

Park Conservation District

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BOARD MEETING: MINUTES

August 5, 2025 – 11:00 am

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ned Zimmerman, Dave Haug, Judy O’Hair, DeWitt Dominic, Dustin Homan, Jamie Lannen, Martin Davis.

NON-BOARD MEMBERS: Kelly Arterburn, PCD Administrator; Ashley Lowrey, PCD Operations Director; Danielle Proctor, Watershed Coordinator; Nate Brown, NRCS; Doug & Karen Campbell, West Boulder Ranch; Vuko Voyich, Voyich Ranch; Rich Chandler, Lone Mountain Land Co; Brad Wilson, PCRGC (Friends of the Crazies); Catey Bauer, DNRC; Mike Ruggles, FWP; Alex Leone, Public Land Water Ass.

ZOOM: Carter Morley, Matt Whitman, Bill Bryce, Kevin Rechkoﬀ, Rebecca, Gallatin Ass. Of Irrigators

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

1. 11:04 am - Call the Regular Park CD Board Meeting to Order – Dustin Homan, Chair

Catey Bauer, DNRC – CDB W. Montana Conservation District Specialist

Druska Kinke – Heart of the Rockies, carnivore conflict award UYWG. Funding for landowners to install fencing around attractants. Partnership with Bear Aware Gardiner, FWP, PERC. Can be used on trash sites, orchards, chicken coops, bone piles, trash cans, etc. It is important to have fencing installed correctly to be bear-proof.

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

***Ned moved to accept all applications, Judy supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

A. PK-31-25-C

West Boulder River, 114 West Boulder Rd, McLeod.

Doug Campbell, Burnt Leather Holdings, LLC. Fence was installed across the West Boulder River without a 310 permit. No portage for recreational right of way. Obstruction is at 45.5787, -110.267471. FWP – will work with ranch to execute portage route.

***Judy moved the fence is not a violation, Ned 2nd. Motion carried (7-0).**

B. PK-32-25-E

Rock Creek, Forkus Ditch Headgate, 45.8969948, -110.4956436, Clyde Park.

Shields Valley Land and Cattle, LLC. Removed cluster of large rocks call and repaired Forkus ditch headgate wing wall.

***Dustin moved to accept emergency work, required to submit 310 application for repair and reinforcement behind both headwall wings to minimize future erosion. Dave supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

C. PK-33-25

Quinn Creek, 120 Quinn Creek Rd, Bozeman.

Scott Cahill. Vegetation and debris removal. FWP – best practices for work in riparian areas are to prune woody vegetation and limit removal for bank stability and lower water temperatures.

***Jamie moved to approve and waive the 15-day waiting period, Dave supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

D. PK-34-25

Emigrant Creek, 45.2875638889, -110.6796, Pray.

Marc Rowe. Inspection delayed due to incomplete application. Small mining operation, done by hand, no equipment.

***Ned moved to approve pending receipt of dimensions and volumes of excavated material and the length of stream bank that will be impacted. Jamie supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

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- E. **PK-35-25-C & PK-39-25-E**
Yellowstone River, 45.712684, -110.264628, Springdale. Tim Jarrett.
PK-35-25-C: equipment in the river without a permit.
***Dave moved work was a violation as activity was performed without a 310 Permit, no fine to be issued, no remediation required, and any future activity requires a 310 Permit. Jamie supported. Motion carried (7-0).**
PK-39-25-E: removed flood debris & log jams.
***Jamie moved to accept emergency work, Ned supported. Motion carried (7-0).**
- F. **PK-36-25-E**
Unnamed Trib to Fleshman Creek, 45.655524, -110.584726, Livingston.
Marie & Vuko Voyich. Replaced failing flume.
***Dave moved to accept the emergency work and require silt fence to be installed right away, disturbed areas are to be re-vegetated with seed and woody shrubs when the weather is suitable, and submission of 310 application with as built plans for the flume pillars and center pier, Jamie supported. Motion carried (7-0).**
- G. **PK-37-25**
Hammond Creek, Rainbow Lake, Rock Creek Rd N, Clyde Park.
Rich Chandler, CMR Ranch Owner LLC. Irrigation pipe installation above overflow / spillway structure.
***Ned made a motion to approve and waive the 15-day waiting., Dustin supported. Motion carried (7-0).**
- H. **PK-38-25-E**
Rock Creek, Atkinson Headgate, 515 Rock Creek Rd, Clyde Park.
Rock Creek Industries, LLC, Dustin Homan. Placed concrete jersey blocks to direct water into headgate.
***Ned motion to approve, Martin supported. Motion carried (6-0, with 1 abstaining)**
- I. **PK-40-25-C**
Fleshman Creek, 207 S M Street, Livingston.
Amber and Gabrielle Williams. Complaint received through DEQ that a bridge, wood chips, and gravel were installed without a 310 permit.
***Ned motion to take no action due to lack of information, Dustin supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

3. **Public Comment - none**

4. **Water Reservations:**

Application 43B 30164489 by Park Conservation District is granted.

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

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

B. Checks: CEM Bookkeeping

***Dave moved to approve, Dustin supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

6. **Minutes – July 1, 2025 Minutes**

***Ned moved to approve with corrections made, Jamie supported. Motion carried (7-0).**

7. **New Business:**

A. Donation for MACD Area 6, MACD Convention raffle – Board approved a \$25 donation to the auction item.

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8. Old Business

- A. **PK-01-23, Soda Butte Creek**, 279 Bannock Trail, Cooke City, Michael & Michelle Rosengren. EPA Clean Water Section 404 enforcement. Will get inspection reports from EPA and FS.

9. Planning & Development Board Update – none

10. NRCS Update – Nate Brown

Water supply report, USDA/NRCS restructuring in D.C., RCPP funding did not get approved, long range planning meeting coming up.

11. Watershed Business:

UYWG – fundraising updates, drought planning update. BBQ on September 4th. Working lands meeting in September. CWMA Weed Board appointment, Gallatin Forest Partnership, upcoming Eco-flight.

SVWG – discussion to start up Working Land Group.

12. Conservation District Updates:

MCDEO SET Training – August 19 - 21

NEXT MEETING: September 2, 2025 at 11:00am, USDA Conference Room, Livingston.

13. Adjourned 2:56pm


Minutes approved by _____ Date 9/2/25


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