

**Mineral County Conservation District- February 1st, 2023 at 6p.m.**  
**Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone**  
**Minutes**

**Mineral County Conservation District Attendees:** Jim Lommen, Chair; Layne Hansen- Vice Chair Supervisor; Tom Castles, Supervisor; Joe Hughes- Supervisor; Charlee Thompson- Supervisor- Virtual; Cathy Tsukimura, Supervisor; Joe Spangler- Supervisor, Ladd Knotek- Fish Wildlife and Parks. County Commissioner- Duane Simmons, John Bowe, NRCS

**Additional Attendees:** Mark Quinn- Project manager/ 310 Applicant; Jacob Wright; Kyle Gauthier; Andrew Hensan; Guy and Toni DeBilzan- landowner

**Absent:** Andy Short, County Planner;

**Call to Order:** 5:58 pm by Charlee.

**Minutes**

January 17, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion to Change: Date on Minutes to 2023; Joe Spangler to Absent; change Invasion to Invitation on Administration. Motion to Accept minutes by Tom C. second by Jim L. **Vote passed 7-0**

**Public Comment** - Charlee motions to open public comment to discussion- No Public Comment

**Administrative:** Paul Parsons Meeting January 2023 confirm with Charlee and Joe H- Discussion to have Paul come in to meet with Charlee and Joe H at the next meeting at 4:30PM prior to the bi-monthly meeting.

**310 Permit**

**54-41-2023-** Fuijin Investments- NEW APPLICATION Rivers Edge Pavilion Project Clark Fork River- Applicant request for vote, **Accept, Discuss and Vote.** Charlee opens to discussion- Cathay Q; For clarification- 6 inch or 5 inch steel plates curb around the decking system. A: 6” by architect. Noted to the plans. Q: reference to #6 question on 310 Application- Measuring the effect on Habitat? Are the swaddles and silt fence already installed? As noted in the revegetation plan. A: Yes, already in place due to requirements to the violation. Q: Is there a parking lot and if so, is there storm water protection during construction? A: There will be no servicing of heavy equipment on site intentionally. Q: are there an updated set of plans from July to Now? A: updates had been submitted as memorandums through the process. Joe H. Questioned: Is the trail going away and will it be revegetated, if so with what? Statement- Dogwoods won't survive where they are being planted in the Reveg plan. Recommended to use Wild Rose, pines such as Tamarac, Douglas Fir and Alders. Confirmation that stairs will be or are already removed down near the water, including the pre-existing Wood Ties. A: Yes, all will be removed and revegetated. Ladd recommendations- Match vegetation to what is upstream and downStream. Ladd reads his recommendations to the Board and attaches them to the 310 permit. Recommendations are handed to the architects. Goals- due to poor survival rate is to see it revegetated to a 50% survival rate, must irrigate during the summer months, recommended to use sprinklers on river banks. Joe H. Stated the pylons that the project is using have a very low bank erosion impact and are not intrusive. Joe Spangler suggested using the project and 310 application as a standard for future applications that come down the road. Mark Quinn apologies for the Violation. Jim states that the landowner and project manager followed the cease and desist “to the letter” and we need to have better

education in the 310 outreach. Layne requested a timelapse of photos to be taken over the next 3 years submitted to the CD board. Joe H. recommends a maintenance permit for the revelation plan so we can track progress. Mark Quinn timeline is to be finished by Aug/ Sept. 2023 estimation. Joe H. Q: when would revegetation start? We would like to see it start this growing season. Motion to accept the Application with modifications and to start immediately motion by Jim L second by Tom C. **Vote Passes 7-0**

**54-40-2022-** Guy and Toni DeBilzan- Clark Fork River- Discussion on removal- Charlee opens for discussion- Guy introduces himself and states he is here to see if the board would allow him to take out partially his deck. States that it would be a waste of time if he would be allowed to keep the higher levels of the deck system. Ladd states if we approve the partial removal that will be what everybody will want. Tom C. states the supports on the footers may not be enough support at highwater conditions. Motion to table and extend the permit process to the first meeting in March for further discussion and site inspection. Motion by Jim L. second by Layne H. **Vote Passes 7-0**

**54-43-2023- MRL-** Mike Raul- Bridge over TRout Creek. Renewal 310.- Ladd recommends to ask MRL if they are under the gun on time frame and recommends a site inspection in April or earliest March 2023.

**Business of the Board- Business of the Board** DNRC outreach Mineral LWG meeting to take place prior to the second February meeting- Changed to March timeframe, Job Review for Stephanie- Reviews were collected by each supervisor and given to Jim L to type up the review. Update Kevin Extreme - New Lawyer-Information was given to Supervisors, Appointment of supervisors terms expired -County- re-appointments were given to Layne and Cathy to fill out and have notarized.

**Financial Report- Reports** Financial report- No Change from last meeting

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Absent-**
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Present-** Recommendation to modify policy and rules for Mineral County to include decks, stairways into model rules to state expectations of landowners. Call Missoula to find out what their models are for their policy and standards. Joe H would like to see after action Reviews set as a standard.
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep- **Present** - Update and signatures acquired for the Civil Rights contract between NRCS and The Mineral County CD, required. Additional to the Board Members Responsibilities, Required.
- d. County Commissioner, -**Present**

### **310 Follow-Ups**

- 54-17-2022V: Montana Rail Link- Clark Fork Remediation- **Final Follow-Up, UPDATE- awaiting berm to be taken down, Waiting on parts for the machine to finish this project**
- 54-15-2022: Jason Nordberg- **Current; Follow-up with photos when completed additional amendment**
- 54-18-2022: Michael Keast- Clark Fork River- Maintenance on stairway, **Follow-up June 2023**
- 54-29-2022V- Gretchen Webb- Clark Fork River-**Spring 2023 follow-up**
- 54-8-2022: Arrow Construction: Steve & Julie Prater- Ready Rock retaining wall, Superior Geocode: **Current**

**ADJOURN-** 7:52 pm Motion to Adjourn by Jim L. and Seconded by Joe S. **Vote Passes 7-0**

**Next Meeting - February 21 at 6pm, NRCS Working group at TBD- Possible Mar 1, 2023 at 5pm.**