

**BROADWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Teleconference Phone Line**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Rick Van Dyken, Darrell Baum, Greg Field, Dallas Diehl

**SUPERVISORS ABSENT:** Kelly Ingalls

**ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Jim Beck, Herb Argabright

**ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS ABSENT:** Daniel Davis

**ADVISORS TO THE BOARD PRESENT:** Ron Spoon (MT FWP), Justin Meissner (NRCS), Liv Stavick (MRCDC)

**GUESTS:** None

- I. **Chairman Darrell Baum called to order the regular meeting of the Broadwater Conservation District at 7:00 p.m.**
- II. **AGENCY REPORTS**
  - a) **Planning Board** (*Herb Argabright*) – The planning board meetings were postponed and the public hearings for the 1 lot splits are tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. The board continues to work on the subdivision regulations.
  - b) **MRCDC** (*Jim Beck, Liv Stavick*) – The MRCDC quarterly meeting was postponed until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. Jim asked that the board continue to think of who they would like to designate for the alternate and the delegate. Liv Stavick introduced herself to the board as the coordinator of MRCDC. She gave the board an update and description of the Ranching for Rivers Program and asked to contact her or MACD if anyone is interested. There is still \$50,000 available for projects. MRCDC will start planning the River Rendezvous which will be held in Gallatin County in the end of July. MRCDC has also been working with Lewis and Clark Conservation District and Cascade Conservation District on the "Naked Riverbanks Campaign". This is a new project that aims to engage with landowners who live along the banks of the Missouri River.
  - c) **FW&P** (*Ron Spoon*) – No report.
  - d) **NRCS** (*Justin Meissner*) – NRCS has submitted the EQUIP applications which includes six potential contracts for the Canyon Ferry West TIP and the Elkhorn Management Area TIP areas. The Conservation Stewardship Program currently has one accepted application in Broadwater County and five more waiting on the ranking tool before processing. The Joint Chiefs Initiative contract will also be resubmitted. The Bozeman Field Office is conducting interviews for a new soil conservationist tomorrow. The building is still under COVID restrictions and no public is allowed in the office, but they are able to meet anyone in the field. The contractors are currently masticating near Radersburg.
  - e) **Helena National Forest/Townsend Ranger District** (*Ruthie Heiying*) – Absent. No report.
  - f) **MSU Extension Office** (*Allison Kosto*) – Absent. Allison submitted a written report. She is still only parttime in the office but will be back to fulltime in March. However, the office is still open to normal business hours. She is in the process of doing a Master Gardener Level 2 class, which is an eight week class on Monday nights. She is also working on a native plants class for early April. There are a lot of online opportunities right now and if anyone is interested in these classes please let her know.
  - g) **Weed Coordinator** (*Jessica Bushnell*) – Absent. No report.
  - h) **Broadwater County Commissioner Representative** (*Darrel Folkvord*) – Absent. Darrel has been communicating with the district about the new flood studies and updated floodplain maps on the Jefferson River. Broadwater County has been working with FEMA, Montana DNRC, and neighboring counties on this endeavor. Darrel has been sending emails with updated meeting information. Jim Beck explained what the project all entails. Broadwater County has been working with partners on the mapping for the Jefferson River. They plan to resurvey and analyze the flood flows and flows further upstream. They are currently in the process of receiving public input and are planning public meetings. Katie and Jim both plan to attend the meeting for the Jefferson on March 10<sup>th</sup> and will update the board.
  - i) **DES Coordinator/Floodplain Coordinator** (*Brittney Willis/Greg West*) – Absent. No report.
  - j) **County Attorney** (*Cory Swanson*) – Absent. No report.

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- k) **MACD/NACD/DNRC/SWCDM/MACDEO & Other State and Federal Agencies** – Rick gave a report on MACD and the current legislative session. MACD testified to move the DNRC funding from Coal Severance to the Regular Fund and continues to push for MACD to get a baseline of 80,000 per district. The Merger between SWCDM and MACD went through and they hope to have everything completed by the 2021 Convention. MACD has ADHOC Committee zoom calls every week and leadership check ins with Jim Simpson, Dean Rogge, and Rebecca Boslough every Friday at 1pm. These called are open for anyone in the district to participate. Herb was notified that the Soil and Water Committee is planning to discuss and put forth resolutions from past years. Broadwater CD submitted a resolution in 2018 with assistance from Herb.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS:** None.

IV. **310 BUSINESS**

a) **Open Applications**

- BW-6-15 – Tracy Fortner, Montana Gulch – reclaiming mine tailings – **Cory is planning to work with MACD on putting together the appeal. He also plans to ask for a 30-day extension. The brief is currently due Feb. 18th, so likely March 20 will be the new due date.**
- BW-22-18 – Chuck Hahn, Beaver Creek – irrigation – **No February Report.**
- BW-23-18 – Chuck Hahn, Deep Creek – **No February Report**
- BW-27-18 – John Baker, Cabin Gulch – recreational mining – **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-7-19 – Dennis Hayes, Johnny’s 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-20-19 – Herb Argabright, Missouri River – bank stabilization – **No February Report.**

b) **2020 Applications**

- BW-2-20 – Leonard Lambott, Warm Springs Creek – Channel Alteration- **No February Report.**
- BW-4-20 – Steve Davis, White’s Gulch – recreational mining- **No February Report.**
- BW-7-20 – Graymont, Indian Creek – Improvement of existing structure/construction access/debris removal – **No February Report.**
- BW-8-20 – Broadwater Missouri Water Users Association, Deep Creek – Bank stabilization/alteration – **No February Report.**
- BW-10-20 – Gary P. Grover, Avalanche Creek – recreational mining – **No February Report.**
- BW-11-20 – Wyatt Gibbs, Jefferson River – bank stabilization – **No February Report.**
- BW-13-20 – Steven McCullough, Missouri River – Boat Ramp – **No February Report.**
- BW-14-20 – Rueben Gingerich, Missouri River – Irrigation structure/cleaning out existing headgate – **No February Report.**
- BW-15-20 – Six O Six Holding, Confederate Creek – placer mining – **The board reviewed the Agreement and Reclamation Guarantee drafted by Caitlin Overland with DNRC. The board agreed to finalize this agreement and send to the applicant.**
- BW-16-20 – Dylan Lancello, Ray Creek – debris removal on existing headgate – **No February Report.**
- BW-17-20 – Dan Spoon, Crow Creek – irrigation structure, crossing – **No February Report.**

c) **Other 310 Business:**

d) **Emergency Applications:**

- BW-E1-20 – Dallas Diehl, Dry Creek – Irrigation Structure – **No February Report.**

e) **Complaint Notices:**

- **None.**

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**V. DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- a) **Minutes Approval:** The January 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected, following a motion by Greg Field and a second by Rick Van Dyken. Motion passed.
- b) **Financial Business**
  1. **Financial Report Approval:** The board reviewed the January Financial Report. The report stands approved.
  2. **Bills Pending Approval:** The Board approved the February bills pending following a motion by Rick Van Dyken and a second by Greg Field. Motion passed.
  3. **Payroll Approval:** January payroll stands approved.
  4. **Other Financial Business:**
    - **Employees/Budget** – No February Report.
    - **Permissive Mill Levy** – No February Report.
- c) **On-Going Business:**
  1. **Misc. Projects/Grants Updates**
    - **2020 NACD Technical Assistance Grant** – No February Report.
    - **Pollinator Initiative** – No February Report.
    - **Grasshopper and Potential Control Opportunities** – No February report.
    - **223 Grants**
      - **Crow Creek District Development 223 Grant** – Katie would like to apply for an amendment on this grant. Katie and NRCS have been working with a landowner in the Crow Creek Area who is interested in conducting an experiment that would target the juniper regrowth on their property. Katie is asking that some of the funds be moved into different tasks, so we are able to reimburse the landowner for chemical purchase. This experiment will help determine the best chemical and method used for future landowner who participate in the juniper removal projects throughout the county.
      - **Deep Creek 223 Grant** – No February Report.
      - **Beaver Creek Riparian Health Improvement 223 Grant** – No February Report.
  2. **Project Coordinator Updates** - No February report.
  3. **Deep Creek Updates** – No February report.
  4. **Personnel Policy** – No February report.
  5. **Coronavirus effects and updates on BCD operations**- See II. Agency Reports; d) NRCS.
  6. **CARES act** – No February Report.
  7. **District Poll on Marijuana Tax Funding for CD's** – No February report.
  8. **US National Guard Helicopter Range** – No February report.
  9. **DNRC CARDD CDB Budget and Staffing Concerns** – No February report.
  10. **Financial Review** – No February report.
  11. **Dawn Thompson Hire** – No February report.
  12. **Contributions to the MACD Legislative Fund** – No February Report.
  13. **New Supervisor Training** – The training will be held via zoom February 17<sup>th</sup>. Katie provided the board with materials needed for the training. Dallas Diehl and Greg Field plan on listening to the recorded session.
- d) **Event Reports:**
- e) **New Business:**
  1. **Dallas Diehl Signature Authorization** – The board will need to provide the January minutes authorizing Dallas Diehl to sign checks for the Opportunity Bank account. Another current signer also needs to be present when Dallas goes in to sign. Katie will set up a time with Darrell and Dallas to get this taken care of.
  2. **Safety Deposit Box** – Katie contacted Julie Zipperman and the bank to get more information on what the best option would be for holding the bond money. There are 3 options that the board has: 1) Setting up a trust account with the applicant. 2) Open another account with Opportunity Bank to hold the money 3) Purchase a safety deposit box. The board discussed the pros and cons of each of the options. **Rick Van Dyken made a motion to open another account with Opportunity Bank and authorize Darrell Baum And Dallas Diehl as signers on the new account following a motion by Greg Field. Motion Passed.**

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- 3. **Floodplain Projects on the Jefferson** – See II. Agency Reports; h) Broadwater County Commissioner Representative.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Miscellaneous Reading Material Folder and Correspondences: None
- d) **Natural Resource and Legislative News:** None
- e) **Other New Business:** The board reviewed and discussed the combined budget and the Program Funding Budget Overview provided by MACD. **Rick Van Dyken made a motion to approve the combined budget following a motion by Greg Field. Motion Passed.**

**VII. UPCOMING EVENTS:** (noted on the agenda)

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., following a motion by Dallas Diehl and a second by Greg Field. Motion Passed. *The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 16, 2021.*

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

