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Park Conservation District

5242 Highway 89 South Livingston, MT 59047  
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March 1, 2022  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Vince Grant Hall  
1306 E Park St. Livingston, MT 59047  
11:00 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dewitt Dominick, Gayleen Malone, Ned Zimmerman – Chair, Martin Davis, Dave Haug, Dustin Homan

**NON-BOARD MEMBERS:** Ashley Lowrey, SVWG/UYWG Watershed Coordinator; Ted Nelson, NRCS; Buddy Drake, FWP; William Smith - Point of Rock Ranch, Cole Herdman – Gallatin Valley Land Trust, Brendan Weiner – Gallatin Valley Land Trust

Ned Zimmerman called the regular Park CD meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

**Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLТ) – RСPP Proposal:**

*Brendan Weiner and Cole Herdman*

RCPP run through NRCS, cost-share for ag producers, funding available for 5 year window.

Application deadline for grant – mid-April. GVLТ wants feedback and input from Park CD Board and ag community. Engagement in program is voluntary, funding pool would be for Park County, not state wide. Funds to address natural resource concerns and conservation easements.

**Natural Streambed & Land Preservation Act (310) Applications:**

A.PK-01-22: Triangle Communications – Fiber optics project- 8 river channel crossings in Park County; Sweetgrass CD 310 recommendation

-initial recommendations: 5 ft bore depth

How far from the bank?

Ask for contingency plan (for boring length and drilling depth), ask for width of creek and setback.

- Table until receive contingency plan and above information.

B .PK-02-22: Mraz Hay and Cattle, Elk Creek- irrigation/pump screen upgrade replacement at 2 sites with NRCS design/partnership.

- Want to stabilize creek, need to put bigger size riprap – 12”

- Ned move to approve w/modification of increased riprap size, Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved 6-0.

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C. PK-03-22-C: Phelps Creek, Jardine Rd. Gardiner, MT, formal 310 complaint from Park County Public Works- Patrik Ondrus (landowner) non-permitted placement of irrigation structures/pvc pipe through County right-of-way culvert crossing, and channel of Phelps Creek.

- Ned made motion that it is a Violation and they need to Remove impediments in culvert to allow free flow of water, submit plan and 310 application, Dustin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 6-0.

D. PK-04-22: Chad Malcom- Billman Creek – proposed culvert installation.

- Modifications – place culvert 1 ½ - 2' below bed of creek, cut willows on south side and place fill over them, do not place any fill in the creek.

- Martin move to approve w/ Modifications, Dustin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 6-0.

#### Treasurer's Report and Financial Items

A. Approval of Checks and Financial Reports.

- Gayleen made motion to approve, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 6-0.

B. Checks – Vince Grant Hall, Cat Moody (new invoice), Rosas, Ben Kaden (\$1,207.64)

C. HB223 – Invoice signature

D. Cat Moody – Invoice/check, update

E. Cat Moody – BOR banking login info, only way to get all account info

F. Balance sheets, profit and loss

G. Gallatin County Report – Cat looking into it

#### Minutes Approval – February 1, 2022 Minutes

-Typo, 2<sup>nd</sup> page, add “tabled until we receive application”

Ned made motion to approve, DeWitt 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 6-0.

#### New Business

A. DNRC DD grant

B. PVWLG EIS Bison Management Comments

C. 6-mile records request

D. Colin, update

E. HB223 Soil Health Grant – Approval - signature

F. Water Reservations, discussion cont: application fee (\$40-400), annual fee?

- Dewitt made motion to change annual fee from \$40 to \$400, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 6-0.

G. DMS

H. New computer for Ashley – put request in DNRC grant

I. 310 violations on property sale/deed – update, Burke Ranch – draft and send letter to landowners and realtor.

J. Ashley's March Vacation dates

K. Storage unit

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### Planning & Development Board Update– *Dustin Homan*

- Re looking at growth plan, goes through every five years
- Will revisit each goal and objective of the growth plan

### NRCS Update – *Ted Nelson*

### Watershed Business

#### Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group

- Last meeting: February 17<sup>th</sup> , Emigrant
- Next meeting: May, Emigrant

#### Shields Valley Watershed Group

- Last meeting: November 15<sup>th</sup> , Wilsall
- Next meeting: TBD, Wilsall

### Public Comment

### Adjourn