
Park Conservation District

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June 7, 2022
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

USDA Conference Room
5242 US HWY 89 S. Livingston, MT 59047
11:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayleen Malone, Dave Haug – Vice Chair, Dustin Homan, Ned Zimmerman – Chair, Jaime Lannen

NON-BOARD MEMBERS: Ashley Lowrey, SVWG/UYWG Watershed Coordinator; Ted Nelson, NRCS; Scott Opitz – FWP, Chuck Walker – Landowner, Tom Coleman – Restoration Engineering, Tim Niccum – VIG Hayhook Ranch LLC, Clyde Holland – VIG Hayhook Ranch LLC

11:13 Call the Regular Park CD Board Meeting to Order – *Ned Zimmerman, chairman*

Natural Streambed & Land Preservation Act Applications Inspections/Discussion:

A.PK-11-22-C: Hayhook

Violation. Requested extension. New owner as of December 2021. Got permit from Army Corps. Long term solution, will come up with plan and share with CD Board in next 2 months.

B. PK-12-22: Heart-K Ranch, Yellowstone River.

Replace head gate infrastructure.

The application is for a replacement headgate approx. 15 to 20 ft downstream of the Mission headgate. Rock will need to be added to the new steel plate structure for stabilization and will be taken from a source stockpiled on the ranch. Recommend sloping the present berm at a more moderate angle. A weed plan should be submitted to address henbane present in the area.

A more desirable option would be to extend the Mission headgate's steel plate and locate the new headgate immediately next to the Mission's. If this option is available, rock will need to be placed immediately upstream of the headgates where a back eddy is occurring.

A separate 310 application must be submitted for the decommissioning of the old headgate.

Without the present headgate and berm, the ditch would be jurisdictional – stream/ditch. The applicant is proposing to run their irrigation water from the Yellowstone R through the headgate, into a 3,500' long, 24" diameter pipe. The pipe

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will run immediately north of the SD and parallel with it.

A more detailed application must be submitted to convey the details of the pumping site and any “habitat improvements” to the SD’s channel.

Dave made motion to approve, Gayleen 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

Montana Rail link – table until July

Colin – 310 database overview: has entered 2020 and 2021 into DNRC database, 77 apps total have been processed and entered. Also compiled a list of actions taken for each project – sent email with link to database.

Treasurer’s Report and Financial Items

- A. Approval of Checks and Financial Reports.
- B. Checks – Rosas, Ben Kaden (\$776.75), Payroll, Cay Moody (\$530)
- C. Forest Service Loan Discussion – Ned will look into line of credit, get loan ready
- D. MACD Annual Fee – will pay roughly half - \$2000
- E. MACO Insurance
- F. Balance sheets, profit and loss
- G. MT State Report – submitted, waiting to hear back about fees
- H. New grants: HB223 20K Soil Health, DD Grant 10k Admin
- I. Payroll report – Cat Moodys office
- J. First Interstate - \$5000 transfer - gayleen

Dustin made motion to approve financial report, Gayleen 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

Minutes Approval – May, 2022 Minutes

Change “Livingston Mayor” to “Clyde Park Mayor”

Dustin made motion to approve, Dave 2nd, motion passed 4-0.

New Business

- A. District Operations - Forest Service meeting, grant, check
- B. MACD Report
- C. Dewitt’s letter to County attorney – table until July
- D. Montana Range Tour – Aug 30 & 31st
- E. DEQ – Water Quality Violation letter
- F. UYWG Weed Field Day
- G. UYWG Irrigation Field Day
- H. YRCDC Meeting – Glendive
- I. Ashley out of Office June 13-16
- J. Mayor – Ned Called to confirm elections.

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Planning & Development Board Update– *Dustin Homan*

Looking at updating growth policy – to what extent. Still moving forward with Zoning – residential and ag exempt.

Public meetings for comment:

- 1) June 20, Zoom, 5pm
- 2) June 21st fairgrounds, 5pm
- 3) August 23 5pm Zoom
- 4) August 24th 5pm Fairgrounds

Hearing public comment up until August 24th.

NRCS Update – *Ted Nelson*

Snowtel – update – improvements in SWE and precip.

Watershed Business

Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group

- Last meeting: May 26th , Emigrant
- Next meeting: August TBD, Emigrant

Shields Valley Watershed Group

- Last meeting: November 15th , Wilsall
- Next meeting: June 27, Wilsall

Public Comment

Adjourn 2:05

NEXT PROPOSED PARK CD MEETING:

July 5, 2022

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