

# STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

USDA Service Center Conference Room (334 E. N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, MT)

**December 13th, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Meeng called to order by: Will Downs at 6:02 pm.

**Supervisors Present:** Will Downs, (Chairman), Robert Van Oosten (Vice Chairman), Butch Behrent (Treasurer), Steve Story (Secretary), Noel Keogh (Supervisor), Ben Walker (Urban Supervisor), Darryl Thompson

**Others Present:** Garret Larson, NRCS, Sharon Flemes (EWP Director), Darren Donnes, Chris Connors, Sharon Blackburn, FWP, Bryan Giordano, FWP, Nathan Jones

## UNAPPROVEDMINUTES

Moon to approve minutes from previous meeng: Tabled

Seconded:

Discussion: Vote:

## FINANCIALREPORTS

End of year financial report given 12/05/2023

## REPORTS

Will Downs – No Report

Robert “Bob” Van Oosten - No Report

Butch Behrent – No Report Stever

Story – No Report

Noel Keogh- No Report Ben

Walker- No Report

Garret Larson – No Report

Sharon Flemes – EC Grant – Needing more info from Board on other locaons of debris remaining in river

**Public Comment (3 Minute Limit) – NONE**

APPL. #	Name	Stream	Project	Rec'd	Decision
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**310APPLICATIONSANDCOMPLAINTS**

<b>#23-081</b>	Greg & Vickie Langford	Yellowstone	Riprap	11/20/23	Moon: Second: Vote:
<b>#23-084</b>	Montana Rail Link	Yellowstone	Riprap	11/13/23	Moon: Second: Vote:
<b>#23-085</b>	Old Mill & Italian Ditch	Yellowstone	App for aer the fact work	11/28/23	Moon: Second: Vote:
<b>#23-086M</b>	Old Mill & Italian Ditch	Yellowstone	Maintenance	12/13/23	Moon: Second: Vote:
<b>#22-183</b>	Tom Osborne	Rosebud Creek	Ulity Clearance	12/20/22	Moon: Bob Second: Noel Vote: Approved 1 year
<b>#23-082C</b>	Holly Paton/ S Blank	Sllwater	Complaint	11/22/23	Moon: Second: Vote: Tabled to see if landowner complies

**UNRESOLVED COMPLAINTS & VIOLATIONS**

**#23-052V Judy Krone** – Yellowstone River

**#23-064V Montana Rail Link** – Yellowstone River

**#23-070V Montana Rail Link** – Yellowstone River

**#23-076V – Darren Donnes** - Rosebud Creek – Violaon Stays January 2<sup>nd</sup> turn in 310 applicaon\*

- Moon: Ben
- Second: Bob
- Vote: Approved

Donnes & his associate asked the Board to reconsider the ruling on the violaon.

## Discussion by the Board

- Moon: for the violaton to stay as a documented 310 violaton with the SCD by Bob
- Second: Ben
- Vote: Approved

## GRANT UPDATES

### EWP – Mendenhall

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### Forrest Service/ERLA -

## NEW BUSINESS

**FWP** – Shannon Blackburn & Bryan Giordana atended the meeng to discuss the relaonship between FWP and SCD. Discussion connued about making the Thursday before each Board Meeng a standard inspecon day for 310 visits. Discussed the Degele EWP project. The project remains unable to proceed due to being denied the 124, the district has the 318 and the USACE permits ready to go, but the 124 has been denied. The discussion connues with no resoluon in sight.

## Supervisor Roles for 2024

- Chairman – to provide leadership to the board. Keep the board on the mission, vision and goals of the board manage business maters. Represent the Sllwater Conservaon District.
  - Moon: Noel
  - Second: Ben ○
  - Elected: Will
- Vice Chairman – to assume all dues and responsibilities in the absence of the Chairman in conducng meengs. Also assist the board in decision making. Represent the Sllwater Conservaon District. ○ Moon: Noel ○ Second: Ben ○ Elected: Bob
- Treasurer – to overlook the financial transacon & records including Bank Statements for accuracy. Also assist the board in decision making and represent the Sllwater Conservaon District.
  - Moon: Noel
  - Second: Ben ○
  - Elected: Butch
- Secretary – to (backup) with agenda or/and minutes Also assist the board in decision making and represent the Sllwater Conservaon District.
  - Moon: Butch
  - Second: Ben ○
  - Elected: Steve
- Member - to assist the board in decision making and represent the Sllwater Conservaon District.
  - Moon: Will ○ Second: Ben ○

Elected: **Noel**

- Urban Supervisor - to assist the board in decision making and represent the Stillwater Conservaon District. ○ Moon: **Will** ○ Second: **Noel** ○ Elected: **Ben**
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  - Moon: **Will** ○ Second: **Ben** ○
  - Elected: **Nate**

## **Save The Dates**

December 25, 2023 – Christmas Holiday, office closed

December 29, 2023 – January 3, 2024 – Sharon on Vacaon (3 days)

January 1, 2024 – New Years Day, office closed

January 4, 2024 – Site Inspecons 9am at SCD office

January 9, 2024 – Monthly Board Meeng 6pm

January 15, 2024 – MLK Day, office closed

February 1, 2024 - Site Inspecons 9am at SCD office

February 6, 2024 – Monthly Board Meeng 6pm

February 29, 2024 -Site Inspecons 9 am at SCD office

March 5, 2024 – Monthly Board Meeng 6pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

SECONDED:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:23 pm

Approved on: 01/09/2024

310 Applicaons Must be received by 12pm 7 days prior to the meeng and have been inspected to be reviewed.

Agenda items must be submitted to the CD Office by Noon the Monday before the scheduled meeng. Agendas are available at the CD Office upon request.

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