

Gallatin Conservation District Meeting Agenda

November 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

120 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ste B102, Manhattan MT

**Meeting Called to Order:**

**Those Present:**

**Guests:**

**310 Applications - Ready for Decision:**

**Inspection Date** 10/30/2014                      **Application Number** GD-051-14  
**Applicant** NorthWestern Energy  
**Landowner** Smith C Spencer Trustee  
**Perennial Stream** Gallatin River                      **Section** 30 T 1N R 4E  
**Type of Project** Bank Stabilization  
**Type of Project** Utilities  
**Purpose** The proposed project would involve stabilizing approx. 155' of the east bank of Gallatin River to prevent additional bank sloughing and protect the rerouted pipeline from potential exposure, damage or rupture. The proposed work would tie into an existing barb and extend an additional 155' upstream from the existing 460' of stabilized bank. The upstream end of the 2012 installment terminates at the existing barb. The downstream end of the 2014 installment would initiate the same barb.  
**Inspection Recommendation** Approved as Proposed  
**Inspection Comments** Good proposed solution for this eroding bank. Note: existing project downstream (permitted in 2011) looks great.  
**Discussion**  
**Board Decision**

**Inspection Date** 10/30/2014                      **Application Number** GD-052-14  
**Applicant** Joe Axtell; Axtell Ranch  
**Landowner** Same  
**Perennial Stream** West Gallatin River                      **Section** 27 T 2S R 4E  
**Type of Project** Flood Protection  
**Purpose** The current channel has been changed by recent high water leaving the channel a gravel bar. The plan is to use the downed cotton wood trees along this gravel bar to line the bank along the current channel to prevent additional erosion in subsequent high water.  
**Inspection Recommendation** Approved as Proposed  
**Inspection Comments** Make sure trees are adequately anchored to bank as tight as possible.  
**Discussion**  
**Board Decision**

**Inspection Date** 10/30/2014                      **Application Number** GD-053-14  
**Applicant** Ray Zimney; Timberline Creek Rd Maint. Assoc.  
**Landowner** Dean & Pam Coleman  
**Perennial Stream** UT of Timberline Creek                      **Section** 23 T 2S R 7E  
**Type of Project** Other; mitigation  
**Purpose** To mitigate unpermitted culvert repair work cited by CD. In accordance with the recommendations in inspection report GD-5C-14, dated 9-9-14, rock rip rap will be placed in the stream bed and along the stream bank at the discharge end of the culvert. And the disturbed stream bank will be matted with erosion control fabric and then seeded with native vegetation including willow cuttings.  
**Inspection Recommendation** Did not re-inspect. Mitigation for GD-5C-14; applicant performing what

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inspection team asked for.

**Discussion**

**Board Decision**

**Inspection Date** 10/30/2014      **Application Number** GD-054-14  
**Applicant** Yellowstone Pipe Line Company  
**Landowner** Two: Heidecker and Shumka  
**Perennial Stream** East Gallatin River      **Section** 10   **T** 1S      **R** 5E  
**Type of Project** Utilities  
**Purpose** Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC is proposing to construct a new crossing starting in January 2015 using HDD (horizontal directional drill) of 1223 feet, 40 feet below thalweg elevation of river. With HDD, there will be no disturbance to the bed and banks of the river.  
**Inspection Recommendation** Did not inspect. HDD is non-jurisdictional.  
**Discussion**  
**Board Decision**

**Inspection Date** 10/30/2014      **Application Number** GD-055-14  
**Applicant** Sid Kamps  
**Landowner** Same  
**Perennial Stream** Yellow Dog Creek      **Section** 1   **T** S      **R** 4E  
**Type of Project** Bank Alteration  
**Type of Project** Irrigation Structure  
**Purpose** Dig through creek and place pipe below bottom of creek, fill in and stabilize.  
**Inspection Recommendation** Approved as Proposed  
**Discussion**  
**Board Decision**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Krista Lee Evans of FARM (Farmers and Ranchers for Montana) Discuss the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes reserved water compact negotiated between the State of Montana and the federal government, conducted by the Montana Reserve Water Rights Compact Commission.

**GCD Seminars:**

**December 2014**

The Nuts & Bolts of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's) Explained  
Speaker: Dr. William E. Dyer, Professor, Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology, MSU  
Tuesday, December 9, 6:00-8:00 pm. GCD meeting room.  
Outline: Biology, Genetics, and Transgenic Methods; Who Regulates GM Crops; Pros and Cons; Two Case Studies; Food Issues; Q&A

**January 2015**

Estate Planning for the Producer; January 6 or 13, more details once finalized

**February 2015**

Drones; February 3 or 10, more details once finalized

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**March 2015**

What Happens to Grandma's Ruby Ring? (*With a general focus on residential and small acreage.*)

Speaker: Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Family Economics Specialist

Tuesday, March 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. GCD meeting room.

Outline: Do you know who will receive your real and personal property if you pass away without a will? Do you know when a will or trust has control over your property and when they do not? Do you know how property titles affect who receives property? Would you like to become aware of estate planning tools that avoid probate? Will you have to pay federal estate taxes?

**Public Comment:**

**Meeting Adjourned:**