

Beaverhead Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Call to order

Byron Martinell called to order the regular meeting of the Beaverhead Conservation District at 6:00 pm on July 21, 2022 in the NRCS office.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Byron Martinell, Carl Malesich, Tom Miller, Billiette Brooks, Jessica Fields, Zach Owen

Absent: Jerry Meine, Harris Wheat, Rich Nordquist, JS Turner, and Meg Smith

Motion to excuse absences by Billiette 2nd by Carl, Motion Carried

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve the June minutes by Billiette 2nd by Carl, motion carried.

Summary of Finances.

- *Motion to approve summary of finances for July by Billiette 2nd by Carl, motion carried*

NRCS

- Sean gave updates on NRCS projects, new funding sources, and current COVID 19 guidelines, masks are required in the office.

Range Committee

- Jess gave updates on the Labor day fair, we will have a plant ID booth at the fair on September 2, 2022.

310 Business

Beaverhead - Matt Jaeger

- BCD 2212 Double C Ranch Holdings, Winslow Creek, New Channel and Reservoir for Artic Grayling (Tabled)
- BCD 2213 Garey Avis, Beaverhead River, Car Body Removal
Site Visit Saturday August 13th 7am, Discussion was had about revegetation where the car was removed and making sure that the car is not in the water or bank restoration will need to be done.

Motion approved pending modifications and any recommendations that come from the site visit by Billiette 2nd by Carl, Motion Carried

- BCD 2214, 2215, 2216 Southern Montana Telephone, Erickson, Grasshopper, Rattlesnake Creeks, Utilities Boring
Discussion included making sure the boring is 6 feet below the creeks, there was also discussion about the distance from the bank but that was not an issue as there are several yards away when they shoot the line in.

Motion approved pending modifications by Tom 2nd by Billiette, Motion Carried

Big Hole - Jim Olsen

Beaverhead Watershed Grants

- Zach has been working on the WSA stuff, wrapping up planning for the grasshopper project, started measuring flows on the Red Rock again, submitted a proposal for funding to update our drought plan, and has been doing a lot of work on the Beaverhead BOR flow educational brochure. He got a bunch of contracts set up with BLM funds to monitor the East Creek de-hummocking project with a drone, get the Stone Creek nutrient wetland project ready for a grant proposal, do a wetland delineation on Moose Creek for a project, and a university student is doing a research project on measuring approximate board-feet using a drone. He's also meeting with a consultant to see if they can help with a community development plan for the YMCA area, if it's not too late with the empty lots there. Also, he's working on the Red Rock WRP again since DEQ finally came out with TMDL data.
- *Motion to approve Watershed finances for July by Tom 2nd by Carl, motion carried*

Administrator Report

- Jess is working in the office Tuesday and Thursday and from home the rest of the week when needed. Jess is managing the Watercraft inspection station. We have found 5 mussel fouled boats, 6 corbicula boats, and a variety of clams. The inspectors seem to all be working well together. Our ARPA irrigation grant has been funded and Jess is working on the Start-up checklist to get the funds to Randy Smith.
- Inspector Training/Moral Pizza Party July 22nd
- Inspector Appreciation Week Pizza Party August 1st and 2nd
- Motion to buy Pizzas and sodas for both Pizza Parties by Tom, 2nd by Carl, Motion Carried

Old Business

New Business

- Motion to give Jess a \$600 bonus by Carl 2nd by Tom, Motion Carried
- DNRC report- Hailey Graf (Attached)
- Wildlife Speaker Series – Snakes – August 3rd McAlister
- Next meeting date- August 18th, 2022

Public Comment

- No public in attendance.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Fields

Approved:

Carl Malesich v. chairman
Byron Martinell, Chairman
Carl Malesich vice