

Missoula Conservation District
June 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm
3550 Mullan Rd, Ste 106, Missoula, MT 59808

Missoula Conservation District Attendees: Tim Hall, Chair; Libby Maclay, Vice Chair; Travis Greenwalt, Treasurer; Sidney Wills, Supervisor; Bob Schroeder, Supervisor; Paul Parson, Supervisor; Art Pencek, Supervisor; Bart Morris, Associate Supervisor; Jen McBride, Staff

Additional Attendees: Ladd Knotek MT FWP; John Hart, Deputy County Attorney; Bryce Christiaens, Missoula County Weed District; Elena Evans, Missoula Valley Water Quality District; David Armerding, APO-02-19; Jeremy Moran, MS-23-19; Andrew Wilkinson, CM-02-19; Brandon Honzel, Big Sky High School (BSHS) Envirothon; Logan Turner, BSHS Envirothon; Teagen Turner, BSHS Envirothon; Sawyer Reagan, BSHS Envirothon; Max Andres, BSHS Envirothon; Kalten Hendrickson, BSHS Envirothon

Absent: John Bowe, NRCS

Call Meeting to Order – 7:03 pm by Tim Hall

Minutes – Libby Maclay moved to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes as drafted. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Travis Greenwalt reported \$21,979.49 in the District checking account.

Public Comment – No public comment.

NRCS Report – John Bowe provided a written report summarizing NRCS cost-share assistance, other programs, and the Joint Chief's Proposal.

Envirothon Presentation - Big Sky High School representatives attended the District meeting to present to the Board of Supervisors on their Envirothon experience this year. The issue for state competitions this year was that a storm halted transportation through the bus charter that Missoula County School Districts have a contract with, Beach Transportation. Logan Turner, Tegan Turner, Sawyer Reagan, Kalten Hendrickson, and Max Andres presented. The team's parents had to provide transportation to Lewistown given weather advisories – logistics were difficult and there was a lot of emotion involved. The whole team is going to the National Competition despite some issues with Andres not attending the state tournament. The team won wildlife, soils, and aquatics. They also were able to earn second place in the presentation portion. The experience to travel to North Carolina and meet and compete with others who have the same interests is inspiring for students. The team has conducted the following fundraising activities for the national competition: Montana Envirothon pays registration and lodging leaving the team with travel costs which are estimated at \$670 each. The school district is paying for Mr. Honzels travel. The team has approached several different entities and raised \$350. MTFWP will donate \$500. The remaining funds needed is \$2500. Information regarding the Envirothon is in the packet. Fundraising beyond the current goals would be returned to the Envirothon fund for future registration teams.

The Board discussed the funding request. Bob Schroeder stated thought the Envirothon team was solid and represented themselves well and perhaps in the future, the District may match the funds that they raise elsewhere.

Art Pencek moved to allow the Envirothon to use the reserve funds for nationals. Tim Hall seconded the motion. Bob abstains. six in favor, motion carried.

New 310 Permit Applications

MS-13-19 – Larry Johnson – Unnamed Creek – Berm Construction
Geocode: 04-2325-21-2-03-01-0000

McBride reported on the project stating that it has been tabled in past months awaiting more information. The proposed project is on an unnamed tributary to O'Keefe Creek. PCI is the consultant working to get this done as the property is being subdivided, they need to come into compliance with septic. It was discussed during a site inspection on April 3, 2019 and again at the May 13, 2019 District Meeting that perhaps a variance would be granted for the drainfield rather than filling the bank/riparian area. It was also discussed at prior meetings that alternatives to the project might be considered and other agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (US ACE) might take jurisdiction over a project to fill the bank/riparian area. Karl Treadwell, with Professional Consulting Inc. (PCI), attended the May 13, 2019 meeting to update the Board on possible changes to the design of the project and inform the Board of an application to US ACE.

Following the May 13, 2019 meeting Ladd Knotek, a representative with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MT FWP) spoke with a representative from Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ) to inquire regarding the option for a variance so that the riparian area would not need to be filled. Knotek learned that this is not an option for MT DEQ.

The Board discussed denial of Application No. MS-13-19 as it is understood that compliance with MT DEQ regulations will require changes to the design of the project as proposed in Application No MS-13-19 or alternatives to the project may be considered. Updated design plans were not submitted for review prior to the June 10, 2019 meeting. The Board stated that the applicant would be required to submit a new application detailing the plans for the unnamed channel and the riparian area to move forward with any modified designs.

Tim Hall moved to make Application No. MS-13-19 a project under the law and deny the project. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

MS-15-19 – Clark Fork Coalition c/o Will McDowell – Fish Creek – Beaver Analog Dams Installation
Geocode: 04-2331-28-1-01-01-0000

McBride reviewed images of the site and Knotek reported that this is a project in conjunction with University of Montana. It is a research project around beaver mimicry structures. The plan is to construct check dams in the stream build out of pine boughs. The university and applicant will look at water storage, fisheries, temperature etc. Beaver have been seen in the area and Knotek stated he thought it was a good project to help get some data on the viability of this in terms of water storage. The Nature Conservancy owns the land and holds an agreement with the E bar L trustees. It is possible that the work may provide late season grazing/water or wetlands. Knotek and Pencek provided team member reports.

Art Pencek moved to make Application No. MS-15-19 a project under the law and approve the project with modifications. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

The project to install beaver analog dams on Fish Creek is approved with the following modifications:

- Complete proposed BDA installation after July 15 (through fall) to minimize impacts on cutthroat trout
- Limit BDA installation to reaches described in application
- Do not remove woody vegetation in the project area or riparian corridors
- Update Missoula CD & MTFWP annually on progress of project

MS-16-19 – Clark Fork Coalition c/o Will McDowell – Lost Prairie Creek – Beaver Analog Dams Installation
Geocode: 04-2434-11-1-01-01-0000, 04-2434-11-1-01-03-0000

McBride reported that there was no site visit to this location, but Pencek and Knotek reviewed the application. The Board briefly discussed the project and site.

Art Pencek moved to make Application No. MS-16-19 a project under the law and approve the project with modifications. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

The project to install beaver analog dams on Lost Prairie Creek is approved with the following modifications:

- Complete proposed BDA installation after July 15 (through fall) to minimize impacts on cutthroat trout
- Limit BDA installation to reaches described in application
- Do not remove woody vegetation in the project area or riparian corridors
- Update Missoula CD & MTFWP annually on progress of project

MS-18-19 – Tim O’Leary – Blackfoot River – Trail Construction
Geocode: 04-22-01-21-4-01-23-0000

McBride reported that she received an email from O’Leary after he received the District’s letter that required details of a revegetation plan prior to project approval. O’Leary stated in his email that the Montana Department of Transportation announced the piers on the Blackfoot River are not going to be removed; the cost of trail construction and revegetation is higher than planned for this year; and ties with Trout Unlimited and other groups are being worked on to see what kind of partnerships we could be formed to address riverbank restoration.

Tim Hall moved to withdraw Application No. MS-18-19 based on the applicants request. Art Pencek seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

MS-21-19 – Shannon Luikhart – LaValle Creek – Bridge Construction
Geocode: 04-2325-13-1-01-13-0000

McBride reported that the District is still waiting on complete plans for this project, and the Board tabled application review.

MS-22-19 – Steve Kloetzel – West Fork Gold Creek – Bridge
Geocode: 04-2328-01-1-01-01-0000

McBride reported that Kloetzel was out of town and requested to be considered for July site inspections. The Board tabled application review.

MS-23-19 – Jeremy Moran obo Shirreff – Grant Creek – Remove and Rebuild Home
Geocode: 04-2326-15-2-01-05-0000

McBride reported that the project site is on Grant Creek above the turnoff to Snowbowl road. The proposal is to remove a house and rebuild the house farther from the creek. The pictures show the current residence encroaching upon the riparian buffer. Here the recommended buffer is 30-feet; the deck is the structure is infringing the most and should be removed during deconstruction. Moran is a general contractor working with new landowners on the property and the plan is to pull all materials away from the creek. The current building is damaged. Moran stated that the owners have never lived in house. The heat had been turned off and when the realtor turned on the heat the house was flooded. Dayspring tried to restore it but was unsuccessful. The new house is smaller, set down more and tucked away from the creek and the plan is to use a deconstruction crew. The main access will be on the opposite side of the house. On the deck footings they don’t know what they are getting into so they are not sure exactly how that

will be deconstructed if there is a buried footing, they would like to pull it, but it may need to be cut. A discussion of deconstruction barriers to protect the creek such as straw wattles, silt fencing, etc. ensued.

Art Pencek moved to make Application No. MS-23-19 a project under the law and approve the project with modifications. Bob Schroeder seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

The project to remove and rebuild a home on Grant Creek is approved with the following modifications:

- Do not disturb the riparian area outside of the house footprint
- Use a barrier such as straw wattles to limit sediment reaching the creek during construction
- Should vegetation within the riparian area be damaged, a revegetation plan must be submitted within 30-days of occurrence; the riparian buffer at this location is 30-feet as measured horizontally from the ordinary high-water mark of Grant Creek
- The cleared area on the downstream side of the house should be revegetated within the 30-foot riparian buffer to provide an adequate filter and mitigate water quality and sedimentation issues from upslope runoff

MS-24-19 – Randy Larson obo O’Grady – Mill Creek – Ford
Geocode: 04-1974-09-1-01-01-0000

Pencek, Knotek, and McBride went on a site visit and discussed the crossing with Larson stating that a bridge would be more suitable for the site. McBride reported that following the site visit Larson left a voicemail on June 7, 2019, stating that he’d spoken with the landowner and they would not pursue a bridge or any other crossing at the location reviewed and that they would conduct work in other areas instead, therefore they were withdrawing the application.

Tim Hall moved to withdraw Application No. MS-18-19 based on the applicants request. Art Pencek seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

MS-25-19 – Talcott Construction obo Erck Inc – Grant Creek – Hotel Demolition
Geocode: 04-2200-05-3-01-09-0000

McBride reviewed images of the site and noted that there is a fence and a silt fence adjacent to Grant Creek. The fence gets close to the creek and likely should have been permitted. Knotek and Pencek provided team member reports. The Board discussed the application noting that it only addresses removal of the old structure and a new application must be submitted for the new building and landscaping. The Board requires a riparian buffer of 30-feet on Grant Creek at this location.

Tim Hall moved to make Application No. MS-25-19 a project under the law and approve the project with modifications. Bob Schroeder seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

The project to demolish a hotel on Grant Creek is approved with the following modifications:

- Do not disturb the currently fenced riparian area
- Limit disturbance or any further vegetation removal in the area outside of the fence within the riparian buffer; the riparian buffer at this location is 30-feet as measured horizontally from the ordinary high-water mark
- Minimize equipment use between the building and the fence; do not operate equipment between the building and fence when the ground is wet
- Submit a new 310 Application for construction work and final plans for new structures and landscaping associated with new hotel

APO-02-19 – Gary Graham obo Brookside Community Association Inc. – Rattlesnake Creek – Diversion Work
Geocode: 04-2200-11-2-19-03-0000

David Armerding was present to represent Brookside Community Association (HOA). McBride showed slides and

Armerding noted that later in the summer the side channel becomes low enough that there is not enough water to fulfill their water right. There is a 20 to 30-foot stretch in the side channel where the HOA wants to maintain connection and grade. Pencek and Knotek wants reviewed the team member reports. Schroeder inquired about the headgate and measuring device noting that an example of a measuring device is a parcel flume. Knotek inquired about the excavated material and where it would be deposited. Armerding pointed to point bar in front of tree. McBride stated that one issue was that the property owner did not want to sign off for access where access is needed in order to do this maintenance; the HOA should check their point of diversion and ensure there is a legal easement to access this location to fulfill their water right. Hall asked if the Yellowstone Pipeline altered the site and he also noted that sometimes people illegally move bedload and dam ditches up. Armerding said that the Yellowstone Pipeline work was below the area where the sediment has begun to aggrade. The Board noted that if work is to be done outside of the site addressed in the application, the HOA will need to come back for an additional permit.

Art Pencek moved to make Application No. APO-02-19 a project under the law and approve the project with modifications. Paul Parson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

The project to work in a side channel of Rattlesnake Creek to assure water delivery to the Hollenbeck Ditch is approved with the following modifications:

- Permitted work window is at base flow July 15-Oct 15; do not work in the channel outside of this time window
- Do not disturb vegetation, remove trees, large woody debris or any materials other than gravel and rock
- Deposition area for excavated material must be approved by floodplain jurisdiction prior to any work occurring under this permit
- Comply with all other applicable laws including installation of an accurate measuring device on the diversion to ensure water right is fulfilled, but not exceeded
- Confirm that access to the site is allowable under water right or ensure landowner permission prior to any work occurring under this permit
- Notify Missoula Conservation District a minimum of 10-days prior to each time work is to occur

VII. Existing 310 Permits

MS-26-18 – Hugh Sheehy c/o WGM Group, Inc., Mike Day – Blixit Creek – Dam Improvements – Extension Request (permit expires July 9, 2019)
Geocode: 04-2203-28-1-01-03-0000

McBride noted that she anticipated that Mike Day would be at the meeting to address questions the Board may have on the updated design plans. She stated that the Board had approved the project as proposed and it was her understanding that the rest of the permits had been approved by appropriate agencies.

The Board discussed questions about potential changes to the project. Discussion occurred about the deviation request and why DNRC allowed a deviation for an 18" pipe instead of a 30" pipe on a high hazard dam. Questions arose such as: How will the smaller pipe impact the bank of Blixit Creek at the outlet? Is it possible there would be unforeseen consequences for Blixit Creek downstream of the dam due to the deviation from the rules? If there is less capacity for drawdown is there a greater chance that the emergency spillway would be accessed and have implications for the creek downstream of the dam?

Day supplied documents that were required by DNRC, the report is dozens of pages long and McBride had not had an opportunity to review in detail. Without a complete understanding of the changes to the design and an expiration on the existing permit, the Board discussed extending the permit as originally approved.

Art Pencek moved to allow a one-year extension on Permit No. MS-26-18 with conditions discussed. Paul Parson seconded the motion. Sidney Wills abstained. six infavor, motion carried.

The extension request to improve the dam on Blixit Creek is approved with the following conditions:

- Project must be completed as proposed in Application No. MS-26-18, received by our office on June 25, 2018
- If project plans have changed since June 25, 2018, the Board must be briefed on and approve changes prior to work occurring

MS-27-18 – Randy Larson obo O’Grady – Tevis Creek – Culvert Installation – Permit Modification Request
Geocode: 04-1974-05-1-01-01-0000

Larson inquired about taking a portion of trees from the stream corridor. Pencek stated that if the trees look like they are going to fall over and uproot the root wad, Larson wants to leave the lower portion that crosses the creek and then skid out the rest of the trees. Pencek clarified that no slash would be left in the creek. Knotek noted that there should be deed restrictions as they should have been passed on from the previous landowner. John Hart researched deed restrictions but was unable to find them on the current deed; they should be Exhibit A but they were not found. Earlier deeds may list restrictions such as Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP). Parson stated that perhaps Larson should be more specific about the proposed work. It was discussed that commercial and salvage sales are still required to follow the Streamside Management Zone (SMZ) laws.

McBride notified the Board that a crossing was installed on Tevis Creek but not the tributary to Mill Creek under Permit Nos MS-27-18 & MS-28-18. McBride stated that she misunderstood Larson’s verbal proposal and thought the proposed modifications would be more localized near the crossings that he’d had approved last year, so she recommended that he submit a modification request – following the site visit it was clearer that what he wants to do is more extensive. The Board discussed that there may not be enough information to decide on the proposal as there are questions about what exactly is being proposed. The Board discussed that the scope of the proposed work that may impact the bed or banks of the streams exceeds the area covered by Permit Nos. MS-27-18 & MS-28-18 and a new application should be submitted if the applicant wants to pursue this practice.

Bob Schroeder moved to deny the permit modification request for Permit Nos. Permit Nos MS-27-18 & MS-28-18 and require a new application detailing proposed work. Tim Hall seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

MS-28-18 – Randy Larson obo O’Grady – Mill Creek – Culvert Installation – Permit Modification Request
Geocode: 04-1974-09-1-01-01-0000
See discussion and motion under MS-27-18.

MS-44-18 – Vose Babcock – Clark Fork River – Cable Car Replacement – Plan Change Review
Geocode: 04-2324-03-1-01-07-0000

Knotek, Pencek, and McBride completed an additional site inspection at this location on the south and north banks. Onsite discussion with the applicants consultant revealed some other issues and changes to site conditions from proposed plans as there is a lot of active water in side channels and the river appears to be moving north. After reviewing the site, the applicant’s consultant withdrew the modification request and may conduct work under the existing permit if they can address cable tension issues. If work is to ensue under the existing permit, they will notify the District.

MS-20-19 – Traci Sylte obo O’Brien Meadow HOA – O’Brien Creek – Log Relocation & Debris Removal
Geocode: 04-2199-34-4-01-30-0000

McBride brought the applicants May 21, 2019, correspondence to the attention of the Board; the letter references a deadline for a long-term solution listed in the permit and notes the reasons that additional time is needed to address a long-term solution for this site.

Tim Hall moved to allow a one-year extension for the deadline listed on the final bullet point on the May 15, 2019 letter issued with Permit No. MS-20-18. Paul Parson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

VIII. 310 Complaints

CM-06-18 (RE: MS-30-18) – Fred Stout – Clark Fork River – Riprap & Excavation Work
Geocode: 04-2199-05-1-02-10-0000

McBride stated that Stout's consultant had been in touch and other permits were being approved and they should be mobilizing this year to remove the concrete.

CM-02-19 – Andrew Wilkinson – Butler Creek – Encroachment on Riparian Buffer
Geocode: 04-2326-18-4-02-13-0000

Travis Greenwalt and McBride conducted a site visit with the landowner on June 07, 2019. Wilkinson was present at the meeting. Photos were shown depicting a swale above the property that drains into a culvert passing under the county road onto the property and then into Butler Creek. Water runs across turf and lawn and then into the creek. The photos depict storage of materials encroaching the riparian vegetation, though much of the vegetation is intact. There are some foot crossings and barrels seem to be empty alongside creek. Immediately upstream of the site there is a considerable amount of veg. This complaint came in from several landowners up Butler Creek. Greenwalt provided more background on the field visit. When you look up the stream corridor and see the empty barrels and material on the bank and the hosing, it looks like there may be potential hazards leaving questions and some potential for contamination. Wilkinson showed Greenwalt what was in the barrel and it was dry. Greenwalt stated that the sees the largest issue in terms of the 310 Law seemed to be that items are piling up and inhibiting vegetation, compromising the bank. Greenwalt recommended that material is pulled back 10 feet off the high-water mark and find a better spot for it. Paul said it was consistent with what the district has recommended. Wilkinson asked about what can happen with the county road drainage path directing more water onto his property and Wilkinson's drainfield is close to the low spot on the property and the neighbors well water is downstream of the septic. The supervisors said it could very well be worthwhile to call the county.

Paul Parson moved determine Complaint No. CM-02-19 a violation of the 310 Law and require cleanup within the riparian buffer as discussed at the meeting. Tim Hall seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

To come into compliance with the law the following is required:

- Move all items, such as bikes, fences, containers, etc. outside of the riparian buffer; the riparian buffer at this location is 10-feet as measured horizontally from the ordinary high-water mark
- All work must be completed by August 31, 2019
- Do not damage or remove riparian vegetation while moving items
- If you determine that equipment must be used on the banks or you intend to use other methods that may impact the bed or banks of Butler Creek, please submit a 310 Application no later than August 1, 2019

310 Inquiries & Issues

Clark Fork River – Boondock Lane bank erosion – McBride and Parson reported on a site visit to properties on Boondock Lane noting that there is presently no proposal do anything. The old Milwaukee Railroad bed cuts through the floodplain and there are abandoned concrete bridge piers in the river. During high water last year, a division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (US ACE) put in some riprap to protect utilities. The river makes a sharp bends (approximately 90-degrees) above and below the area were US ACE worked. There is a berm that cuts off an old side channel. There is discussion of taking the bridge piers out with discussion of who would pay for it.

Clark Fork River – Schmidt Lane flooding – McBride noted that Missoula Valley Water Quality District worked with landowners and trailers have been pulled back.

Clark Fork River – 7th Street W Bank Erosion – McBride stated that Jackie Thorp called regarding efforts to stop erosion on her property. Thorp has been encouraged to get in touch with Missoula County Floodplain on multiple

occasions as McBride has informed her that it is likely that Floodplain regulations will require engineered plans.
Blackfoot Drainage – McBride informed the board of an inquiry she received about Beaver dam's blocking culverts.
Trail Creek – Knotek notified the District office that Double Arrow Ranch Landowners Association conducted work in the common area that should have been permitted. The work was likely a violation but it has already been remediated.
Mill Creek – McBride notified the Board that Todd Kleitz with Missoula County Floodplain emailed her to let her know that building was occurring near the creek off of I-90. Pencek and McBride looked at it during site inspections and work appears to be outside of the riparian buffer.
Other – No other inquires or issues were reported.

Reports

County Attorney - no report

Montana FWP - Ron Pierce did a review of restoration work that was insightful. The Board requested the opportunity to review.

Bitter Root RC&D – There is an upcoming event at the Lolo Creek Brewery honoring Byron Bonnie, a forester, who has done good work.

District Committees - Budget Committee met and put together a draft FY 20 Budget. The Budget Committee believes a new location is financially feasible. The Personnel Committee met today and reviewed 28 complete applications and will request interviews from five applicants.

Missoula CD Employee – McBride provided the following written report:

Jen McBride – Resource Conservationist – May 14, 2019 – June 10, 2019

310 Administration: Drafted, reviewed and mailed all 310-law related correspondence following the May 13, 2019 District Meeting. Scanned, emailed, and filed all appropriate 310-law communication. Corresponded and assisted individuals regarding 310 projects, complaints, issues or inquiries including locations on Butler Creek, Lolo Creek, O'Brien Creek, Camas Creek, O'Keefe Creek, Martin Gulch, Fish Creek, Lost Prairie Creek, Grant Creek, Trail Creek, LaValle Creek, Mill Creek(s), Rattlesnake Creek, Blixit Creek, Tevis Creek, Houle Creek, the Blackfoot River and several locations on the Clark Fork River. Met onsite with several landowners as needed regarding 310 inquiries and issues. Coordinated and attended 310 site inspections on two separate days with Art Pencek, attending Supervisor and Ladd Knotek MT FW&P representative. Processed 310 applications as they arrived, coordinated with applicants as needed, scanned applications and forwarded for team member review. Prepared photos for PowerPoint and notes for the June meeting. Corresponded with other agencies regarding 310 projects, inquiries, issues, flooding, and complaints as needed.

Conservation Planning/Partnerships: Briefly attended and took documents to Miller Creek Event hosted by Missoula Valley Water Quality District. Communicated with Weed District and MSU Cooperative Extension as needed. Attended Bitterroot Conservation District meeting with Travis Ross, Missoula Valley Water Quality District to discuss benefits of Channel Migration Zone mapping. Corresponded with Brandon Honzel regarding the Envirothon and presentation to the Board. Scheduled No-Till-Drill visits provided information and corresponded with Larry's Tractor Trailers and More. Work to address issue regarding damage to the swivel hitch on the drill. Corresponded with DNRC/MACD attorney regarding Conservation District's and regulatory authorities. Directed inquiries on available grant programs for conservation assistance. Directed inquires regarding irrigation ditches.

Office Administration: Drafted and finalized District Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2019. Received and sorted through hundreds of incomplete applications and dozens of complete applications for the Administrative Assistant position. Responded to individuals who submitted a complete application. Prepared applications for committee review. Prepared for annual employee performance review. Met with the Personnel Committee. Updated Quickbooks as needed and prepared budget overview and projections for the Budget committee. Met with the Budget committee twice. Submitted timesheet and time summary to the county. Entered claims into QuickBooks. Completed preparations of claims, correspondence, and other required documentation for District Meeting.

Maclay added that McBride has been working solo for months and months now and is doing so during the busy time of the year and keeping everyone happy and remaining sane is hard to do but everyone should know that she is doing a good job for the District.

Other – No other reports.

New Business

Correspondence – McBride followed up regarding the application where work will impact a wetland adjacent to Lindberg Lake. Don MacIntyre said any authority the Board may have would be under land use regulations. McBride stated that she also followed up regarding submitting comments to US ACE on the wetland concern. McBride stated that she forwarded a request for comment on potential levee work including Knoteks comments on the Orchard Homes area project.

Other – No other new Business to report.

Old Business

Grant Programs

District Programs – McBride noted that the Budget Committee is recommending a suspension of grant programs for FY 20 to accommodate internal growth and better serve the public in the long run. McBride also noted that she hasn't met with the Grants Committee.

DNRC Sponsored

RRGL Awarded – Grass Valley French Ditch Clark Fork Diversion Rehabilitation - Ranked 55 out of 76. Received \$125,000. To this date no one has contacted the district regarding this award and McBride was attempting to get in touch with someone at DNRC to determine District deadlines and responsibilities.

Other – Nothing else to report on Grants.

MSU Extension/Weed District Collaboration – Fairgrounds – McBride noted that Bryce Christiaens was in attendance in case the Board had questions about the facility that Hall or McBride could not address. Hall stated that the Budget Committee discussed thoroughly but the Board has not had much time to discuss the opportunity for partnership and office space with the local agencies. Greenwalt had also reviewed the financial implications of purchasing into the new building at the fairgrounds. The Board discussed the existing partnership with NRCS and compared the pros and cons of the partners. Either way the District intends to keep and build strong relationship with local and federal partners. Bart Morris stated that the partnership seemed to be a good fit and discussed ways that he perceived it would provide more opportunities for District to serve the public; the opportunities that the new facility will offer seem to be a good fit for the District and its mission. The Board discussed assurances that it would like to have in place should it agree to purchase into a building on grounds owned by the county. After extensive discussion the Board agreed that a contractual agreement with the county will have to be put in place to finalize the financial investment.

Art Pencek moved to move forward with MSU Extension and the Missoula County Weed District with the intent to purchase into a new building at the fairgrounds should a reasonable agreement be finalized with the Board of County Commissioners. Bob Schroeder seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

The Board decided that Hall, Greenwalt, and McBride would attend an upcoming meeting with architects.

Equipment Program – McBride stated that Morris was assisting her because the hitch on the drill had broken. Morris informed the Board of maintenance that needed to occur, and the Board agreed that in this circumstance it would pay for the part. Morris stated that he would work with McBride and the renter to get the part and get the drill back to Larry's Tractor Trailers and More.

Personnel – nothing else to report

Other – No Other old business to report.

Payment of Bills –

Tim Hall moved to pay the bills. Bob Schroeder seconded. All in favor, motion carried—unanimous.

Warrants:

Ck # 2582	Verizon – District cell phone	\$ 69.32
Ck # 2574	Charter Communications – Internet	\$ 84.99
Ck # 2575	First Interstate Bank – Gas Card	\$ 80.29
Ck # 2575	Pathfinder LLC – Seeley Lake News	\$31.00
Ck # 2586	Tim Hall – Mileage & CD Business – two quarters	\$1714.92
Ck # 2587	Elizabeth Maclay – Mileage & CD Business – two quarters	\$695.52
Ck # 2588	Paul Parson – Mileage & CD Business – two quarters	\$734.80
Ck # 2589	Travis Greenwalt – Mileage & CD Business – two quarters	\$316.12
Ck # 2590	Art Pencek – Mileage & CD Business – two quarters	\$1101.14
Ck # 2591	Robert Schroeder – Mileage & CD Business – two quarters	\$572.81
Ck # 2592	Sidney Wills – Mileage – two quarters	\$90.48
Ck # 2593	Bart Morris – Mileage – two quarters	\$25.52
	Total:	\$ 5520.72

Checks:

Ck # 1491	Robert Schroeder – Reimbursement	\$ 245.19
	Total:	\$ 245.19

Adjournment

Tim Hall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 pm. Bob Schroeder seconded. All in favor, motion carried — unanimous.

Voting Record – CD Supervisor	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN
Tim Hall	15		
Libby Maclay	15		
Travis Greenwalt	15		
Paul Parson	15		
Art Pencek	15		
Bob Schroeder	14		1
Sidney Wills	14		1

The next Missoula Conservation District meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the USDA Service Center conference room at 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 106, Missoula, MT 59808.