. The Ennis students have planted a fall crop in the completed greenhouse.

**Madison Farm 2 Fork:** N/A