

# Park Conservation District

5242 Highway 89 South Livingston, MT 59047  
O: (406) 946-3007 C: (406) 223-1048 E: parkcd@usda.gov

## BOARD MEETING: MINUTES

June 3, 2025 – 11:00 am

USDA Conference Room, 5242 US Hwy 89 S, Livingston, MT 59047

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dustin Homan, Ned Zimmerman, Dave Haug, Judy O’Hair, Jamie Lanner  
**NON-BOARD MEMBERS:** Kelly Arterburn, PCD Administrator; Ashley Lowrey, Watershed Coordinator; Nate Brown, NRCS; David Schaak, NRCS; Scott Opitz, FWP; Mike Duncan, FWP (zoom).

*\*automatic no votes for Board members not present.*

1. **11:00 am - Call the Regular Park CD Board Meeting to Order – Dustin Homan, Chair**  
**\*Ned moved to excuse DeWitt Dominick, Dustin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-3).**

Zac Fisher – Yellowstone District Ranger USFS introduction to Board.

2. **310 Applications: Inspection Reports, Discussion and Board Decision:**

- A. **PK-22-25**

**O’Rea Creek, 45.669722, -110.68211, Livingston.**

Josh Fairbank. Installation of new terrace to terrace bridge.

FWP – will be minimal disturbance, key in rip rap, install curbing.

**\*Dave motioned to approve with modifications: 1) rails are required alongside of bridge to prevent road material from being pushed into the stream during grading, 2) rip rap must be keyed in to scour depth and on upstream and downstream ends to prevent erosion, and 3) the 15-day waiting period was waived. Dustin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-3).**

- B. **PK-19-25-C**

**Unnamed Trib to Slaughterhouse, Basin Trail Rd, Livingston.**

Dave Haug. Determine jurisdiction on spring development pond.

FWP – developed spring head, no surface water upstream and no stream channel downstream, grassy coulee.

**\*Ned moved the pond is non-jurisdictional to the Park Conservation District and does not require a 310 Permit, Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-2, with 1 abstaining).**

- C. **PK-20-25-C**

**Slaughterhouse Creek, 72 Basin Trail Rd, Livingston.**

Verna Meigs. Determine jurisdiction on stock pond.

FWP – off channel pond installed more than 15 years ago. No defined channel in any area.

**\*Jamie moved the pond is non-jurisdictional to the Park Conservation District and does not require a 310 Permit, Ned 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-3).**

- D. **PK-21-25-C**

**Slaughterhouse Creek, Basin Trail Rd, Livingston.**

Trevor and Courtney McCormick. Determine jurisdiction on irrigation fed pond.

**\*Jamie moved the pond is non-jurisdictional to the Park Conservation District and does not require a 310 Permit, Ned 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-3).**

- E. **PK-23-25**

**Little Rock Creek, Willow Creek Land Company II LLC, Clyde Park.**

Rock Creek Industries LLC. Repair existing headgate. Plan to do the work in August.

FWP – notch right/east wing if relief valve is needed.

**\*Jamie moved to approve with the following modifications: 1) required to set the mouth of the diversion box 4” below streambed elevation, and 2) armor the small spillway above the headgate box. Judy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-2, with 1 abstaining).**

---

---

## Park Conservation District

5242 Highway 89 South Livingston, MT 59047  
O: (406) 946-3007 C: (406) 223-1048 E: parkcd@usda.gov

F. **PK-26-25-E**

**Brackett Creek, 335 Brackett Creek Rd, Clyde Park.**

Daryl Shehan. Emergency work to bank to protect irrigation supply line.

FWP – stream had moved several feet when water came up. Rip rap toe was keyed in, close to a 2:1 slope.

**\*Ned moved to accept the emergency work, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (4-3).**

G. **PK-16-25**

**Tributary to Hyalite Creek, Dry Creek Rd, Emigrant.**

Mountain Sky Ranch. Install new adjustable weir on historic diversion on USFS land.

**\*No decision. Site inspection to be conducted in June.**

3. **Water Reservations:**

Schedule site inspections for current reservations along with 310 inspections for the remainder of the summer, prior to October. FWP will attend inspections.

4. **Public Comment - none**

5. **Treasurer's Report and Financial Items**

A. Timesheets, Checks, Financial Reports, P&L, Balance Sheet

B. Checks: CEM Bookkeeping, MACD Dues, Rainbow Enterprise – printer purchase, Supervisor mileage reimbursement.

C. Bridger Plant Materials Center – donation request.

**\*Ned moved to donate \$35, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (5-2).**

**\*Ned moved to approve the Financials, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (5-2).**

6. **Minutes – May 6, 2025 Minutes**

**\*Ned moved to approve the Minutes, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (5-2).**

7. **New Business**

A. YRCDC Meeting Voting Member - appoint Associate Supervisor to act as alternate.

**\*Jamie moved to appoint Bob Anderson, Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group Chair, as Associate Supervisor to the Park Conservation District, Ned 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (5-2).**

B. Permissive Levy – employee health benefit 2026. Public hearing for Permissive Levy to be noticed and held June 24, 2025 at 10:30am.

**\*Dustin moved to keep the health benefit the same for 2026 and levy the additional funds above the established base through the permissive levy, Ned 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried (5-2).**

8. **Old Business**

A. **PK-01-23, Soda Butte Creek, 279 Bannock Trail, Cooke City, Michael & Michelle Rosengren.** EPA Clean Water Section 404 enforcement. The Board requested an update for the next meeting.

9. **Planning & Development Board Update– Dustin Homan**

Yellowstone Reserve Major Commercial Subdivision review for area east of Livingston, that area had floodwaters during the 2022 flood. Development in the area would eliminate natural relief points during flooding. Planning Board recommended denial to County Commissioners.

10. **NRCS Update – Nate Brown**

Acting State Conservationist expected to stay on through June.

## Park Conservation District

5242 Highway 89 South Livingston, MT 59047  
O: (406) 946-3007 C: (406) 223-1048 E: parked@usda.gov

**11. Watershed Business:**

**UYWG General Meeting** – June 5th, 6-8pm, St. Johns Church, Emigrant. New Watershed Coordinator, Danielle Duni, will attend the meeting.

PV Weeds Education Field Day – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 12pm, Six Mile Creek Picnic Area.

**SVWG** – 319 DEQ grant funding – 40% match (cost share) required. May include "in-kind" donations of time and resources contributed to completion of project.

**12. Conservation District Updates**

**13. Adjourned at 1:30pm**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes approved by Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes prepared by Date