

Minutes

Stillwater Conservation District

January 3rd, 2023, at 6:00 PM

USDA Service Center Conference Room (334 N. 9th St., Columbus, MT 59019)

The meeting was called to order by Will Downs at 6:20 pm. A quorum of 7 present.

Absent Board Members: Noel Keogh

ATTENDANCE

Members	Audience
Will Downs	Cliff and Kate Miller
Kylie Baubauch	Cherie Hocevar
Butch Behrent	Roxy Watkins
Steve Story	Rick and Joann Powell
Darryl Thompson	Tom Osborne
Bob VanOosten	
Ben Walker	
Sharon Fletmetis	
Ashley Thompson	
Karen Marts	

Open (Public) meeting @ 6:58 pm

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from previous meetings: **M: Butch**

Seconded: **Bob**

Discussion:

Vote: **Approve**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve Financial Report and Bills to be paid: **Bob**

Seconded: **Steve**

Discussion:

Vote: **Approve**

REPORTS

- Will Downs
- Steve Story
- Robert Van Oosten - **Zoning**
Board approved storage
business in Park City.

- Noel Keogh
- Butch Behrent **SVWC**
- upcoming January meeting**
to review by- laws.

- Kylie Ballbach
- Sharon Flemetis **EWP - notes**
- below**

Public Comment (3 Minute Limit)

310 APPLICATIONS, Emergency Forms, and Complaints

APPL. #	Name	Stream	Project	Received	
22-136	Jerry Jones	Stillwater	Bank Stabilization	09/02/22	Vote: Approve with Modifications M: Steve S: Bob
22-181	Thomas Eaton	Stillwater	Replace bridge	12/02/22	Vote: Approve M: Bob S: Will
22-182	Steve Blank	Stillwater	Bank Stabilization	12/02/22	Vote: Approve with Modifications M: Bob S: Will
22-183R1	Tom Osborne	Rosebud	Bank stabilization	12/05/22	Vote: Approved M: Bob S: Butch
22-184	Sibanye-Stillwater Mine	Stillwater	Bank stabilization	12/06/22	Vote: Tabled for Inspections M: S:
22-186	James Miller	Stillwater	Bank stabilization	12/13/22	Vote: Approve with Modifications M: Bob S: Steve
22-187	Mike Samson	Stillwater	Bank stabilization	12/14/22	Vote: Approve with

					Modifications M: Bob S: Kylie
22-188	Sean Russell	Stillwater	Bank stabilization	12/26/22	Vote: Tabled for Inspection M: S:

Modifications: Toe of rip rap cannot encroach beyond 4' from existing bank. Must have a minimum 2:1 slope. Rip rap must be keyed into existing rip rap up and down stream. Height of rip rap cannot exceed ordinary high water mark.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants

- Mendenhall Ditch - Begin tracking time spent on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

- EWP Hocevar/Watkins site needs emergency work to prevent further flooding due to ice jams on East Rosebud River. NRCS agrees to fund emergency work (jersey barriers and/or sandbags) and to move site into active funding for EWP work. Neighbors all in agreement for emergency work to be done. Sharon to look into writing a grant for funding. SCD Board also approved the emergency work. **M: Bob S: Butch Approved**
- Carl Christensen (Lewis and Clark CD) going to NRCS to address lack of County issued Floodplain Permits, an issue that is occurring throughout multiple counties in Montana.
- Purchase of new Financial computer - old computer isn't working properly. **M: Steve S: Ben Approved**
- Reinstate 15-day waiting period. **M: Steve S: Butch Approved**
- Sworn into Board positions by Stillwater County Clerk & Recorder: Steve Story and Bob Van Oosten
- Committee Update: Will Downs - back-up to Salinity Board; Bob Van Oosten - County Planning Board, Beartooth RC&D Board, and Salinity Board; Steve Story - Yellowstone River Conservation Council (YRC); Butch Behrent - Stillwater Valley Watershed Council; Noel Keogh - Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, back-up to Yellowstone River Conservation Council; Ben Walker - City Planning, Department Emergency Services (DES); Klyie Ballbach - Department of Emergency Services.
- New Board Positions: Kylie Secretary position **M: Steve S: Bob Approved**
Keep Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer same. **M: Bob S: Steve Approved**

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Will

SECONDED:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 pm

MINUTES APPROVED: March, 7, 2023