

Mineral County Conservation District- March 21st, 2023 at 6p.m.
Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone
Minutes

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

Additional Attendees: Guy and Toni DeBilzan- Landowner; Slokm Burnham- Contractor; Gary Fox WGM- virtual

Absent: County Commissioner- Duane Simmons, John Bowe, NRCS; Charlee Thompson, Chair; Jim Lommen- Supervisor; Joe Spangler- Supervisor,

Call to Order: 5:57 pm by Layne H.

Minutes

March 6, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion to Accept as presented by Tom seconded by Joe H. Vote Passes 4-0:

Public Comment - Public Comment- None

Administrative- Verbal accounts were spoken by Cathy T and Stephanie of the Missoula CD meeting that we attended virtually on March 13 2023.

310 Permit

54-42-2023- Guy DeBilzan- Stairway Clark Fork- Site Visit- Discussion- Site visit was conducted by Layne H, Joe H and FWP Ladd . Report was given to the board and discussion opened by Layne H. Cathy asked “are the deck system footings below grade” Answered by Guy, landowner, “ No, they are on top of the dirt.” Layne recommends removing the lower landing and any steps of the stairway system pass the footings. Owner requests that a temporary ladder be used to access the river from the remaining structure. Permission was granted by the board. Upper deck and stairway may remain, please see photos for details. Vegetation mitigation are as follows: Seed all disturbed areas at high water mark and up, plant containerized natural shrubs. Willow and Alder can be removed at landowners location and replanted in the area where the decking and stairs are removed. Cathy verifies that the footings be re-enforced due to settling and erosion. Tom motions to accept the application with modifications, seconded by JOe H. **Vote Passes 4-0**, 15 day waiting period is waived.

54-43-2023- MRL-Mike Raul- Bridge over Trout Creek.-Site inspection- Site inspection by Layne and Joe H and Ladd. Reports submitted, further inquiry requested by the board from the project manager. Discussion to be at the next meeting.

54-4-2023- WGM-Derek Dennehy- Landowner- Doug Elmlinger- West Mountain Creek-Approve to accept- Discussion. Discussion with no decision, board needs time frame commitment and clarification. Coms were lost during discussion and tabled for the next meeting.

54-11-2021- Yvonne Wheeler- Nemote Creek-Request for 1 year extension on current 310 permit. Landowner requested by email for a 1 year extension of her current 310 permit. No Changes. Motion for extension of 54-11-2021 of 1 year by Joe H. seconded by Cathy **Vote Passes- 4-0**.

Business of the Board- Business of the Board

Job Review for Stephanie-Tabled. Policy review Mineral County Conservation District- tabled for all supervisors to discuss. Complaint review-needing vote of approval - no discussion-motion by Joe H seconded by Tom C. **Vote Passes 4-0**, Working Group Meeting April 5th NRCS- time established at 5pm, 2023 Mineral CD Scholarships- approval to send out applications to St. Regis, Alberton and Superior Schools.

Financial Report- Joe H. gave report; Joe updated the board with Paul Parsons funding was calculated on the DNRC commitment not the USFS commitment of funds to the ongoing project.

Reports

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Present-** Appoint CD representation for County Planning Meetings, 3rd Monday of the month @ 7pm, as needed.- tabled for all supervisors to be present
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Present-** Interstate drainage at stateline is starting, High levels of contaminants have been found in predatory fish in the Clark Fork, and recommends not to eat ANY fish from that Clark Fork River.
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep- **Absent -**
- d. County Commissioner, **-Absent**

310 Follow-Ups -

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

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

54-7-2021:Delisle site visit in Spring 2023

Sloway Retaining Wall site visit Spring 2023

ADJOURN- 7:25 pm Motion to Adjourn by Tom and Seconded by Cathy. **Vote Passes 4-0**

Next Meeting - April 18 at 6pm