

**Mineral County Conservation District- September 7, 2022 at 1pm**  
**Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone**  
**Minutes**

**Mineral County Conservation District Attendees:** Jim Lommen, Chair; Joe Spangler Supervisor; Joe Hughes, Supervisor; Tom Castles, Supervisor; Layne Hansen-Virtual, Supervisor; Cathy Tsukimura, Supervisor-Virtual; Ladd Knotek- Fish Wildlife and Parks.

**Additional Attendees:** David Hubler- Landowner Virtual; Gretchen Webb- Landowner Virtual;

**Absent:** Charlee Thompson, Supervisor; Andy Short, County Planner; John Bowe, NRCS

**Call to Order:** 12:59pm By Jim Lommen

**Minutes**

August 7th, 2022 minutes as presented. A motion was made by Tom C. to approve the minutes with said changes “Third Page, under Business of the Board, there is a typo in the name Jim C.” Change to say Jim L. Seconded by Joe S. All in favor. **Motion Passes 6-0.**

**Public Comment - David Hubler-** Landowner- Virtual. Request made by Stephannie with landowners permission to: request permission to fix damage to the Clark Fork River bank where a violation by his neighbors action of draining a pool had caused minimal erosion to his property. Landowner stated that there was bare ground. **Discussion-** Board requested the landowner to apply for a 310 permit for reseeding and maintenance on the bank.

**Administrative-** 5th grade Outdoor School- **Discussion;** Recommendation by Stephanie to move to Earth Day in the Spring, to resource grant funding and have more time to plan, agreed on by all supervisors.

**310 Permit**

**54-28-2022-**Meenach, Phil - Remove trees from shoreline-Clark Fork- **Discussion:** No more cutting of trees, and no more trimming of shrubs on the bank of the Clark Fork River. Board requests pictures of regrowth. Motion made by Joe S. seconded by Joe H. to extend the current 310 application 45 days, no site visit on September 20th, application is pending on landowner to send photos of regrowth of vegetation and cottonwood saplings on the bank of the Clark Fork River along the whole property bank front, to include in front of his private residence.

**54-26-2022V-** Kevin Extreme-Clark Fork River- **Vote for signature.** Motion to approve Jim as representative for the board to sign the “ Order of the Mineral County Conservation District”made by Joe S. second by Jim **Vote passes 6-0**

**54-29-2022V-**Gretchen Webb- Clark Fork River- **Discussion-** Recap of inspection findings Joe H. states the the landowner was not the original builder of the road. Ladd agreed that the road was inherited. Owner stated that the intent for the road is for foot access only and is willing to rehab the lower end by adding aquatic bushes and water bars from top of the road to the bottom. Recommended by Ladd that waterbars be placed every 50 feet, and detailed recommendations were given to the landowner; The landowner is allowed to use equipment, for proper remediation. Details are recorded in the 310 permit. Use of equipment was given to the landowner and replanting of native trees. Due to the cooperation of

the landowner and the 310 application for remediation the board decision: A motion by Jim and second by Joe S. to closed out the Violation with the approved application and issue of permit with a violation fine of \$100.00 to be spent towards the remediation of the road. **Vote Passes 6-0**

**54-32-2022-** Gretchen Webb- 310 Application- **Discussion-**Application approved and permit approved, vote to start project immediately , waive the 14 day waiting period, by all board members motion by Jim, second by Joe S. **Vote Passes 6-0**

**54-30-2022V-**Josh and Melissa Nunn- Clark Fork River- **Discussion-** Board request to send letter and email to landowner requesting Applications submitted by the next meeting.Concerns of the board are; are you currently spraying weeds and removing vegetation? What is the plan or concept of the fence? Board request to move to the next meeting, Sept 20 at 6pm.

### **Business of the Board**

Scholarship payout- \$4000.00 awaiting verification from colleges that students are enrolled. DNRC tour in the West End with John Bowe dates that John are available “the 20, 21, or that last week of the month would work fine for us”. No decision by board

**Financial Report-** Same as last meeting no changes

### **Reports**

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Not Present**
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Present-** Permit along the 90 corridor for 40 dead trees to be mitigated. Mile marker 71-74
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep-**Not Present-West end dates, I'd say the 20, 21, or that last week of the month would work fine for us...we will have work on three contracts ongoing at that point, a good mix of mastication and hand thinning.**
- d. Laurie Johnston, County Commissioner- **Absent**

### **310 Follow-Ups**

54-17-2022V: Montana Rail Link- Clark Fork Remediation- **Final Follow-Up, UPDATE-awaiting berm to be taken down.**

54-20-2022V: Glenn Jones- Clark Fork- Violation Site assessment completed, New remediation 310 application 54-25-2022- **Follow-Up September 2022**

54-6-2022: Yvonne Wheeler- Nemote Creek- Reduce the beaver pond depth upstream of the dam by 10-12 inches because the water is inundating a well and raising water levels to within several inches of an electrical box. Geocode: 54-2423-22-4-01-01-0000 **Followup in October 2022**

54-8-2022: Arrow Construction: Steve & Julie Prater- Ready Rock retaining wall, Superior Geocode: **Current**

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.**

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion by Tom C., second by Joe H. @ 2:16pm, Motion Passes 6-0**