

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

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

**Additional Attendees:**

**Absent:** County Commissioner- Duane Simmons, John Bowe, NRCS

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm by Charlee.

**Minutes**

February 1, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion to Change: Business of the Board- Jim L. to Layne; Remove Appointment of Supervisors terms expired-County re-appointments were given to Layne and Cathy to fill out and have notarized. Motion to Accept minutes by Jim L. second by Tom C. **Vote passed 7-0**

**Public Comment** - Public Comment- Ladd and board members that attended the Fish Creek FWP meeting discussion. In attendance from the CD were, Jim L, Joe H., Joe S., Tom C., Stephanie Todd.

**Administrative-** Survey report 2023-Total 310 for fiscal year 34, that is and increase from 18 the previous year, discuss next meeting date- No discussion

**310 Permit**

**54-42-2023-** Guy DeBilzan- Stairway Clark Fork- Tabled for March's first meeting- tabled for March 21 meeting

**54-43-2023-** MRL-Mike Raul- Bridge over Trout Creek.-Pending site inspection-Pending

**54-4-2023-** WGM- Group- Clark Fork River-Sewer Project- Determined to hand over jurisdiction to Ladd Knotek FWP.

**Business of the Board- Business of the Board**

Job Review for Stephanie-Tabled.

Policy review Mineral County Conservation District-Discussion-Charlee T and Stephanie arranged to attend the Missoula County CD Meeting on Monday March 13th at 7pm, open to any other Supervisors to attend. Ladd's recommendations are- Think about Policy change or amendment of rules. Projects 2 main entities are stipulations and responsibilities that fall on the CD; The board should identify their issues and tailor projects to what the CD is currently facing top 4 (Vegetation Clearing, Boat Ramps, building too close to the bank, and the construction of stairways). Charlee's recommendations- Identify clearly why we deny 310's; Mindful of Authority vs Law and be specific to Mineral County CD Policy, all supervisors should be knowledgeable in the 310 law found in the second half of the supervisor handbook. We as a board need to be able to explain the process and what needs to be done to change the policy by forming a committee to look at other CD's and adopt from them what works in Mineral County. The board needs to add/fix clarification and description to all projects found in the Policy

manual (Rule 13 pg 12) Labeled Construction Standards. Agreed by Joe H.

Joe S Recommendations- We use existing projects and ones in the past as models of do's and don'ts. We need to find our bottom line and make it fit.

Joe H. Recommendations- We need to establish our 2 or more typical projects, If we change Policy we need to make sure we have a public comment agreed on by Andy S.,

Cathy T. recommendations- no negotiating.

**Financial Report- Reports** Financial report- Presented, Joe H. would like to change the process of the current financials. Trial for the next quarter to have financials to Joe H Wednesday before mid month meeting and Agenda ready for viewing Wednesday before meetings. Motion to accept financial by Jim L. seconded by Tom C. **Vote Passes 7-0**

### **Reports**

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Present**- Final submission of Plat maps have been submitted for CFMeadows(Warkant Ranch), the county is offering a 40 hour HASWOPER training for property Maint. Due to contamination. June 5-7. DEQ DeBorgia clean up partnered with DNRC Grant is currently being remediated.
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Present**- See public comment
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep- **Absent** -
- d. County Commissioner, **-Absent**

**310 Follow-Ups** - DISCUSSION- Add this spring for a Sloway retaining wall project and Delisle Site visit.

54-41-2023 Fuujin Investments- Clark Fork River-Continual follow-up thru completion 2023

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

**ADJOURN**- 7:17 pm Motion to Adjourn by Jim L. and Seconded by Tom C. **Vote Passes 7-0**

**Next Meeting** - March 21 at 6pm