

GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING **AGENDA**
 September 19, 2013 –4:00 p.m. 310 Business; 7:00 p.m. District Business
 GCD Conference Room, 120 S 5th St, Manhattan MT

4:00 310 Business Agenda:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

THOSE PRESENT:

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 24 and August 21 Meeting:

GUESTS:

310 INSPECTION REPORTS ~ READY FOR DECISION:

Inspection Date	9 /10/2013	Application	GD-035-13
Applicant	Mark Huyser		
Landowner	Flying D Ranch		
Perennial Stream	Gallatin River	Section	28 T 3S R 4E
Type of Project	Irrigation Structure		
Type of Project	Placement of Fill		
Purpose	...to close Shadoan Ditch, increase irrigation efficiency, and decrease fish entrainment. The ditch will be plugged to existing bank height grade at two points with pit run and 24" minus rock. ...about 6 yards of large rock will be installed at the head gate and blow off to prevent back-cutting and encourage deposition at the head gate.		
Inspection Recommendations	Approved with Modifications		
Inspection Modifications	Good project. Leave two concrete blocks immediately upstream of head gate. Remove end pour concrete upstream of head gate, breakup and bury in ditch.		
Inspection Comments	Knapweed at site.		
Discussion			
Board Decision			

Inspection Date	9 /10/2013	Application	GD-036-13
Applicant	Jennifer Kent		
Landowner	Bangtail Ranch Owners Assoc; minor Sub 351		
Perennial Stream	Spring Creek	Section	27 T 1S R 7E
Type of Project	Road Construction/Maintenance		
Type of Project	Bank Stabilization/Alteration		
Purpose	To make repairs to road edge and creek bank. Removal of debris in creek bottom. Move creek flow back to its original flow path, repair creek bank, and remove debris, also to take preventative measures to prevent further/future creek bank erosion.		
Inspection Recommendation	Approved as Proposed		
Inspection Comments	Failure of historical check dam during 2011 flooding caused down cutting and vertical bank alongside road. Project protects road and exposed power line. Leafy spurge, Canada thistle and burdock present.		
Discussion			
Board Decision			

Inspection Date	9 /10/2013	Application	GD-037-13
Applicant	Carla Reichman		
Landowner	Sydney D'Ewart		
Perennial Stream	Green Canyon Creek	Section	11 T 2N R 7E
Type of Project	Bank Stabilization/Alteration		
Type of Project	Channel Alteration		
Type of Project	Irrigation Structure		
Purpose	To replace a washed out head gate. To put the stream back in the original stream bed. To eliminate the		

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ditch washing out again.

Inspection Recommendation Approved as Proposed

Inspection Comments Putting stream back in original channel will be a great benefit to stream. Thistle, whitetop present.

Discussion

Board Decision

EMERGENCY:

Application Number GD-03E-13

Applicant Sherwin Leep

Perennial Stream Gallatin River Section 27 Township 1S Range 4E

Cause of Emergency As water levels have dropped in the Gallatin River the channel feeding the Hoffman-Weaver Ditch as well as 2 unnamed lower irrigation diversions became seriously depleted. Many acres of growing crops depend on this water and would be adversely affected quickly during hot July temperatures. Therefore emergency action was taken to protect these growing crops.

Action Taken 7/9/13 Gravel berm was pushed up in next channel up-river to divert water into east channel feeding irrigation diversions. A tracked excavator was used. 7/12/13 Dug through gravel dam and utilized old channel to encourage water flow from main river channel toward irrigation diversions on east side of the Gallatin River. A large tree already in the river was used as a backstop for gravel berm to re-direct water. A tracked excavator was used for this work.

Date Action Taken 7/24/2013

Inspection Recommendation Approved as proposed; Work necessary to get water to head gate.

Application Number GD-05E-13

Applicant Turner Enterprises

Perennial Stream Madison River Section 31 Township 1S Range 2E

Cause of Emergency A center pivot pump in a backwater location along the Madison could not draw enough water volume due to low flow, sediment deposit in backwater, and buildup of aquatic vegetation. Second cutting of hay was destroyed by hail and wind. After storm event it was imperative to keep irrigation water on fields in attempt to grow a third cutting of hay.

Action Taken Gravel and cobble deposits were removed along left bank point bar just upstream of the pump location in order to allow more water to flow into backwater area. Back water area was excavated to remove fine sediment and aquatic vegetation build up along pathway to pump. All work was completed with a small excavator and spoil material was deposited on bank.

Date Action Taken 8-12-13

Inspection Recommendation Approved as proposed; Actions were reasonable to get water to the pump.

AFTER-THE-FACT:

COMPLAINT:

PERMIT EXTENSION REQUEST:GD-65-12, Paul Gaffney, Bear Canyon Creek, see letter.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: 310 Consulting Agreement provided to Respec; approval needed and signed if received by meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

7:00 District Business Agenda:

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GUESTS: Kirk Warren, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology to discuss project they will be conducting in Big Sky.

LAW BOOK REVIEW:

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on health insurance options
Follow up on closing requirements of the 10'.

NEW BUSINESS:

GRANT AND CONTRACT REPORT:

- 223 contract pollinator project; Received final invoice and final report; looks good. Approval & signed then submit to DNRC.
- Girls Scouts of MT and WY for 'It's Your Planet-Love It! WOW! Wonders of Water' mini education grant for \$284.00. Submitted final invoice to DNRC. Sign check for \$249.97.
- RRGL for \$100,000.00; Marcie will be focusing more time on this as we need to submit scope of work, budget, and implementation plan; going to try to get bids by middle of Nov and complete work Dec-Feb.
- 223 grant for Education and Outreach Center, \$10,000. \$3700.00 remaining
- Applied for DNRC Capacity Grant for \$5000.00. Discus options for this grant.
- Gallatin County has \$75,000.00 RRGL grant that they were approved for but the landowner backed out. If we can come up with a project (irrigation/stream rehabilitation) we can do a project.
- CDA-14-1650, 310 Administrative Grant for \$6272.01 awarded to GCD; received signed grant from DNRC on 9-12-13. Marcie will compile invoice with 310 invoices to be submitted to DNRC.

CD COST SHARE PROGRAM Four applications received from Gallatin Big Sky Noxious Weed Committee: Gerald Maykath \$106.63; Neil McCarthy \$118.50; John Loomis \$18.49; Mel Crighton \$64.99. Payments to be approved by board. Hold discussion on how this has been advertised/promoted.

AMERICORPS REPORT:

Erin Wall, at meeting

STAFF REPORT:

Marcie Murnion, District Administrator, see written report

AGENCY REPORTS:

NRCS

MSU Extension

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Loren Blanksma, at meeting

Duane Burkenpas, at meeting

CHECKS FROM MANHATTAN CHECKING:

1025, Murdoch's, \$239.92, 6 rolls of bottom wire fence (will need to buy one 10' section)

1026, Oasis, \$53.50, ½ work day at E&O Center; lunch for 3 NRCS employees & Marcie.

1027, First Security Insurance, #216, \$75.00; renewal of notary and bond for Marcie.

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INVOICES TO PAY (may add more prior to meeting)

8-27-13, NorthWestern Energy, \$251.45

9-1-13, J&H, #396417, \$20.00, monthly service contract

9-6-13, Town Center Condo's, #749, \$596.24, condo dues and water/sewer for one unit.

9-1-13, Jive Communications, #899337, \$114.71, office phones

9-2-13, Town of Manhattan, \$102.08, water for E&O Center (the meter wasn't reading correctly)

9-1-13, Valley Improvement Center, \$71.90, materials for E&O Center
, Atkins, #

DEPOSITS RECEIVED:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&L, Balance Sheet for July and August

ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2013: **** Review Action Plan ****

TOURS / WORKSHOPS/EVENTS:

MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / TRAINING: Area 6 meeting, October 1st in Cardwell. Supervisors interested? Registration due by Sept 25th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MEETING ADJOURNED: