

**BROADWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 18, 2020

7:00 PM

Teleconference Phone Line

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

SUPERVISORS ABSENT: Greg Field

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Jim Beck, Dallas Diehl, Herb Argabright

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS ABSENT: Daniel Davis

ADVISORS TO THE BOARD PRESENT: Ron Spoon (FWP), Justin Meissner (NRCS), Laurie Zeller (DNRC)

GUESTS: None

I. Chairman Rick Van Dyken called to order the regular meeting of the Broadwater Conservation District at 7:01 p.m.

II. AGENCY REPORTS

- a) **Planning Board** (*Herb Argabright*) – A minor five lot subdivision near the Silos on Cactus Lane was reviewed. It consists of a 20-acre lot split into two five-acre and a three-acre lot. The Horse Creek Hills subdivision has submitted and is currently under review with the county. Herb encouraged anyone who has comments or concerns to talk the county as soon as possible. The Copper Springs Subdivision was also briefly discussed. Herb did not hear any more news on this but Jim Beck did attend a meeting that was open to the public. Jim said that the District's concerns were voiced along with several other concerns from the public. There will be more public meetings in the future.
- b) **MRCDC** (*Jim Beck*) – Jim reported on the countywide streamflows. They are trending downward and he suspects that they will continue to trend downward with the recent weather.
- c) **FW&P** (*Ron Spoon*) – Ron reiterated that streamflow in Deep Creek was dropping off. Ron estimated about 2-3 CFS at the mouth of Deep Creek, which is low. Ron then made a few phone calls to water users and the water commissioner. The spill ditch off Deep Creek was shut off which in turn shut off junior water users.
- d) **NRCS** (*Justin Meissner*) – Justin reported that the conifer encroachment contracts have been filed and are waiting on approval. NRCS is continuing to finish up their 2020 EQuip obligations. Keri was able to secure extra money this year with a total cost near 1.8 million. Four CSP applications were turned in but none were accepted for funding. Justin has been working with personnel in both Jefferson and Lewis and Clark counties to put together a Joint Chiefs proposal similar to the Capitol 360 project that will cover the majority of the elkhorns. Big Springs Ditch is interested in proceeding in their project for lining the canal and utilizing the Broadwater Missouri to carry water further north. The USDA Service Center is still in Phase II for COVID-19 and Justin suspects it will stay in this phase for the near future.
- e) **Helena National Forest/Townsend Ranger District** (*Mike Welker*) – Absent. No report.
- f) **MSU Extension Office** (*Allison Kosto*) – Absent. Allison provided an update via email. **See attachment A.**
- 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*) – Absent. No report.
- k) **MACD/NACD/DNRC/SWCDM/MACDEO & Other State and Federal Agencies** – Laurie Zeller reported on behalf of DNRC. The Area Meetings will all be virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Convention will also be held virtual. MACD hired a new executive director. DNRC started a monthly webinar series that will focus on CD Management topics for district employees and supervisors.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS: None.

IV. 310 BUSINESS

- a) **Open Applications**
 - BW-6-15 – Tracy Fortner, Montana Gulch – reclaiming mine tailings – **Laurie gave an update on the next steps of the declaratory ruling process. Mr. Fortner appealed his case to the Montana Supreme Court. The district is waiting to hear back from the Supreme Court.**

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- BW-16-18 – Tony and Shannon Woodward, Duck Creek – bridge/culvert construction and improvement – **No August Report.**
- BW-22-18 – Chuck Hahn, Beaver Creek – irrigation – **No August Report.**
- BW-23-18 – Chuck Hahn, Deep Creek – **No August Report.**
- BW-27-18 – John Baker, Cabin Gulch – recreational mining – **No August Report.**
- BW-28-18 – Ron Schock, North Fork – irrigation structure – **No August Report.**
- BW-1-19 – Richard Lyon, Duck Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No August Report.**
- BW-2-19 – Tim Peterson, Beaver Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No August Report.**
- BW-4-19 – Robert Boswell, Duck Creek – irrigation structure – **No August Report.**
- BW-5-19 – Randy Robertson, Beaver Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No August Report.**
- BW-7-19 – Dennis Hayes, Johnny’s Gulch – recreational mining – **No August Report.**
- BW-11-19 – Brandon Flynn, Greyson Creek – bridge/culvert installation – **No August Report.**
- BW-12-19 – Tyson O’Connell, Un-named – pond – **No August Report.**
- BW-14-19 – Leisa McArthur, Deep Creek – bank stabilization/alteration – **No August Report.**
- BW-16-19 – James & Teresa Conner, Deep Creek – irrigation structure/debris removal – **No August Report.**
- BW-17-19 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (Eli Kliewer), Crow Creek – utilities – **No August Report.**
- BW-18-19 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company (Eli Kliewer), Warm Springs Creek – utilities – **No August Report.**
- BW-19-19 – Sam Antonick, Deep Creek – irrigation structure – **No August Report.**
- BW-20-19 – Herb Argabright, Missouri River – bank stabilization – **No August Report.**

b) **2020 Applications**

- BW-1-20 – Doug Bing, Jefferson River – bank stabilization/flood protection- **No August Report.**
- BW-2-20 – Leonard Lambott, Warm Springs Creek – Channel Alteration- **No August Report.**
- BW-4-20 – Steve Davis, White’s Gulch – recreational mining- **No August Report.**
- BW-6-20 – Don Hettinger, Confederate Creek – After the Fact Permit – Diversion Dam – **No August Report.**
- BW-7-20 – Graymont, Indian Creek – Improvement of existing structure/construction access/debris removal – **No August Report.**
- BW-8-20 – Broadwater Missouri Water Users Association, Deep Creek – Bank stabilization/alteration – **No August Report.**
- BW-9-20 – Leroy Lee, Missouri River – Boat ramp – **The Board reviewed photos submitted by Mr. Lee and was satisfied with the permit work. PERMIT CLOSED.**

c) **Other 310 Business:**

- BW-10-20 – Gary P. Grover, Avalanche Creek – recreational mining – **Katie continues to try and get in touch with Mr. Grover.**

d) **Emergency Applications:**

1. BW-E1-20 – Dallas Diehl, Dry Creek – Irrigation Structure – Dallas updated the board on his emergency permit and explained his actions taken. Gary Flynn was able to visit the project site and advise Dallas on these actions taken. **Gary Flynn made a motion to approve emergency permit BW-E1-20. Kelly Ingalls Seconded. Motion passed.**

e) **Complaint Notices: N/A**

V. DISTRICT BUSINESS

- a) **Minutes Approval:** **The June 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected, following a motion by Darrell Baum and a second by Gary Flynn. Motion Passed. The July 27, 2020 Special Financial Meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Darrell Baum and a second by Gary Flynn. Motion Passed.**

b) **Financial Business**

1. **Financial Report Approval:** The July financial report stand approved.
2. **Bills Pending Approval:** **The Board approved the August bills pending including the Hebgen Lake Mileage for \$354.96 following a motion by Darrell Baum and a second by Gary Flynn. Motion Passed.**
3. **Payroll Approval:** July payroll stands approved.
4. **Other Financial Business:**
 - **Employees/Budget** – Katie reported that the Conservation District is officially enrolled in the Montana Public Employees Retirement System (MT PERS) and has been reporting the district’s contributions since July 1st.
 - **Permissive Mill Levy** – No August Report.

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- **Supervisor Per-Diem** – Katie still needs signatures from board members and advisors so they can receive their checks.

c) On-Going Business:

1. Misc. Projects/Grants Updates

- **NRCS Technical Assistance Grant** – The district was approved for a NACD 2021 Grant in the amount of \$6,928 to help pay for Katie’s time assisting NRCS, flow monitoring, and drought reporting.
- **RMEF Grant (Forest Service)** – No August Report.
- **Crow Creek Watershed DNRC Grant** – No August Report.
- **Ranching for Rivers Grant** – This grant did not exactly fit the project criteria, so Katie decided to move forward with a 223 grant for Beaver Creek instead.
- **223 Grants** – No August Report.
- **Project Coordinator Updates:**
 - Wyse Acres Garden – No August Report.

2. Deep Creek Updates

- **Deep Creek Watershed Restoration Project/Grant Update:**
 - Monitoring: No August Report.
 - FEMA: No August Report.
- Reach 8: No August Report.
- 319 Grant: No August Report.
- **Deep Creek General Updates:** See Jim and Ron’s report (Agency Reports b. MRCD and c. FW&P)
- 3. Memorandum of Agreement-** No August Report.
- 4. Personnel Policy** – No August Report.
- 5. Pledge and Flag Stand** – No August Report.
- 6. Coronavirus effects and updates on BCD operations-** See Justin’s report (Agency Reports d. NRCS)

d) Event Reports: No event reports.

e) New Business:

- 1. **None.**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Miscellaneous Reading Material Folder and Correspondences:
- b) **On-Going Business:**
- c) **Other New Business:**
- d) **Natural Resource and Legislative News:** No update.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS: (noted on the agenda)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m., following a motion by Darrell Baum and a second by Kelly Ingalls. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020.

Minutes submitted by: Katie Meyer Administrator

Minutes approved by: Mo Ufer Chairman

ATTACHMENT A

Mumford, Katie - FPAC-NRCS, Townsend, MT

From: Kosto, Allison <allison.kosto@montana.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Mumford, Katie - FPAC-NRCS, Townsend, MT
Subject: RE: AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello Katie,

Here is a quick update from the Extension Office.

We finally moved to a new location at the end of June. We are now located in the old Opportunity Bank building (416 Broadway). We just finished two major events, Backyards of Broadwater and the Fair. Fair was definitely different this year, but many of the changes we made were very positive and we are looking at ways to make them permanent! We also had a record high livestock sale, even with fewer animals. The office is are now trying to get back to "normal". I've had a few questions about Rancher Roundtables and programming this fall. I'm not currently planning anything. The COVID situation is making that challenging and additionally I'll be going on family medical leave at the end of September/early October for 10-12 weeks. So depending on what the COVID situation is later this year, I'm hoping to start doing programming again this winter. However, don't hesitate to give us a call if we can help with anything (nitrate testing, hay testing, pest ID, dying trees, anything!).

Thank you, Allison

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From: Mumford, Katie - FPAC-NRCS, Townsend, MT <Katie.Mumford@usda.gov>
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