



Madison Conservation District

Local Common-Sense Conservation

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Agenda

Regular Monthly Board Meeting **7:00 PM ** July 18, 2023

Madison Valley Public Library – Montana Room

1. **Call meeting to order/Roll Call/Meeting Procedures**
2. **Review minutes from previous meetings:**
 - a. May 16th, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes Revised
Notes: Original minutes were missing the motion and vote for Moore Creek Restoration Project.
 - b. June 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes
3. **Financial-INA Accounting:**
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Funds Transfer Savings to Checking
 - c. Funds Transfer to Debit
4. **Staff/Project Report:** (See attached report)
 - a. Madison Stream Team Boots & Waders
 - b. Rent Increase to \$475 from \$455
Notes: no need for Approval for increase as we budgeted up to \$600 per month in 23-24 Budget.
5. **Supervisors Report**
6. **NRCS Report:**
7. **Public Comment:**
8. **Business-310:**

Permits this month –

 - a. **23-20E N Meadow Creek (Owens)**
Notes: Emergency permit to clear trees and debris in the creek that was causing creek to flood alfalfa fields and flooding crops.
 - b. **23-21E N Meadow Creek (Owens)**
Notes: Emergency permit for blockage on Hamilton property that is diverting creek out of its channel and flooding crops/eroding road.
 - c. **23-23 Madison River Storey Ditch (MRF)**
Notes: Habitat enhancement, bank revegetation, riparian planting
 - d. **23-24 O'Dell Creek (Granger Ranches)**
Notes: Bridge replacement
Existing bridge will be removed intact. New stringers layed from bank to bank (approximately 35 ft). A deck will be built on new stringers.
 - e. **23-25 Cedar Creek (CCR Connolly)**
Notes: Bridge replacement
The existing concrete abutment that is falling into the stream will be removed from the channel. We will dig a trench for the abutment 20' farther into the bank to increase the span width from 30' to 50'. The old abutment will be bedded in and a ~50'x10' rail car deck will be placed on top of this and the remaining river-right abutment. If the old river-left abutment is damaged when moving it, preformed concrete blocks will be used to reconstruct the river-left abutment.
Monthly time spent on 310's; hours __ (Colin) __ (Supervisors) __ (Rebecca)
Completed or Ongoing Projects Field Visits Update, and expiring permits.
9. **Old Business and Reports:**
 - None
10. **New Business:**
 - a. Montana Drought Management Plan
Notes: The Governor's Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee (Drought Committee), a multi-agency group coordinated by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), is seeking public comments on the draft Montana Drought Management Plan (Plan). Comments due before August 4, 2023. Copy in the July Meeting Materials. Must use Public Comment Form: <https://www.mtdroughtinfo.org/pages/public-comments>

b. Google Drive 2022 Meeting Materials

Notes: Removal of all Meeting materials from 2022 to preserve space in Google Drive. With possible exception of *Correspondence* for any given month all other files are in the Dropbox account prior to being copied to Google Drive.
Approved/Modified/Tabled

- Motion:
- Seconded:
- Discussion:
- VOTE:

c. 310 Moore Creek Conflict

Notes: There is a potential conflict of interest with permitting the 3 hardened water gaps on the Goggins property as part of the Moore Creek Restoration Project that the MCD is facilitating and partially funding. There are two options: 1) MCD can be the applicant, which will kick the permitting responsibility to FWP as a 124 permit, or 2) the MCD could transfer responsibility of issuing the permit to Ruby Valley Conservation District (RVCD) or Gallatin Conservation District (GCD). Option 2 would require approval by the board of one of the two other neighboring conservation districts and, potentially, could require the MCD to pay RVCD travel expenses or GCD travel expenses and contracted permitting services by Respec.

d. Moore Creek Promotional Video

Notes: Discuss proposal from River Summit Group to do promotional video to help raise funds for the Moore Creek Restoration Project.

e. Madison County Planning Board CD Representative Nomination

Notes: Discuss and vote on the MCD nomination of Jon Malovich, Executive Director of the Madison River Foundation, to the Board of Commissioners as CD Representative on the Madison County Planning Board for a 2-year term.

11. Correspondence:

See also Yellow Folder of Monthly Packet with paper copies of incoming items for your information
All other pertinent correspondence coming in via email are in the Google Drive Monthly Materials

12. Upcoming Dates:

Madison County Planning Board Meeting: July 31, 2023, at 6PM in Virginia City, MT

MCD Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, **August 15, 2023, (7 pm)** Madison Valley Public Library

State Employee Training for CD staff, Fort Peck, August 27-29

Lower Madison River Cleanup, August 19

Madison Stream Team Tributary Blitz, August 23, 2023

Fly Fishing & Outdoor Festival, August 26-27

Watershed Speaker Series at the Madison Valley Library

Restoration Projects on the Madison, Tom Parker, August 10, 2023, 6-7pm

Salmon Flies, Lindsey Albertson, August 23, 2023, 6-7pm

Discussion Panel, September 13, 2023, 6-7:30pm

Wildlife Speaker Series:

Grizzly Bears, July 20, 5:30 pm, Jacksons Garden, Sheridan, MT;

White Tail Deer, July 27, 6pm, Dillon, MT;

Montana Raptors August 9, 5:30 pm Ruby Habitat Foundation Visitors Center, Sheridan, MT

Mountain Goats w/Julie Cunningham (FWP) August 16, 5:30pm Madison Theatre, Ennis, MT Sponsored by MCD