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FINAL AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting ****7:00 PM**** October 15, 2018
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. Business-310-Mel McKittrick: 7:10**
 - a. #18-09 Tim Cashman, Beaver Dam Ranch- Leonard Creek (Dam Reconstruction)**
 - b. #18-20 Steve or Eric Hamilton, South Willow Creek (Ditch Diversion in Potosi Campground)**
 - c. #18-26 Theodore Griffith, South Willow Creek (Head Gate Replacement)**
 - d. Work Completion Reports:**
 - #18-23 Pat Goggins (Moores Creek)**
 - #17-12 John Sampson (Madison River)**
 - #18-17 Carter Kruse (North Fork Spanish Creek)**
 - e. Monthly time spent on 310's**
- 6. Old Business and Reports: 7:20**
 - a. Strategic Planning November 26th-Sunni**
 - b. 310 funding 223 grant request-Due 10/19/2018**
 - c. MACD Convention-Emily's attendance**
 - d. Joint Funding Agreement with USGS and NorthWestern Energy**
 - e. Dottie's Bookkeeping-Emily**
- 7. New Business: 8:00**
 - a. Staffing Discussion**
 - b. BSWC member applicants**
 - Alli Calkins**
 - Claudia Vila**
 - Kelsey Sullivan**
 - c. Watershed Management Grant Application**
 - d. 310 State Database**
 - e. Associate Supervisor appointment (Abigail Dennis)**
- 8. Correspondence: 8:30**
 - a. NACD dues**
- 9. NRCS Report**
- 10. Supervisors Report**
- 11. Staff/Project Report**
- 12. Upcoming Dates:**
 - a. Board Leadership Training, October 18th 4pm-8pm-Virginia City, MT**

- b. **Montana Board of Livestock meeting, October 18-Bozeman, MT**
- c. **Cell Grazing and Three Secrets for Increasing Profit, October 23-Big Timber, MT**
- d. **310 Site Evaluation Training, October 25-Glasgow, MT**
- e. **MACD Conference, November 13-16 - Billings, MT**
- f. **7th National Conference on Grazing Lands, December 2-5-Reno, NV**
- g. **NACD 73rd Annual Meeting, February 2-6, 2019-San Antonio, TX**

Staff Report

Ethan Kunard: Water Programs Manager

Watershed/Drought Planning – We assisted the Montana DEQ in hosting the TMDL public comment meeting in September. Public comment will close October 19th. We will continue developing pieces of the Watershed Restoration Plan in the coming months, along with the drought resilience plan.

Madison Stream Team – Monitoring for 2018 is finished, and there is now some backlogged data entry/analysis to be performed. There is an opportunity for our BSWC member to work on developing an online report when she arrives in January.

Watershed Stories – The final products are available (see handouts and projected displays). We will now be working with MWCC on some outreach pieces and publications that will showcase the Madison Watershed stories around the State.

MWCC Symposium – The Symposium Oct. 9-12 in Whitefish was terrific. Over 200 individuals from around Montana attended, and there were great presentations that have provided some thought-provoking ideas for how we can move our organization forward amongst the challenges that face local groups in Montana. In addition to delivering the welcome address, I also got to speak on a panel about the Watershed Stories, and moderated a half-day discussion with foundation representatives from across the US on how they can help support the needs of local conservation organizations.

Watershed Management Grant – The WMG application cycle was just announced, and the closing date is Nov. 15th. Up to \$5,000 can be used as match for the Big Sky Watershed Corps cost, and the remaining \$15,000 can be used for “development and implementation of locally led watershed related planning and capacity building activities that conserve, develop, improve or preserve state water resources”.

Planning Board – The board recommended for approval a 4-acre single lot subdivision in the Yellowstone Club.

Sunni Heikes-Knapton – Watershed Coordinator:

Transition: My last day as Watershed Coordinator will be October 25th. I will compile a summary of ongoing projects, tasks, and important financial information. An announcement will go out in the Oct 18 eNews.

Leadership Montana: The October session is Wednesday the 10th – Friday the 12th in Phillipsburg and Butte. I will be continuing attendance at these sessions for the remainder of the class year.

Lower Jack Creek: Applications are in with Yellow Dog Conservation and Community Foundation, Montana Trout Foundation, and Trout and Salmon Foundation. What isn't covered by these sources should be requested by NorthWestern energy. I will be meeting with Jeff Dunn with Trout Unlimited on October 22nd to discuss their involvement. Support budget is below:

Support		Confirmed
DRNC 223	\$20,000.00	Yes
NorthWestern Energy		
Montana Watershed Coordination Council	\$20,000.00	yes
Trout and Salmon Foundation	\$5,000.00	requested
Landowners	\$6,000.00	Yes
Montana Trout Foundation	\$15,000.00	requested
YDCCF	\$5,000.00	requested
Trout Unlimited		
Total support requested/secured	\$71,000.00	
Total project cost estimate	\$109,433.98	
Balance to be raised	\$38,433.98	

GROWW: I helped with water monitoring with 3rd grade on Oct 1st. Nichole will continue with lessons up until her maternity leave in early November, and will resume lessons after her return in January.

- Pollinator Project: We have gotten approval for the \$3,000 grant support from NRCS for the pollinator garden project, which will be installed by the BSWC. We will need to sign an MOU with Ennis schools and MF2F on the tasks, grant reporting expectations, and involvement that the BSWC member will have with the partners. A good strategy will be to get a credit card from the bank for purchase of the supplies, so those transactions are stand alone from our typical reimbursement procedure. Need discussion and decision on this.
- Greenhouse Project: We have gotten approval for the \$4,000 grant support from NRCS for the production teaching greenhouse on the Ennis Schools campus. MF2F has installed the structure, and the grant will be used to purchase the materials and supplies inside the building. Jamie Diehl will be managing the purchases, and the credit card strategy above is worth discussing. We will need an MOU with Ennis Schools and MF2F on the tasks and the grant reporting expectations.

USGS Cameron Gage: Topic discussed in main agenda.

Madison Watershed Partnership: October date to be determined.

BSWC: Topic discussed in main agenda.

Emily Osborn- Administrator:

Administration tasks: I have been busy with various administrative and bookkeeping activities.

Area VI Meeting: I appreciated the opportunity to attend the Area VI meeting in Livingston on September 26th. I was able to meet and visit with representatives from other districts in Area VI, as well as representatives from state and federal agencies.

