

Beaverhead Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Call to order

Byron Martinell called to order the regular meeting of the Beaverhead Conservation District at 6:00 pm on December 8, 2022 in the NRCS office.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Byron Martinell, Carl Malesich, Tom Miller, Harris Wheat, Rich Nordquist, Billiette Brooks, Jerry Meine, Kelly Rowe, JS Turner, Meg Smith, Jessica Fields, Zach Owen, Sean Lewis, Jessica Murray, Bill Kemph

Absent:

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve the October minutes by Harris 2nd by Carl, motion carried.

Summary of Finances.

- *Motion to approve summary of finances for December by Carl 2nd by Tom, motion carried.*

NRCS

- Sean gave updates on the new irrigated grazing TIP and hiring an office administrator, the board will vote on the MOU next month.

Range Committee

- Meg and Jessica gave updates on a January/February grazing seminar featuring young and old speakers from Dillon and possibly a panel, a few new names were mentioned such as Hank and Roy. Carl motioned to allow them to send a couple thousand out of the range account 2nd by Tom, motion Carried. They are supposed to have a budget at the next meeting.

310 Business

Beaverhead - Matt Jaeger

- BCD 2205 Ryan Cypher, Unnamed Spring Old Armstead Rd, Create spawning channel and pond. Discussion was had at the March meeting and all suggestions have been headed. Discussion included FWPs support for the spawning channel.
Motion to approve with modifications by Carl 2nd Harris, motion carried.
- BCD 2212 Double C Ranch Holdings, Winslow Creek, New Channel and Reservoir for Artic Grayling. Discussion included FWP suggesting some fish.
Motion to approve with modifications by Jerry 2nd Rich, motion carried.

- BCD 2220 Angela Howell, Concrete sump box, Beaverhead River. Original plan had it out into the river, new plan has it flush with the river bank.
Motion to approve with modifications by Harris 2nd Carl, motion carried.
- BCD 2221 Red Rock Springs Ranch, Channel Restoration, Unnamed Tributary of Buck Creek. Very little discussion was had and Bill Kemph was there to answer questions. The board asked for temperature gauges to see if the channel is working.
Motion to approve with modifications by Tom 2nd Rich, motion carried.
- BCD 2223 JB Anderson, Possible Violation. Blacktail Creek froze and JB Andersons culvert got clogged, this culvert is known for filling with garbage and instead of cleaning it out his son dug it up with a backhoe, this did not solve the problem and it flooded someone driveway and now the whole area is an icy mess. Kelly mentioned that he called him to ask what he needed to do and Kelly told him he could do the work but had 15 days to get an emergency permit. Sean mentioned that he was in the office a couple weeks ago getting a permit application. Jess will call JB Anderson and ask him to please turn in the permit ASAP and the board will require a site visit and some suggestions on how to rectify the situation.

Big Hole - Jim Olsen

- BCD 2222 BHWB-Ben LaPorte, Beaver Dam flooding mitigation, remanent channel Big Hole River. Discussion was had on removing the lower grate during the spring and summer and cleaning out the project every year
Motion to approve with modifications and a 2-year maintenance agreement by Harris 2nd Rich, motion carried.

Beaverhead Watershed Grants

- Zach has been working on the Beaverhead flows brochure and meeting, along with the Stone Creek Mini Grant.
- *Motion to approve Watershed finances for December by Carl 2nd by Billiette, motion carried*

Administrator Report

- ARPA grant contracts have been signed and the first and only invoice will be submitted next week. The Boat station is getting a hot water wash unit next week. Jess is writing an AIS Grant to hopefully start night inspections with law enforcement present.
- Kelly suggested Elon Musk's Star link for internet at the inspections station, Jess will look into this.
- Motion by Carl to give Jess a \$2,500 bonus 2nd by Billiette, motion carried.

Old Business

- UPOM and APR – The board has decided to write a letter against APR to the Stockgrowers association instead, they are a more trust worthy entity.

New Business

- MACO Insurance (Liability, auto, omissions and errors) – Ask Mike McGinley if MACO has a plan or suggestions for District.
- Montana Raptor Conservation Center
- Hats- *Motion to spend \$673 by Billiette 2nd Rich, motion carried*
- DNRC report- Hailey Graf (Attached)

Upcoming Events

- Next meeting date- January 19th, 2023
- Youth Conservation Days – April 27th, 2023

Public Comment

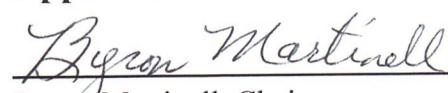
- No public in attendance.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Fields

Approved:



Byron Martinell, Chairman