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310 Rule Change Update Public Meeting

****6:30PM on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020****

Conference Call Number: 1-888-575-2051

The revision will include changing the time frame for an applicant to appeal a Board's decision from 15 days to 30 days per HB383 that became law during the 2019 legislative session.

Final Agenda - Regular Monthly Board Meeting

****Estimated start time of 6:40 PM to immediately follow 310 rule change update****

Conference Call Number: 1-888-575-2051

1. Call meeting to order: 6:40
2. Review minutes from previous meetings: 6:45
3. Financial-Emily Osborn: 6:48
4. Public Comment:
5. NRCS Report-John Wagoner:

NRCS offices are still open, but with a few modifications to how we are handling business. We are trying to navigate the transition to our new assessment and planning tools. CART/ Conservation Desktop. EQIP funds will be obligated in batches this year, with the first deadline being May 15th. We are on track to have our TIP budget obligated into contracts by the first deadline. The S. T-roots conifer project should receive \$250K for funding. 7 applications are within Sage Grouse habitat, and eligible for funding through the statewide SGI conifer encroachment fund pool. With our current applications, we have 3150 acres planned and shovel ready for brush management and woody residue treatment. Estimated cost of \$410K. Actively working w/ Southwest MT Sagebrush partnership to coordinate cross-boundary treatments, and Gravelly Landscape collaborative to develop outreach and communication plan. CSP renewals will be obligated in July, we will only have 1 application. General CSP sign up will have an obligation deadline in the late summer/ fall. We have 1 application

6. Business-310-Paul Jurenas: 6:50

a. 20-02

- Applicant: Mike Locicero
- Stream: Mile Creek
- Type of Project: Bridge Removal and Reconstruction in order to access a building site with machinery this summer
- Status: Need to return to the site when snow melts (early May)
- Date: Spring and Summer 2020

- Notes:
- Approved/Modified/Tabled

- b. 20-03
 - Applicant: Jeff Laszlo (Granger Ranches, North Western Energy, USFWS)
 - Stream: O'Dell
 - Type of Project: Stream and Wetland Restoration Project - Phase 17
 - Status: Site visit on 4/10; Team recommends approval
 - Date: Spring and Summer 2020
 - Notes:
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
- c. 20-04
 - Applicant: 3 Rivers Communication
 - Stream:
 - Type of Project: Boring beneath creeks (42 sites)
 - Status: Team recommends it is outside of our jurisdiction
 - Date: Spring and Summer 2020
 - Notes:
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
- d. 20-05
 - Applicant: Stephen Ore
 - Stream: Sand Hallow Creek
 - Type of Project: Moving/maintaining weir
 - Status:
 - Date: April 25th – May 25th
 - Notes:
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
- e. Work Completion Reports: None
- f. Monthly time spent on 310's; 22 hours

7. Primary/Actionable Business

- a. Bayley Gibson to be granted the ability to sign on behalf of the MCD Board for a definite time limit of 30 days
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
- b. Heavy Harrow Teeth and Maintenance Update
 - \$3,150 of the \$5,000 approved has been spent
 - Nick Dyk has the replacement teeth
- c. Pivot Track Filler needs repairs
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
- d. Refine checkout system of equipment at Clarks
 - Potential use of hitch locks
 - Send invoices to people that have used the implements
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled

- e. NRCS and MCD Memo. of Agreement (MOA)
 - There have been some concerns raised by Montana CDs, but largely do not apply to MCD
 - Comments from CDs and signed agreement by end of May
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
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8. Old Business and Reports:

- a. Board Leadership
 - Vice Chair
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled
- b. Hiring Committee/MCD Staff Positions
 - District Administrator – Bayley Gibson
- c. Planning Board Position Update
 - David Laufenberg is now a member of the Madison County Planning Board

9. New Business:

- a. 2020 CD Stewardship Award and Summer Potluck
 - Approved/Modified/Tabled

10. Correspondence:

- a. Greater Yellowstone Coalition; MT Headwaters Security Act
- b. MACD Correspondence (Change in ED; Chuck Cronille has been released)
- c. MACD/SWCDM Merger Survey Response (April 30th deadline)
- d. Thank you cards from Science Fair Winners
- e. Big Sky Community Fund for COVID-19 Relief
- f. Gravelly Landscape Collaborative – Funding Letter

11. Supervisors Report:

12. Staff/Project Report:

Conservation Programs Manager: David Laufenberg

1. Medical Training Options

- a. Ranchlands Clinic
 - 1. Develop with the MCD Board to provide an educational service to the community
 - 2. MVRG partner
 - 3. Clinic anticipated later this year or early 2021

2. Tributary Monitoring Program

- a. Adopt a Stream Program
 - 1. Daily/weekly instead of annual data available for producers, managers, researchers, and the public
 - 2. Host a community meeting of stakeholders to raise funds/awareness for program participation

3. DNRC CD Pollinator Grant

- a. First-come, first-serve for \$50k total to distribute seed/materials to private landowners
- b. Partner with other Area 6 CDs
- c. Bayley and David are working to pilot this program this summer (10-15 participants at small scale)

4. Lower Jack Creek Project

- a. April 20th – 22nd planting (finishing of Phase2)
- b. Require robust watering program (might be a small grant opportunity to fund this effort)
- c. Metal browse protection for most of the trees provided from another project (David executed the logistics)

5. Drone Training

- a. FAA 107 Permit
- b. Online Training Materials
- c. Field Practice with Paul Jurenas has been delayed
- d. Test in May or June

6. DEQ Grant Report

- a. Finished data submission
- b. Writing final report for last year's monitoring efforts (S Meadow, N Meadow, Moore's, and Jack)

7. Ennis Fly Fishing Festival

- a. Chamber of Commerce facilitates the festival in early September
- b. Would we be interested in leading the opening night's film festival again this year?

8. Events attended

- Tour of Kate Roberts' Farm, Cameron, MT
- Wetlands Monitoring Update from TNC, MSU, and UM-Western
- DNRC Grant Writing Webinar
- NACD Grant Writing Webinar
- Madison County Commissioner's Meeting (3/31)

Office Administrator: Bayley Gibson

I grew up outside of Atlanta, Georgia. I went to college at Georgia Southern University where I received a B.A. in History and English. I spent the next 10 years working on guest ranches, mostly in southern Arizona. I also spent several summers here in Ennis where I helped out at the small fly-fishing lodge, the TLazyB. Last spring, I moved here with my boyfriend, Jerome Miller, and our two dogs. I also work part-time at the Madison Valley Public Library.

1. Letter of support provided for GROWW's application for GTA grant

13. Upcoming Dates:

- a. MCD Monthly Meeting, May 19th, 7p.m., Ennis Library or Conference Call