

Park Conservation District

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BOARD MEETING: MINUTES

July 7, 2026 – 11:00am

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

- 1. 11:00 am – Public hearing on Permissive Mill Levy**
Becky hosted the public hearing – no public participated.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ned Zimmerman, Jodi Arthun, Judy O'Hair, Dave Haug

NON-BOARD MEMBERS: Becky Saunders - District Administrator, Scott Opitz – FWP, Nate Brown – NRCS, Ashley Brubaker – Trout Unlimited, Dan Rostad – YRCDC, Michael Miller on Zoom.

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

- 2. 11:30 am - Call the Regular Park CD Board Meeting to Order – Judy O'Hair, Vice Chair**
**Excused absences: Dustin Homan, Jamie Lannen, Martin Davis*
Ned made motion to excuse the absences, Dave 2nd, motion carried (4-3)
- 3. 310 Applications: Inspection Reports, Discussion and Board Decision:**
 - Motion to accept applications – Jodi made motion, Ned 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**
 - A. PK-27-25:** Mill Creek Phase 2 – Trout Unlimited, Ashley Brubaker
Seeking extension of previously approved permit.
PK-34-26 new permit number for the extension
 - Approved with same modification as on original**
 - No work above high water**
 - Ned made motion, Judy 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**
 - B. PK-31-26-E:** Pine Creek – Gene Carter, Hydro dam erosion.
 - Accepted as emergency**
 - No further work approved**
 - Gene needs to complete a 310 permit by the August board meeting**
 - The CD reserves the right to inspect in the future.**
 - Dave made motion, Judy 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**
 - C. PK-54-25-C:** Pine Creek – Pine Creek Carter Trust
Update on activity regarding jurisdiction
Gene is wanting to proceed without FERC
 - Board decided it was a violation**
 - Activity was done without a valid permit**
 - Dave made motion, Ned 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**
 - The Board had determined no fine, due to the violator being deceased.**
 - Further work at this point could cause more harm than good.**
 - Jodi made motion, Ned 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**
 - D. PK-32-26-E:** Cottonwood Creek – Rod Clark
Headgate restriction cleanout
 - Accepted as emergency**
 - No further action required**
 - Rod should apply for a 310 maintenance permit for the future.**
 - Jodi made motion, Dave 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**

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E. PK-33-26-E: Cottonwood Creek (Hunter Ditch) – Daryl Stutterheim
Headgate restriction cleanout

- **Accepted as emergency**
- **No further action required**
- **Daryl should apply for a 310 maintenance permit for the future.**
- **Jodi made motion, Ned 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**

4. Old 310 Applications

A. PK-08-26: Shields River - Bank Stabilization

This was tabled at the last meeting for more information and discussion with the applicant regarding upcoming 319 potential.

- **Waiting on 319**

B. PK-25-26: O'Rea (Area) Creek – Josh Skattum,

Re-installation of culvert across creek for vehicle crossing.

Waiting on Josh to update his 310 permit – he emailed a drawing of an updated culvert, but needs to resign the permit for it to be accepted.

- **Becky will continue to follow up**

C. PK-62-25: Fork Deep Creek

C – was work conducted correctly?

We will add to July site visit schedule.

- **This item has been addressed.**
- **Remove from August meeting.**

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Items

- **Ned made motion to approve payroll and pay bills, Dave 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**
- **Finances will be approved at August meeting.**

A. Timesheets, Checks, claim forms.

B. Checks: CEM Bookkeeping, Evan Stout

C. Give a Hoot – live in July

6. Minutes – June 2, 2026 Minutes (Need Signature)

- **Jodi made motion, Dave 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**

7. Park Conservation District Business

A. 2026 Summer Newsletter issued June 30, 2026

- **Newsletters scheduled for quarterly issues.**

B. Spitler Update

- **Becky has been in communication with Paul Spitler, County Attorney, she has connected him with Hailey Graf and the MACD attorney.**

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

- **N/A due to Dustin's absence.**

9. NRCS Update – Nate Brown

- **Discussed drought status – still in drought D1 – D2**
- **Precipitation is at 100%**

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10. Watershed Business:

UYWG – September 10

SVWG – September 21

Danielle is doing a soft come-back in July. She will be at the August Meeting. +

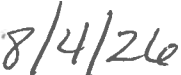
- **Dan Rostad gave an update on the YRCDC report**

11. Public Comment

- **None**

12. Adjourn at 1:03pm

- **Judy made motion, Ned 2nd, motion carried (4-3)**

	
Minutes approved by	Date
	
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NEXT MEETING: August 4, 2026 – 11am

