



Madison Conservation District  
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### Final Agenda

Regular Monthly Board Meeting **\*\*7:00 PM\*\*** May 18, 2021

WebEx (virtual) & Madison Valley Public Library

1. Call meeting to order: 7:00
2. Review minutes from previous meetings: 7:05
3. Financial-INA Accounting: 7:06
  - a. Funds Transfer
4. Public Comment:
5. NRCS Report:
6. Business-310-Cody Marxer: 7:15
  - a. 21-12 Complaint
    - Complainant: Gail Gough
    - Stream: Burnt Creek, Hot Springs Creek
    - Description of Violation: Chronic, indiscriminate disposal of plastic containers, paper, feed bags, petrochemical products, cans, household garbage, dead animal carcasses in Hot Springs and Burnt Creeks
    - Notes: Site was visited by Mike Duncan and DEQ has been notified
  
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled/Not a Project
  - b. 21-13
    - Applicant: Tim and Sally Ryan
    - Stream: SFWF Gallatin River
    - Type of Project: build a Hilltrac system from a residence to a nearby ski lift; piers of the Hilltrac will be placed near the banks of the SFWF Gallatin River
    - Status:
    - Date of Proposed Work: 8/1/2021 to 11/30/2021
    - Notes: Gallatin CD was notified 5/11/21
  
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled/Not a Project
  - c. 21-14
    - Applicant: Jeff Laszlo, Granger Ranches, LP
    - Stream: O'Dell Creek
    - Type of Project: Replace irrigation structure that has been washed away by Madison River gorge.
    - Status:
    - Date of Proposed Work: 6/1/2021 to 6/8/2021
    - Notes:
  
    - Approved/Modified/Tabled/ Not a Project
  - d. Work Completion Reports:
    - 20-29: Alton Ranch – replace headgate on Madison River

- e. Monthly time spent on 310's; X hours
- f. David Laufenberg accompanied the 310 Field Visits this month.

**7. Old Business and Reports:**

- a. [MCD Model Draft 310 Enforcement Policy](#)

**8. New Business:**

- a. June Budget Meeting Date – Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm?
- b. GROWW Program Funding Update

**9. Correspondence:**

- a. MACD Correspondence:
  - [MACD Board Minutes April 12](#)
  - [LAHC Minutes April 27](#)
  - [Jeff Tiberi's Final Report April 2021](#)
  - [Working with the Legislature](#)
  - [Resolutions Follow-up 2021](#)
- b. [DEQ 318 Authorization](#) – Kevin Helling: repair of timber piles on bridges in Jefferson and Madison Counties
- c. [DNRC video to highlight the Madison CD's restoration efforts](#) (Jason Garber email)
- d. [USGS Cameron Stream Gage Letter](#) & [Joint Funding Agreement](#)
- e. [Life Along a Stream BMPs](#)
- f. [Soil Health Bus Tour](#) (MT Soil and Water Conservation Society)– Sept. 14-16 Pierre SD
- g. [406 Rangeland & Livestock Forum](#) – May 25 & 26 Billings MT
- h. [Montana Range Days](#): June 21-23
- i. [Montana Youth Range Camp](#): July 26-29
- j. Yellowstone Club [Big Springs Village Subdivision Preliminary Plat](#)
- k. Yellowstone Club [Pioneer Point Subdivision Preliminary Plat](#)
- l. [Updated 310 Application](#) and [Instructions Draft](#)
- m. [Irrigation Grant Opportunity](#) - \$20k

**10. Supervisors Report:**

**11. Staff/Project Report:**

**12. Upcoming Dates:**

- a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m.
- b. MCD Monthly Meeting; June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- c. Range Health Meeting; May 27<sup>th</sup>, 3pm
- d. [Wildlife Speaker Series](#); May 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm



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### May 2021 Staff Report

1. Madison Stream Team
  - a. Working on State of the Streams Annual Report (nearly done)
  - b. Sunni finished her share of the project
  - c. 2021 Lab Analysis Funding and Sampling Analysis Plan was approved by DEQ (\$1,600 lab value)
  - d. 2021 Season Training on June 7th
2. Pollinator Program
  - a. Town Commissioners gave the “green light” to move forward with pollinator gardens
  - b. 3 locations; prepare and plant gardens May
  - c. Individuals are also picking up seed at the office for their private gardens
3. Range Health Program
  - a. MSU experimental station – club moss and fire dynamics (led by MSU)
  - b. September Ranch Tour – regenerative ag, soil health, restoration, etc.
  - c. Jon Siddoway and David Laufenberg working on range health educational series
4. Wildlife Speaker Series
  - a. Partnering with RVCD, BCD, Ruby Habitat Foundation, Centennial Valley Association
  - b. 3 virtual events this summer (flyer attached)
5. Madisonian Newspaper
  - a. Natural Resource Notes (NRN) column on “Land and Water Stewardship”
6. Watershed Restoration Plan
  - a. Watershed Management Grant process revisited; \$11k
7. Planning Board Meeting (Summary from April 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting)
  - a. My Willow, LLC (Ennis) was recommended for approval with modification
  - b. Spanish Peaks Overall Development Plan (Big Sky) was recommended for approval with modifications
  - d. State Legislature Update – High volume of activity specific to county planning departments
  - e. General Staff Report – Office is experiencing high work load; anticipate more subdivisions.
8. South Meadow Creek Restoration
  - a. Working with FWP (Travis Lohrenz) and MRF (Jim Kramer)
  - b. Design and install replacement headgate structure upstream of Endecott Ranch
9. Lower Jack Creek Restoration
  - a. Site watering and coordination with landowners and educators; April 28<sup>th</sup>
10. Hiring Committee Update
  - a. Interviews held Monday May 17.
11. Events and Meetings attended
  - a. Madison County Planning Board Meeting; April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - b. South Meadow Restoration Visit with FWP; May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Beaverhead Drought Task Force; May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Gallatin River Task Force meeting; May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Gallatin River Restoration Work Day; May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Gallatin-Madison Joint Cty Commissioners Meeting; April 29<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Range Health Group Meeting; April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - h. High Divide Collaborative Workshop; April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - i. 310 Training with the State; May 12<sup>th</sup>