

Gallatin Conservation District Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2017

The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on June 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Jason Camp called the 310 meeting to order at 4:09 pm. Supervisors present: Sherwin Leep, John Venhuizen, Mike Hansen, Bob Logar and Loren Blanksma Staff: Mary Hendrix Excused absence: Bill Wright and John Schutter

Those present: Chris Mahony-NRCS, David Moser-MFWP, and Mike Rotar-RESPEC Guests present: Lynn Bacon, Drake Burford, and Teresa Cummings & friend.

Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business: None

310 Violation Complaints

a. Teresa Cummings / Rockin' TJ Ranch

Discussion: 310-violation complaint filed

M Rotar: Visited site and found posts in the water.

T Cummings: Just replacing historic fencing for livestock along creek bank the corner post was always in the creek bank. The new fence will have horizontal planking well above the creek as to not cause damming of debris and materials.

Recommendation: Apply for a 310 permit

310 Inspection Reports: Decision

Inspection Date: 6/6/2017	Application Number: GD15-17
Applicant:	Flanders Mill, LLC; Walter Wolf
Landowner:	City of Bozeman and Bozeman High School District 7
Perennial Stream:	Maynard-Border Irrigation Ditch
Types of Projects:	Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction; Channel Alteration; Wetland Alteration; Ditch Realignment; and Placement of Fill
Purpose:	Flanders Mill Road needs to be moved to its proper alignment further west. In order to reconstruct the road alignment, the irrigation/drainage ditch needs to be moved west approximately 50 feet. Ditch water is sourced by Maynard-Border Ditch (Farmers' Canal water) and drainage from around the substation on the east side of Flanders Mill Road. The drainage water enters the ditch in the north reach.
Inspection Recommendations:	Approval as proposed Waive 15-Day waiting period
Inspection Comments:	None
Discussion	
L Bacon: ACO credits allow for 1' fringe, but a 1.5' vegetative flood plain bench that slopes up may be a better option.	
J Venhuizen moved to approve with a 1.5' fringe and a 15-day waiver; M Hansen seconded; motion carries	
Board Decision	Approved with modifications 15-Day waiting period waived

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Inspection Date: 6/6/2017 Application Number: GD16-17
Applicant: Gary Rieschel
Landowner: Gary Rieschel
Perennial Stream: East Gallatin River
Types of Projects: Fish Habitat; Stream Bank Restoration; and Riparian Revegetation
Purpose: To improve fish/aquatic habitat, restore channel and bank function, and restore wetland and riparian vegetation on a 12,400 feet reach of the East Gallatin River.
Inspection Recommendations: None as this is a 310 permit renewal request
Inspection Comments: None

Discussion:

D Burford: Work proposed on the initial 310 permit approved in 2016 was for the summer of 2016 & 2017. The project did not begin as proposed due to the delay in receiving a 404 permit (issued December 2016). All components of the original permit stands except for the timeline. They propose to complete the work in one year (2017-2018).

S Leep: This sounds like an interesting project. The board may consider this project as a possible site visit this fall.

M Hansen moved to approve as proposed with a 15-day waiver; J Venhuizen seconded; motion carries

Board Decision Approved as proposed
15-Day waiting period waiver

Inspection Date: 6/6/2017 Application Number: GD17-17
Applicant: TMC Inc.; Ken Stoeber
Landowner: TMC Inc.; Ken Stoeber
Perennial Stream: Spain Ferris Ditch / Dry Creek
Types of Projects: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction; Bridge/Culvert/Ford Removal; and Road Construction / Maintenance
Purpose: To replace an existing bridge over Spain Ferris Ditch / Dry Creek with a winged box culvert. The current bridge has a variety of safety and environmental problems associated with it. A winged walled box culvert will be installed approximately 2 feet to the northeast of the existing bridge. A temporary coffer dam will be installed to isolate the active channel from the construction area. Once the culvert is installed, Spain Ferris Ditch / Dry Creek will be re-routed to flow beneath the new box culvert. The existing channel will be filled with locally sourced fill material from the gravel pit on site.
Inspection Recommendations: Approval as proposed
Waive 15-Day waiting period
Inspection Comments: Project accomplishes goal of improving safety and environmental impacts while minimizing impacts to stream.

Discussion:

M Rotar: This is at the TMC pit. Road widths are 52' with a 15' waiver on each side. This project will make it safer for all the large truck traffic using the road currently.

S Leep moved to approve as proposed with a 15-day waiver; J Venhuizen seconded; motion carries

Board Decision Approved as proposed
15-Day waiting period waiver

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Inspection Date: 6/6/2017	Application Number: GD18-17
Applicant:	Jeremy Osler, Osler Logging Inc.
Landowner:	Lazy J Ranches LP
Perennial Stream:	Stone Creek
Type of Project:	Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction
Purpose:	The purpose of the project is for equipment and log trucks to cross Stone Creek for a timber harvest on state land. There is an existing and functioning bridge in place that is used for vehicle and farm traffic. To protect the surface and structure of the existing bridge, I would like to temporarily lay a longer metal bridge over the top of the existing bridge.
Inspection Recommendations:	Approval as proposed Waive 15-Day waiting period
Inspection Comments:	Project will likely not have any impacts to stream
Discussion:	
M Rotar:	This is a really cool project using an old rail car over the existing bridge.
B Logar:	moved to approve as proposed with a 15-day waiver; S Leep seconded; motion carries
Board Decision	Approved as proposed 15-Day waiting period waiver

Inspection Date: 6/6/2017	Application Number: GD19-17
Applicant:	Pates Enterprises LP; Randall Pates, Gary Pates
Landowner:	Mill Creek Canyon Ranch LLC / US Forest Service
Perennial Stream:	Mill Creek
Type of Project:	Creek Maintenance
Purpose:	The purpose of the proposed project is for periodic stream maintenance to clear debris rock diversions within main Mill Creek Drainage to maximize seasonal water flow.
Inspection Recommendations:	Approval as proposed
Inspection Comments:	Work will be done by hand. 10-year annual maintenance permit recommended
Discussion:	
M Rotar:	Minor / by hand movement of rock only. Recommend 10-year annual permit
J Venhuizen:	moved to approve as proposed, 10-year annual maintenance permit; M Hansen seconded; motion carries
Board Decision	Approve as proposed 10-year annual maintenance permit

310 New Business: RESPEC Contract Renewal & Hourly Rates

The last contract was from January 2016 – January 2017. The hourly rates in 2008 were \$37.50. There was an increase in 2010 to \$75.00. We are looking for a rate increase to \$90.00 in the upcoming contract period. This is well below their regular rate of \$150.00 per hour.

310 Old Business: None

The 310 Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.

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The Business Meeting convened at 6:38 pm. Guest present: Tammy Swinney with Gallatin Local Water Quality District (GLWQI)

Grants/Agreements/Contract Report

Tammy Swinney (GLWQI) asked the Board to sponsor a 223 grant to help offset printing costs of the updated Watershed Source Book. The WSB was last printed in 2008. They would like to print 1,000 copies of the Sourcebook and 1,000 "bookmarks" that can be utilized by partner organizations at outreach events that will direct people to the electronic version online.

S Leep moved to approve sponsorship of the 223 grant; M Hansen seconded. Motion carries.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from May 2017 were reviewed. M Hansen moved to approved the minutes; S Leep seconded; motion carries

New Business

Special District Budget forms were due in May 2017. M Hendrix is working with the County Finance office to submit approved forms after the board meeting. S Leep agreed to assist on the budget numbers.

Consensus Agenda: M Hansen discussed that MACD is considering adopting a consensus agenda for their meetings. A consensus agenda are items that are group together (such as the meeting minutes, financials, and staff reports) that could be reviewed in advance and voted on as one item at the meeting. If there are any questions or corrections needed, that item can be separated from the consensus and addressed individually. The Board agreed to try adopting the consensus agenda.

Old Business

a. Annual Work Plan / Capacity Building through BSWC member

M Hendrix asked for more input on a project/scope of work a BSWC member may work on if the District is awarded a Watershed Management Grant in 2018. As part of the budgeting process, the District had allocated reserve capital funds towards a 'live stream demonstration project' in the Education & Outreach Center. She asked if this could be the project we could work on in 2018? The Board agreed that it could be.

Well-Testing Cost Share Program: None

Staff Report: Written Report & Questions

CD Reports: Planning Boards

L Blanksma that he had attended a 1 ½ hour meeting on June 13th. The discussion was on a minor subdivision (8 acres) that was being converted to (4) 2-acre parcels. No one objected to it.

B Logar mentioned that there was supposed to be a meeting last week, but as there was nothing on the agenda, the meeting was cancelled.

NRCS Reports

C Mahoney said that they are doing some sampling on both Godfrey and Camp Creeks. They have 1 new CSP sign-up, 3 renewals and 20-30 applications for EQIP. They have not been doing much outreach on the NWQI program. Keri Bilbo is planning on coming to a CD meeting soon.

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Accounting

Invoice, deposit and the credit card statements were reviewed. M Hansen made the motion to pay invoices; S Leep seconded; motion carries

Treasurer's Report

M Hansen made the motion to approve the P&L, Balance Sheets, and Deposit Detail; S Leep seconded; motion carries

CD Seminars/Workshops Ideas: None

Correspondence and Handouts: None

Adjournment of Meeting

J Camp made the motion to adjourn the meeting and everybody seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Minutes approved by Jason Camp, Chairman

Date