

Minutes

Stillwater Conservation District

September 5th 2023, at 7:00 PM

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

Absent Board Members: Kylie Ballbach

The meeting was called to order by William Downs at 7:03 pm. A quorum 6 present.

| Members/Staff | Attendees |
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| William Downs | Gail Larsen |
| Noel Keogh | Doug Harrington |
| Bob VanOosten | Paul Caraway |
| Butch Behrent | |
| Steve Story | |
| Ben Walker | |
| Darryl Thompson, Assoc. Supervisor | |
| Sharon Flemetis, Administrator | |
| Ashley Thompson, Assistant Admin. | |

Open (Public) meeting @ 7:03 pm

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from previous meetings (Note 23-038E will be updated): Bob

Seconded: Noel

Vote: Approved w/ Changes

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve August Financial

Report and Bills to be paid: Noel

Seconded: Ben

Vote: Approved

Motion to Pay MACD Dues: Bob

Seconded: Butch

Vote: Approved

Motion to Pay Plant Materials

Center: Bob

Seconded: Noel

Vote: Approved

REPORTS

Will Downs Bob
Van Oosten
Butch Behrent
Noel Keogh – **Wanda Wilcox**

Steve Story
Kylie Ballbach
Ben Walker
Darryl Thompson, Assoc.

Sharon Flemetis, Admin
Ashley Thompson, Assist. Admin
Garret Larsen, NRCS

APPLICATIONS, EMERGENCY

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FORMS & COMPLAINTS

| APPL. # | Name | Stream | Project | Rec'd | Decision |
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| #23-059 | Shannon Riley & Paul Caraway | Keyser Creek | Bank stabilization near access bridge | 8/14/23 | Vote: App w/ Mods Motion: Bob Second: Noel |
| #23-064V | Montana Rail Link | Yellowstone River | Request for extension | 7/31/23 | Vote: Extension Denied Motion: Bob Second: Noel |
| #23-065E | Kem-Mulherin Ditch | Rosebud Creek | Diversion excavation and dike repair | 8/17/23 | Vote: App. As Is Motion: Bob Second: Noel |
| #23-066 | Vanessa Monson, Agency Ditch | E. Rosebud Creek | Ditch maintenance permit | 8/18/23 | Vote: App. for 5 for 5Yrs Motion: Bob Second: Noel |
| #23-067 | Stephen & Cynthia Merriam | W. Fork of Stillwater | Excavation & Bank Stabilization | 8/29/23 | Vote: App. w/ Mods Motion: Noel Second: Steve |
| #23-068 | Gail Larsen | Stillwater River | Bank stabilization | 8/29/23 | Vote: App. w/ Mods Motion: Bob Second: Ben |
| #23-069 | Mike Wiggs | Whitebird Creek | Bridge stabilization | 8/30/23 | Vote: App. w/ Mods Motion: Bob Second: Ben |
| | | | | | Vote: Violation – Noncompliance with corrective action required to resolve Violation #1 in #23-064V. Fine of \$200/day beginning 9/5/23 assessed until corrective action is taken. Motion: Will Second: Noel |

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| #23-070V | Montana Rail Link | Yellowstone River | Failure to take corrective action on Violation #23-064V | 9/5/23 | |
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GRANTS

- EWP – **Financial Update**
- Mendenhall

NEW BUSINESS

- SET Training – **Changes to Admin Fee policies.**
- Bank Account Signatures
- Invoicing Contract Signatures
- Motion to adopt Zero Tolerance Policy –Read out loud and **Approved** as is
- Motion: **Butch**
- Seconded: **Ben**

SAVE THE DATES

- September 21st – ERLA Walkthrough
- September 27th – Stillwater Mine, 3 pm
- October 3rd – Area Meeting
- October 3rd – October Board Meeting
- October 9th – Holiday, Office Closed
- November 7th – November Board Meeting
- November 13th – 16th – MACD Convention

Close Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

SECONDED:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:41 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: October 10, 2023

310 Applications must be received by 12pm 7 days before 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.

All meetings of the CD are open to the public and are voice recorded for accuracy.