



Lewis and Clark Conservation District

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Special Meeting February 22, 2023 1 pm USDA Service Center, Helena MT

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Ryan at 1:05 pm. In attendance in the room were Karl Christians, John Baucus and Chris Evans. On Zoom were Jeanette Nordahl, Jeff Ryan, Sarah Howe-Cobb, Steph Criswell, and Molly Masters.

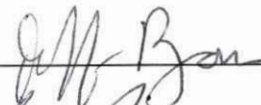
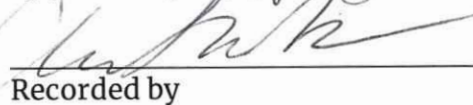
There was discussion about the survey, our prioritization of financial needs, and the use of the strategic plan and local work group to identify projects.

On the Personnel topic, the limitations of the NRCS space was identified as an issue. We could get creative, doubling up on desks with extra personnel working remotely and scheduling time to be in the office as available. There was also discussion about the potential need for cell phones for employees. Ultimately when we move out of the building, the phone issue will come up anyway. Molly Masters said that she has an app on her personal phone that MRCDC pays for that has a 2nd phone number.

Overall, the edits for the survey that were made were approved, with a few changes.

Jeff Ryan had done a bit of ground work on building expenses that he provided. This is assuming that the CD gets the use agreement for the North Valley property. John Baucus would like to look at having a building contractor come in and do an estimate on the potential renovation of the old house on the property. We would need to get permission from Beth Barry/Ray Vulk to do that. Jeff Ryan said that there's a supervisor on the Yellowstone board who is working on a similar project for Yellowstone CD, who might be able to assist us at some point. There was conversation about the need for media materials for fundraising purposes. Jeff Ryan thought a High Tunnel might be something to add to the list for that property.

Evans will get the survey into DNRC before the deadline.

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