



Stillwater Conservation District

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July 9th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Service Center Conference Room (334 N. 9th Street, Columbus, MT)

Meeting called to order by: **Bob** at **6:08**

Supervisors Present: Robert Van Oosten (*Chairman*), Noel Keogh (*Vice Chairman*), Butch Behrent (*Treasurer*), Ben Walker (*Urban Supervisor*), Darryl Thompson (*Associate Member*)

Supervisors Approved Absent: Steve Story (*Secretary*), Nathan Jones (*Urban Supervisor*)

Others Present: Sharon Flemetis (*District Admin*), Celeste Barnett (*310/Volunteer Coordinator*), Garrett Larson (NRCS), Colten Shimer (USACE), Donald Hutson, Carolyn Hutson

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from 03/05/24 Meeting: **Ben**

Seconded: **Butch**

Discussion: **None**

Vote: **Approved**

Motion to approve minutes from 04/02/24 Meeting: **Butch**

Seconded: **Ben**

Discussion: **None**

Vote: **Approved**

Motion to approve minutes from 05/09/24 Meeting: **Ben**

Seconded: **Butch**

Discussion: **None**

Vote: **Approved**

Motion to approve minutes from 06/11/24 Meeting: **Ben**

Seconded: **Noel**

Discussion: **None**

Vote: **Approved**

Public Comment

* 3 Minute Limit * The Public will conduct themselves in a professional manner or be asked to leave.*

Donald & Carolyn Hutson were present to discuss their 310 Application.

REPORTS

Robert “Bob” Van Oosten – Missed last County Planning Board Meeting, No July Meeting

Butch Behrent – Gala Tickets Going on sale, Weed Pull 8/11 at 9am

Steve Story – Absent

Darryl Thompson – No Report

Noel Keogh– 3Ws Workshop went well, NRCS rainfall simulator was very interesting.

Ben Walker– No Report

Nate Jones – Absent

Garrett Larson– Checking Ventenata sites that were sprayed for effectiveness. Fuels Mitigation Seminar went well, 30 – 40 inventories done, goal of 60

Noel Moves to Furnish Refreshments for the Fuel Mitigation Seminar

Seconded: Ben Discussion: None Vote: Approved

Tomorrow presenting Fuel Mitigation and High Tunnel Program to Stillwater Valley Republican Women’s Group

Sharon Fletmetis – Joined Board of ROCE, Economic Development in Columbus

Celeste Barnett – Out next week for NHSFR

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Presented by Sharon Fletmetis

Motion to approve and Pay Warrants: Butch

Seconded: Ben

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved

GRANT UPDATES

EWP- 1 Project left in Stillwater, 7 in Carbon

Letter To Landowners- Proposed template to send when we close out projects

Mendenhall – Still open, waiting on payment and final close out

Forest Service/ERLA – Supposed to have 60% Design by 7/15

ARPA Danford- Ready to proceed once they turn off the water

ARPA Orchard- In Engineering, Funding Source NRDP added to project

EC – Discussion, No Action

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Admin Grant application for Board Approval- Had a June 30th Deadline, Budget shortfall of \$48,697.00, \$25,258.00 was requested due to threshold of \$60,000.00 allowed.

Butch Moves to Approve To Apply For The Admin Grant

Seconded: **Ben** Discussion: **None** Vote: **Approved**

Board Member Needed for City/County Planning Board-

Noel Moves to appoint Ben to the City/County Planning Board

Seconded: **Butch** Discussion: **None** Vote: **Approved**

Permissive Mill Levy – (April 2023 Voted to Increase from \$1,000-\$4,000) – Will be presented at August Meeting, Public Notice has been scheduled to be published

OLD BUSINESS

Storage Shed – Tabled

Rain Barrel Workshop - Waiting until Fall

310 APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

APPL. #	Name	Stream	Project	Rec'd	Decision
#24-09	Noel Keogh	Stillwater	Bank Stabilization	4/17/2024 Tabled 5/9 Tabled 6/11	WITHDRAWN
#24-010	Sandra Peck	Stillwater	Bank Stabilization	4/19/24 Tabled 5/9 Tabled 6/11	Motion to Approve with the modification of revegetating: Butch Second: Ben Discussion: None Vote: Approved
#24-015	John Skiles	Stillwater	Rip Rap Repair	5/22/24 Tabled 6/11	Motion to Approve: Ben Second: Butch Discussion: None Vote: Approved
#24-022	Donald Hutson	Stillwater	Riprap at headgate	6/25/24	Motion to Approve with the Modification Landowner may choose to use rocks instead of blocks: Noel Second: Butch Discussion: None Vote: Approved

#24-023M	Donald Hutson	Stillwater	Headgate Maintenance	6/25/24	Motion To Approve a 10 year Maintenance Permit: Noel Second: Butch Discussion: None Vote: Approved
#24-024	Midnight Canyon	Stillwater	Bridge Pier Riprap	7/1/20224	Motion to Approve: Noel Second: Ben Discussion: None Vote: Approved

Stillwater Mine Pumphouse/Weir Project (DISCUSSION ONLY) – Currently working on an emergency, the pumps are blocked by silt. They know they need to re-engineer the system and will be coming up with a solution and submitting a permit.

#23-088 D4 Properties – Permit Expiration 4/3/25 – No Action

#23-052V Judy Krone – Submitting information to the lawyer

#23-064V Montana Rail Link & #23-070V Montana Rail Link – Spoke with a new representative today, they will be having a meeting soon to resolve this.

#24-025V John Skiles – Waiting for As-Builts

Save The Dates

August 1, 2024 - Site Inspections

August 6, 2024 - Monthly Board Meeting 6pm

August 29, 2024 - Site Inspections

September 2, 2024 – Labor Day

September 3, 2024 - Monthly Board Meeting 6pm

September 26, 2024 - Site Inspections

October 1, 2024 - Monthly Board Meeting 6pm

October 14, 2024 – Columbus Day

October 31, 2024 - Site Inspections

November 5, 2024 - Monthly Board Meeting 6pm

November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day

November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:25, Quorum no longer present

Minutes Approved By  Date: 8/6/2024

310 Applications must be received by 12pm seven days prior to the meeting and have been inspected to be reviewed. Agenda items must be submitted to the CD Office by Noon the Monday before the scheduled meeting. Agendas are available at the CD Office upon request and at stillwatercd.org once finalized. All meetings of the CD are open to the public. Meetings may be recorded by the district for note taking purposes and then will be destroyed once minutes are approved. Once approved the minutes will be available at stillwatercd.org and the County Clerk and Records Office.