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Minutes

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
 6:00PM Tuesday, June 16, 2026
 Madison Valley Public Library

1. 6PM 310 Permit Training

Notes: Training led by DNRC Stream Permitting Coordinator, Hailey Graf

2. 7:03PM Call meeting to order/Roll Call/Meeting Procedures

Supervisors Present: John Knapton, Brett Owens, Kate Roberts, Rachel Endecott

Absent: Jake Stewart, George Boyd, Scott Farquhar

Staff: Maia Schweikert, Tori Gallagher

Public/Partners: Connor Parrish, Trout Unlimited; Briana Schultz, FWP; Mike Middlebrook, Justin Houser, Nathan Heller

3. Review minutes from previous meetings:

a. May Meeting Minutes

Notes:

Approved w/ Modifications

Motion: Kate Roberts motioned to approved the May 2026 minutes as amended.

Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved w/modifications

b. June Budget Meeting Minutes

Notes:

Approved

Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve as presented.

Seconded: Kate Roberts seconded this motion.

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.

4. Business-310:

a. 26-10C UN Drainages Second Yellow Mule Creek (PTS Yellowstone Ranch, LLC)

Notes: Alleged violation regarding vegetation removal along drainage

Approved as Valid Complaint

Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve complaint 26-10C as a valid complaint with remediation letter sent to violator(s)

Seconded: John Knapton seconded this motion

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved as valid complaint.

b. 26-15 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)

Notes: Bridge and utility installation

Approved

Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve permit 26-15 following team recommendations

Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.

c. 26-16 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)

Notes: Bridge and utility installation

Approved

Motion: Kate Roberts motioned to approve permit 26-16 following team recommendations

Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.

- d. 26-17 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge and utility installation
Approved
Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve permit 26-17 following team recommendations
Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion.
Discussion:
Vote: All in favor, motion carries, **approved.**
- e. 26-18 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge and utility installation
Approved
Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve permit 26-18 following team recommendations in addition to adding fill per Brianna Schultz recommendation.
Seconded: John Knapton seconded this motion.
Discussion:
Vote: All in favor, motion carries, **approved.**
- f. 26-19 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge and utility installation
Approved
Motion: Kate Roberts motioned to approve permit 26-19 following team recommendations.
Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion.
Discussion:
Vote: All in favor, motion carries, **approved.**
- g. 26-20 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge and utility installation
Approved
Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve permit 26-20 following team recommendations.
Seconded: John Knapton seconded this motion.
Discussion:
Vote: All in favor, motion carries, **approved.**
- h. 26-21 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge installation
No Action Taken; 26-21 Permit Withdrawn
- i. 26-22 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge installation
No Action Taken; 26-22 Permit Withdrawn
- j. 26-23 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge installation
No Action Taken; 26-23 Permit Withdrawn
- k. 26-24 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge installation
No Action Taken; 26-24 Permit Withdrawn
- l. 26-25 UN Drainage Yellow Mule Creek (Houser; Jones)
Notes: Bridge installation
No Action Taken; 26-25 Permit Withdrawn
- m. 26-26 East Fork Cherry Creek (Trout Unlimited; Turner Enterprises)
Notes: Installation of Beaver Dam Analogs and Post Assisted Log Structures – Clarification on approved permit 26-26
No Action Taken
- n. 26-29 Madison River (Cuatros Reyes, LLC)
Notes: Rebuild Existing Channel Blocking Structure
Approved
Motion: Brett Owens motioned to approve permit 26-29 as presented.
Seconded: Rachel Endecott seconded this motion.
Discussion:
Vote: All in favor, motion carries, **approved.**

- n. 26-30 Ennis Lake (Cooper)
 - Notes: Dock and Boat Lift Installation
 - Approved
 - Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve permit 26-30 with team recommendations with clarification from Briana Schultz to keep steps away from spring flow
 - Seconded: John Knapton seconded this motion.
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.
 - Monthly time spent on 310's; 14 hours (Staff), 6 hours (Supervisors)
 - Completed or Ongoing Projects Field Visits Update, and expiring permits. 1 Work Completion(s) received.
- 5. **Staff/Project Report: (See attached report)**
- 6. **Supervisors Report:**
 - a. Rachel Endecott mentioned having regular staff meetings with Maia Schweikert and Tori Gallagher to assess progress on projects and district and staff needs.
 - b. Kate Roberts discussed the potential need for a permit for Luke Clark with Titan Inc. pertaining to cleaning a pond on Jeffers property on January 25th. The conclusion was that this was not-jurisdictional and no permit would be needed for the work implemented.
- 7. **NRCS Report:**
- 8. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Mike Middlebrook attended the meeting to express his concern of potential contamination in Fletcher Channel due to the discharge process of the Ennis Wastewater Treatment Facility. Concerns raised included harm to wildlife, water quality, and pollution present.
- 9. **Old Business and Reports:**
 - a. Financial Management
 - b. USGS Cameron Gage
 - Notes: Discussion of funding 5 years of streamflow monitoring for USGS Cameron Gage
 - No Action Taken
- 10. **New Business:**
 - a. FY27 Budget
 - Notes:
 - Approved w/ Modifications
 - Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve the FY27 Budget with modifications of reallocating funds into the newly created cost-share programs and the existing MCD vehicle fund. A total of \$18,000 was split, with \$6,500 allocated to the well-educated cost-share fund, \$6,500 allocated to the native seed mix cost-share fund, and \$5,000 allocated to the vehicle fund.
 - Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion.
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved w/ modifications.
- 11. **Financial-INA Accounting:**
 - a. Financial Report
 - Notes:
 - Approved
 - Motion: Kate Roberts motioned to approved the Financial Report as presented.
 - Seconded: Rachel Endecott seconded this motion.
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.
 - b. Funds Transfer Savings to Checking
 - Notes:
 - Approved
 - Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve the transfer of \$24,500 from Savings to Checking.
 - Seconded: Kate Roberts seconded this motion.
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.
 - c. Funds Transfer to Debit
 - Notes:
 - Approved
 - Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve the transfer of \$2,200 from Savings to Debit.

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Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion.

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.

d. Funds Transfer from County Account to MVB Account

Notes:

Approved

Motion: Rachel Endecott motioned to approve moving \$50,000 from County Account to MVB Account

Seconded: Brett Owens seconded this motion.

Discussion:

Vote: All in favor, motion carries, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM by: Kate Roberts; Chair date: June 16, 2026

Approved by:  date: 7/22/24