



LEWIS & CLARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting Minutes
Augusta Youth Center
May 9, 2019
1pm**

Call to order – the meeting was called to order. In attendance were Stan Jeff Ryan, Stan Frsier, Sarah Howe-Cobb, Ron Ingersoll, and Jeanette Nordahl. Also in attendance were David Martin and Chris Evans.

Motion by Ingersoll to approve minutes as sent, second by Howe-Cobb; motion carried.
Motion by to Ingersoll to approve the financial statement and pay all the bills, second by Nordahl; motion carried.

Correspondence

Thank you note from Montana Biological
RCAC presenter's schedule
Statewide administrators training
Rachel Frost's going away party
Insurance info

Public Comment-There was none.

Reports

NRCS – Evans let the board know that the office has been busy working with the new MFC planning, and working on contracts.

SRWG – Tracy Wendt talked about the Sun River Watershed Group – Tracy thanked the board for the support of the group and the 25th anniversary event. She brought the CD's 4 tickets as a thank you for their sponsorship. More tickets are available on Eventbrite.com. Tracy gave a quick update on the long-range planning meetings that the 3 conservation districts, NRCS and other stakeholders have been having. Karen Boyd gave a presentation on channel migration zones and mapping at the last meeting. It could identify some potential hazard zones for future events as well as show where the river has been and how it has changed over time. When she does these projects, Karen also goes out to the community to talk to landowners about their thoughts and goals for the river. At the water quality meeting, DEQ said they would do a stop on the river tour portion of the event tour in August. Dave interjected that the timing of the CMZ and the SRWG work plan and everything else that's going on is really good. There may be some potential for a 3 CD meeting to discuss continuity of direction on 310 projects on the Sun River. They have a baseball game coming up that they will be benefiting from. They also just got a capacity grant for the group for website rebuild and creating some foundational organization documents.

Tracy also said she'll be going out on the Great Falls Schools weed pull on the Sun River. Tracy will get us some photos for the newsletter.

MRCDC—Ryan said that they are interviewing for a new coordinator. They had 4 applicants and will be making their selection soon.

WQPD/ LHWG—Long range planning meeting is on-going. The mission of the WQPD statutorily is to look at water quality. The group decided that water quantity was essential to water quality. Jennifer McBroom was at the Stream Restoration Committee meeting to talk about how burdensome the floodplain permitting is for stream projects.

Supervisor Reports

Jeff cut some willow out by Fort Harrison and they sprigged on the new stretch of Sevenmile Creek.

The Baxendale fire hall (auxiliary) is in, they have been doing some blasting for the new water line in the Highway 12 West area. Stan will be gone the June and July meetings.

Dave Martin said he has 2 or 3 Rolling Rivers things coming up.

New Business

2019 Local work group meeting-probably July, after the regular board meeting.

FS project on Beaver Creek-grant sponsorship

Social media archiving

Permissive Mill levy-Evans will set a hearing for a day in June.

Mark Young's section of Elk Creek-Confluence Consulting is planning a field visit to make some recommendations to the board on moving forward with a permit from Youngs.

Supervisor Manual-Tablets instead of hard copies? Evans will check with other CD's to see about tablet usage.

MACD—no further information from them. Dave's opinion is we need to get the money off the table for discussion. We as a CD are still pretty far from seeing progress. There's still a concern about who is working for who.

310 Permit Applications

Fechter request for amendment—extend for one year, with a follow-up inspection at the end of the 2020 irrigation season

EME-30-18 Lee-tabled pending more information

LC-41-18 Beck-Tabled pending onsite with Jeff Ryan

CP-01-19 Reeves-Withdrawn

EME-01-19 Melaney-Tabled pending access due to high water

EME-02-19 Ingersoll-tabled pending access due to high water

LC-09-19 Perry-nothing from ACOE or BOR yet.

LC-18-19 YPL-pending inspection

LC-19-19 Greely-pending inspection

LC-20-19 Vision Net—motion to approve, Howe-Cobb, second Ingersoll

LC-21-19 Weaver-pending inspection

Calendar of upcoming events

May 9-1 pm Augusta Board meeting

May 9-6-8 pm Public Planning Meeting Augusta

May 16-6-8 pm Public Planning Meeting East Valley Fire Hall

May 17-Flood Awareness Day, East Valley Middle School

May 23-6-8 pm Public Planning Meeting Lincoln
June 12-NACD member listening session for Norther Plains Region
June 13-8:30 am Board meeting Dearborn Community Center
July 1 All budgets due to the county. Public hearing is required to renew Permissive Levy
July 6-Montana River Rendezvous-Fort Peck
July 25-28 Montana Youth Range Camp-Gallatin CD
August 24-25th Anniversary Celebration of SRWG-tour (free) and BBQ Dinner Sun Canyon Lodge (\$20)
September 4-5 Montana Range Tour-Harlowton hosted by Upper Musselshell & Yellowstone CDs

Announcements

Next meeting – June 13, 2019 Dearborn Community Center 8:30 am

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.

APPROVED

Presiding Officer _____ Date _____

Recorder _____ Date _____