

GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING **AGENDA**
January 16, 2014 – 2:30 Regular Business; 4:00 310 Business.
GCD Conference Room (Ste 102) 120 S 5th St, Manhattan MT 59741

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

THOSE PRESENT:

ACKNOWLEDGE NEW CHAIR:

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR December 19, 2013:

GUESTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Conference Room Rates – The Board has the authority to lessen fees or waive fees or charge full price to whomever they choose. Don suggested that if the Board wants to lessen or waive fees that it be for civic-based community organizations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review job description; discuss timeline.
- CD Boundary Signs; see Madison CD email

GRANTS/MOU REPORT:

- RRGL for \$100,000.00; to be put out for bid after board review; in February.
- 223 grant for Education and Outreach Center, \$10,000. \$3700.00 remaining
- DNRC Capacity Grant for \$5000.00; received contract from DNRC.
- Applied for the National Conservation Foundation (NCF)/Presidents Association (PA) \$10,000 Conservation District Award, chosen as a finalist and Sherwin, Jason, and Marcie will attend NACD Convention in Feb to present our project.
- DNRC Planning Grant for \$10,000 for Highline/Camp Creek project;

WELL-TESTING COST SHARE PROGRAM:

Have kits left over; would like to continue in 2014.

STAFF REPORT:

Marcie, at meeting, see written report

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Loren, at meeting

Duane, see written report

AGENCY REPORTS:

Justin, District Conservationist

Emily, MSU Extension

CHECKS FROM MANHATTAN CHECKING:

<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
1043	12/13/2013	Eileen P. Taylor	Water Testing Cost Share	-40.00
1044	12/13/2013	Cindy Wright	Water Testing Cost Share	-71.25
1045	12/19/2013	Montana Dept of Agriculture	Pollinator Grant	-3,892.84
1046	12/24/2013	Visa	Credit Card Payment	-631.32

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CREDIT CARD:

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
12/18/2013	005756	Bequet Confections	Christmas party gifts	37.00
	12-18-			
12/18/2013	13	L&F Food Farm	Refreshments for Christmas party	37.32
12/20/2013	8398	NACD	Registration for Sherwin for NACD Convention	630.00
12/24/2013	1046	Visa	Credit card payment via phone	-631.32
12/30/2013	8398	NACD	Registration for Jason & Jodi for NACD Convention	845.00
12/30/2013	8398	NACD	Registration for Marcie for NACD Convention	630.00
12/30/2013	5021	J&H Inc.	Monthly maintenance agreement	20.00
		Manhattan State		
01/10/2014	0000	Bank	Phone payment fee	5.00

INVOICES TO PAY (may add more prior to meeting)

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
01/08/2014	Final fence	Liberty Fence and Deck, LLC	Final fence payment	3,182.50
01/06/2014	12140953	Montana State Fund	03-110106-6	274.57
12/31/2013	2116147-6	NorthWestern Energy	December power for office	475.77
		Town Center Condominium		
01/02/2014	796	POA	January 2014 Condo Dues	596.24
01/02/2014	1-2-14	Town of Manhattan	Dec water for E&O Center	22.41
			E&O Center, Christmas	
12/31/2013	12-31-13	Valley Improvement Center	decorations	69.27
12/19/2013		Dale Dykema	12-19-13 Luncheon	
1/6/2014	CP134B	IRS	9-30-13 941 Report	35.00
11/30/2013	1 st Half	Gallatin County Treasurer	1 st half taxes	417.16

DEPOSITS RECEIVED: \$30.00, additional registrants for soil health workshop; \$70.00 refund for Master Gardener Class

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&L, Balance;

SCHEDULE 2014 ACTION PLAN MEETING

SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS:

NRCS Webinar, Jan 16, 12:00 p.m., An Experimental Case Study for Soil Health.

MEETINGS:

GGWC Annual Meeting on January 16 at Holiday Inn, 5:15 to 8:30 p.m. See flyer.

CORRESPONDENCE: Notice from FWP that an Environmental Assessment is available for review to reconstruct approx. 820 ft of Bozeman Creek. To view EA, contact FWP at 444-2432.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

310 Business:

310 INSPECTION REPORTS ~ READY FOR DECISION:

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Inspection Date 1 /7 /2014 **Application #** GD-001-14
Applicant Montana Rail Link
Landowner Same
Perennial Stream Pitcher Creek **Section** 23 **T** 2S **R** 6E
Type of Project Bridge Removal
Type of Project Culvert Construction
Purpose Replace existing two-span reinforced concrete RR bridge with three 36" CMP culverts to maintain safe RR operating conditions.
Inspection Recommendations Approved with Modifications
Inspection Modifications Increase middle culvert to a 4'. "Beaver deceiver" prevents collection of debris on multiple culverts.
Discussion
Board Decision

Inspection Date 1 /7 /2014 **Application #** GD-006-14
Applicant Northwestern Energy
Landowner Keith & Deborah Duneman
Perennial Stream UT Limestone Creek **Section** 29 **T** 2S **R** 6E
Type of Project Utilities
Purpose Replace aging buried single phase electric cable with new updated cable.
Inspection Recommendation Approved as Proposed
Inspection Comments Very small stream. Difficult to tell if perennial in January. Construct during low flow.
Discussion
Board Decision

310'S NOT INSPECTED DUE TO SNOW COVER OR NOT A PROJECT:

Application GD-002-14
Applicant Jeanne Christensen
Landowner US Government
Perennial Stream Hebgen Lake **Section** 2 **T** 13S **R** 4E
Type of Project Channel Alteration
Purpose Return channel to previous condition allowing watercraft into channel (lake).
Inspection Recommendation Not physically inspected
Inspection Comments Project seems reasonable. (Not within CD jurisdiction.)
Discussion
Board Decision

Application # GD-003-14
Applicant Brad French
Landowner Teresa Scharff
Perennial Stream Weasley Creek **Section** 03 **T** 1N **R** 7E
Type of Project Culvert Construction
Type of Project Bridge Removal
Type of Project Improvement to Existing Structure
Purpose Replace 20+ year old bridge with new culvert for logging and landowner access.
Inspection Recommendation Not physically inspected
Inspection Comments Size of pipe not specified, length not specified, shape not specified (want arched), slope to match channel slope, pipe invert to be below channel bottom,
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Application # GD-004-14
Applicant Brad French
Landowner Teresa Scharff
Perennial Stream Unnamed Creek. **Section** 03 **T** 1N **R** 7E
Type of Project Ford Construction
Type of Project Other-Temp Logging Access
Purpose Alternative practice by DNRC - Need to install temporary winter log crossing between intermittent area. Selected spot does not exhibit stream channel, on relatively flat area 150' long. Rubber-tired skidder access only. < 50 MBF of wood.
Inspection Recommendation Not physically inspected
Inspection Comments Description indicates this is not jurisdictional due to lack of bed or banks.
Discussion
Board Decision

Inspection Date 1 /7 /2014 **Application #** GD-005-14
Applicant Brad French
Landowner Teresa Scharff
Perennial Stream UT of Brackett Creek **Section** 03 **T** 1N **R** 7E
Type of Project Culvert Construction
Type of Project Other-Temp Logging Access
Purpose Need to install a 16" culvert or winter log crossing to facilitate skidding and trucking of logs.
Inspection Recommendation Not physically inspected
Inspection Comments Prefer winter log crossing rather than culvert.
Discussion
Board Decision

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Duane to visit with the Board about the state of the Condo Association and some accounting concerns.

MEETING ADJOURNED: