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**BROADWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2020
6:00 PM
USDA Service Center Conference Room**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Rick Van Dyken, Darrell Baum, Greg Field, Kelly Ingalls, Gary Flynn

SUPERVISORS ABSENT: None

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Jim Beck, Dallas Diehl, Daniel Davis

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS ABSENT: Toby Dundas

ADVISORS TO THE BOARD PRESENT: Ron Spoon (FWP), Justin Meissner (NRCS); Cory Swanson (County Attorney); Denise Thompson (BCD Program Coordinator)

GUESTS: none

I. Chairman Rick Van Dyken called to order the regular meeting of the Broadwater Conservation District at 6:17 p.m.

II. AGENCY REPORTS

- a) **Planning Board** (*Herb Argabright*) – Absent. No new update.
- b) **MRCDC** (*Jim Beck*) – Casey Gallagher is resigning as coordinator for MRCDC in April due to health issues. There are several candidates that have submitted a resume for the position. Dallas Diehl has expressed interest in becoming a MRCDC representative so Jim has been conditioning him for the spot. Jim will be attending the quarterly meeting on the 5th in Lewistown.
Measurements- Jim is working on a measuring device installation on Clopton Lane. He plans to get a better start on measurements this spring.
- c) **FW&P** (*Ron Spoon*) – No new update.
- d) **NRCS** (*Justin Meissner*) – Justin handed out the approved MOA between NRCS and CD's with a description of work from Laurie Zeller to the board. Justin noted the changes from the previous MOA in red (See attachment A). Justin also went over the civil rights review with the board. He passed around a document for signature (See Attachment B). Justin has returned from his detail in Glasgow. They have 1.6 million in brush management contracts that are ready to go. Applications will be coming out in the first of March. Ryan has accepted a job in Watertown, South Dakota. His starting date will be April 27th. Justin will be advertising for the job once it is vacated.
- e) **Helena National Forest/Townsend Ranger District** (*Mike Welker*) – Absent. Mike provided an email to the board with a few updates. See Attachment C)
- f) **MSU Extension Office** (*Allison Kosto*) – Absent. The Extension office is moving again within the next month or two into the old Opportunity Bank building. Master Gardener Level 1 this spring is scheduled to start March 2nd. Allison is still accepting sign-ups for the class if anyone is interested.
- g) **Weed Coordinator** (*Jessica Bushnell*) – Absent. No Report.
- h) **Broadwater County Commissioner Representative** (*Darrel Folkvord*) – Absent. No Report.
- i) **DES Coordinator/Floodplain Coordinator** (*Mike Koehnke/Shawn Higley*) – Absent. No Report.
- j) **County Attorney** (*Cory Swanson*) – See section IV. 310 Business; BW-6-15.
- k) **MACD/NACD/DNRC/SWCDM/MACDEO & Other State and Federal Agencies** – No report.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS: Jason Noyes would like to host an informational table at the Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner with Townsend School Bonds information. The board is concerned about allowing informational tables that have political agendas. They decided that it is best to not allow Jason Noyes to host the school bonds informational table at the dinner but encourage him to have conversations with attendees about the matter.

IV. 310 BUSINESS

- a) **Open Applications**
 - BW-6-15 – Tracy Fortner, Montana Gulch – reclaiming mine tailings – **Cory discussed the brief that was filed with the court. Fortner's attorney also filed their brief. It was discussed that McCullough's report shows that the stream gains GPM throughout the stream to the bottom of the stream and that human mining activity has transformed the stream from it's original state. The board asked about the hearings officer's conclusion. Cory explained that there is no obligation for the board to move forward with the hearings officer conclusion.**
 - BW-2-18 – Fox Benton, Deep Creek – Bank Stabilization/Alteration – **(Expired December 2019) No February Report.**
 - BW-4-18 – Wyatt Gibbs, Jefferson River – **(Expired November 8, 2019) No February Report.**
 - BW-5-18 – Dave Smith, Jefferson River – road construction – **(Expired November 8, 2019) No February Report.**
 - BW-16-18 – Tony and Shannon Woodward, Duck Creek – bridge/culvert construction and improvement – **(Expires September 11, 2020) No February Report.**

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- BW-22-18 – Chuck Hahn, Beaver Creek – irrigation – **No February Report.**
- BW-23-18 – Chuck Hahn, Deep Creek – **No February Report.**
- BW-25-18 – Doug Bing, Jefferson River – **(Expires March 11, 2020) No February Report.**
- BW-27-18 – John Baker, Cabin Gulch – recreational mining – **No February Report.**
- BW-28-18 – Ron Schock, North Fork – irrigation structure – **No February Report.**

b) 2019 Applications

- BW-1-19 – Richard Lyon, Duck Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No February Report.**
- BW-2-19 – Tim Peterson, Beaver Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No February Report.**
- BW-4-19 – Robert Boswell, Duck Creek – irrigation structure – **No February Report.**
- BW-5-19 – Randy Robertson, Beaver Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No February Report.**
- BW-6-19 – Hilliard Thornton, Jefferson River – bank stabilization/alteration – **No February Report.**
- BW-7-19 – Dennis Hayes, Johnny's Gulch – recreational mining – **No February Report.**
- BW-10-19 – Steve Davis, Whites Gulch – recreational mining – **No February Report.**
- BW-11-19 – Brandon Flynn, Greyson Creek – bridge/culvert installation – **No February Report.**
- BW-12-19 – Tyson O'Connell, Un-named – pond – **No February Report.**
- BW-14-19 – Leisa McArthur, Deep Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No February Report.**
- BW-16-19 – James & Teresa Conner, Deep Creek – irrigation structure/debris removal – **No February Report.**
- BW-17-19 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (Eli Kliewer), Crow Creek – utilities – **No February Report.**
- BW-18-19 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (Eli Kliewer), Warm Springs Creek – utilities – **No February Report.**
- BW-19-19 – Sam Antonick, Deep Creek – irrigation structure – **No February Report.**

c) 2020 Applications

- BW-1-20 – Doug Bing, Jefferson River – bank stabilization/flood protection – **The board discussed Mr. Bing's application. Darrell Baum made a motion to extend the decision on BW-1-20 until the March meeting to gather more information. Kelly Ingalls seconded. Motion passed.**

d) Other 310 Business:

- (PENDING) Graymont, Indian Creek – **No February Report.**
- 310 Rule Change Specific to Montana Gulch and Findings of Fact on Declaratory Ruling for Montana Gulch – **No February Report.**

e) Emergency Applications: N/A

f) Complaint Notices: N/A

V. DISTRICT BUSINESS

- a) **Minutes Approval:** The January public hearing and regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected, following a motion by Gary Flynn and a second by Darrell Baum. **Motion Passed.**

b) Financial Business

1. **Financial Report Approval:** January financial reports stand approved.
2. **Bills Pending Approval:** Board approved to pay the remaining February bills pending, following a motion by Greg Field and a second by Kelly Ingalls. **Passed.**
3. **Payroll Approval:** January payroll stands approved.
4. **Other Financial Business:**
 - **County Mill Levy/Permissive Mill Levy** – No February update.
 - **Employees/Budget** – No February update.
 - **Fire money & CD's** – Two of the CD's have a maturity date coming up in March. Kelly Ingalls discussed CD interest rates through D.A. Davidson with the board. Although the board would like to stay local, rates at D.A. Davidson are significantly higher. **Darrell Baum made a motion to transfer both CD's to D.A. Davidson; one CD at a 6 month rate and the other at a 1 year rate. Kelly Ingalls seconded. Motion passed.**
 - **MACD Dues** – Kelly Ingalls made a motion to pay the 2020 MACD dues of \$929.90 following a second by Gary Flynn. **Motion passed.**

c) On-Going Business:

1. Misc. Projects/Grants Updates

- **NRCS Technical Assistance Grant** – No February update.
 - **RMEF Grant (Forest Service)** – No February update.
 - **Crow Creek Watershed DNRC Grant** – No February update.
 - **2020 River Rendezvous** – Jim Beck and Katie Mumford had a teleconference with the MR CDC Coordinator, Casey Gallagher. The event will be held in the Gallatin area, but both Jim and Katie will help with the planning. Casey will be updating the Gallatin CD board on efforts next week, Katie plans to attend this meeting as well announcing her support.
 - **Project Coordinator Updates:**
 - Wyse Acres Garden – No February update.
- #### 2. Deep Creek Updates
- **Deep Creek Watershed Restoration Project/Grant Update:**
 - Monitoring: No February update.
 - FEMA: No February update.
 - Reach 8: No February update.

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- 319 Grant: No February update.
- **Deep Creek General Updates:** No Report.
- 3. **Big Springs RRGL #1 and #2 Update** – Denise held a meeting with Big Springs users and DNRC last week. Big Springs users have decided to withdraw their application and terminate the grant due to some outstanding circumstances. Denise drafted up a letter explaining these circumstances which was reviewed by Big Springs Users (See Attachment D). DNRC program manager, Linsey Volpe, assured Denise that this will not reflect negatively on the district, and no monies were held from other programs.
- 4. **Memorandum of Agreement-** See II. Agency Reports; (d) NRCS- Justin Meissner’s report for more information.
- 5. **Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner Discussion-** Katie updated the board on this year’s theme: “The Future is Bright for Ag”. Currently we have secured a littler over \$7,000 in sponsors. The board gave Katie permission to continue using the debit card for decorations and supplies at her discretion.
- 6. **Personnel Policy** – No February update.
- 7. **6th Grade Conservation Day** – The date has been set for May 13th.
- 8. **2020 Elections** – Katie reminded the board members to get their oath of office forms signed. Gary informed the board that he does not plan on running again next year. The board asked if Dallas Diehl or Daniel Davis would be interested in taking Gary’s place. Dallas Diehl said he would be interested. The board agreed. Dallas was given the oath of office form to be signed and turned in to the court house.
- 9. **MACD Reorganization Survey** – Katie sent in the comments of the board and sent all board members an email from Chuck that had responses to those answers.
- 10. **Pledge and Flag Stand** – Katie found flags and stands that run anywhere from \$50-\$100. The board asked that before purchasing the flag and stand to ensure both were made in America.
- d) **Event Reports:** No event reports.
- e) **New Business:**
 1. **Milk River Watershed Alliance** – Katie shared the St. Mary’s Diversion Video with the board. The video can be found on the Milk River Watershed Alliance website.

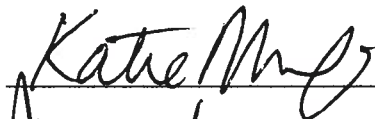
VI. OTHER BUSINESS

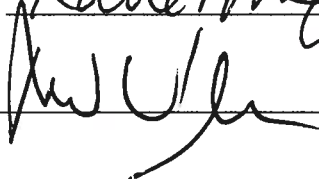
- a) **Miscellaneous Reading Material Folder and Correspondences:**
- b) **On-Going Business:**
- c) **Other New Business:**
 1. Katie will be speaking at the Community Connections Event in Broadwater County on behalf of the Broadwater CD. Katie has been asked to present the BCD mission statement, and briefly describe the resources, and services that the CD has available to the community.
 2. There will be a supervisor and 310 training held in Helena on April 16th.
- d) **Natural Resource and Legislative News:** No update.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS: (noted on the agenda)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:24p.m., following a motion by Darrell Baum and a second by Greg Field.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 24, 2020 at the USDA Service Center.

Minutes submitted by:  Administrator

Minutes approved by:  Chairman