

MINUTES TO THE JANUARY 8, 2018 MEETING
USDA SERVICE CENTER
12 3RD Street NW
Great Falls, MT
Corrected 2/12/2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gayla Wortman called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. A quorum was present. The meeting attendees were as follows:

Supervisors: Gayla Wortman, John Chase, Scott Brown, Elliot Merja, Marc Shane, Stevie Neuman

Staff: Tenlee Atchison, Laura Crawford

Guests: Max Blodgett, NRCS; Jim Freeman, Associate Supervisor; Alan Rollo, Associate Supervisor; Robin Baker, **Field Representative** for Senator Daines; Jason Mullen, FWP; Jim Larson, Cascade County Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chase moved to approve the current slate of officers for the year of 2018. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane moved to appoint Alan Rollo, Jim Larson, Rose Malisani, Jim Freeman, and Josh Blystone as Associate Supervisors for the year 2018. Merja seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Merja moved to approve the December 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Shane moved to pay the paid bill before reconciliation in the amount of \$9.75. Wortman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane moved to pay the unpaid bills for a total of \$24,443.23. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane moved to approve the monthly treasurer's report. Merja seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shane moved to approve the petty cash. Merja seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS BILL

Robin Baker reported the following:

- Senator Daines introduced a Bill to address 5 wilderness study areas with a total of 663,000 acres and get them released as non-wilderness or wilderness.
- These areas if released as non-wilderness, it would allow the public to use with walking, riding horses, bicycles, and/or snowmobiles. Wilderness designation would be left for just walking but no real management allowed.

DISTRICT REPORT

***Administrator:** Atchison reported the following:

- An all supervisor training will be held in Fort Benton on February 15, 2018.
- There is a River Rendezvous meeting on January 25, 2018 during Missouri River Conservation Districts Council quarterly business meeting.
- A Mussel Coordination Council Workshop will be held in Lewistown on January 29, 2018.

***Supervisors:**

Chase reported the following:

- There will be meetings on urban forestry on **March** 15 & 16, 2018 in Lewistown, MT.
- Missouri River Conservation Districts Council will be setting up a website with pictures, videos, and much more for the Living on the Bank project.

Neuman reported the following:

- The Water Pollution Control Advisory Council meeting will be on January 12, 2018.

Freeman reported the following:

- Montana Weed Control Association meeting will be at the Heritage Inn on January 10, 2018.

Wortman reported the following:

- Wortman will be attending the Montana Water Summit at the Radisson Colonial Hotel in Helena, MT on March 6-7, 2018.
- River's Edge Trail Foundation is looking for contribution to help improve and maintain the trail.

Wortman moved to support the River's Edge Trail Foundation in the amount of \$100. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

***Secretary:** Crawford reported the following:

- The Ag Appreciation Banquet is January 19, 2018 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls with doors opening at 6:00 pm.
- MT Farmers Union Women's Conference will be held February 23-25, 2018 at Fairmont Hot Springs.

PARTNER'S REPORTS

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE

Max Blodgett reported the following:

- Max Blodgett will be acting District Conservationist until the end of April 2018 as Matt Crampton has retired.
- There are 11 active Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts with 1 cancelation and 1 near completion.
- There are 16 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contacts.
- The cover crop practice is in the last year of funding and have 3 plots going in.

310 - BUSINESS

CA-35-17AP – John & Elena Stuker

ADOBE CREEK

NEW APPLICATION

CULVERT INSTALLATION

New application to install a culvert on Adobe Creek for cattle and small equipment to cross the creek. This is in conjunction with the 2 Buttes water project. It will be located at the site where 2 Buttes is adding a water line for Fort Shaw residents. A 48" galvanized culvert will be placed in the creek and material added as a cattle and small equipment crossing. Loebro will place the culvert in the creek where a temporary 36" steel culvert was placed during the 2 Buttes project. Riley Denning will stabilize the crossing on either side of the creek by using native material. The bed of the stream will not be dredged. The culvert will just be placed on the bed of the current stream. An annual plan of operation is requested for required maintenance as needed each year. This will allow the water company easier access to maintain its lines as well. All disturbed areas will be shaped and reseeded.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted as a 5-year annual plan of operation for required maintenance as needed.

Shane moved to approve CA-35-17AP as submitted for the installation of a culvert. Neuman seconded. Motion failed unanimously.

Shane moved to table CA-35-17AP until an on-site inspection is done. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

CALENDAR REVIEW

- January 15 ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**
- January 16 ~ Soil Health Workshop, Three Forks
- January 17 ~ Soil Health Workshop, Great Falls
- January 18 ~ Soil Health Workshop, Billings
- January 19 ~ Soil Health Workshop, Miles City & Sidney
- January 19 ~ Ag Appreciation Banquet, Heritage Inn, Great Falls
- January 25-26 ~ Grazing & Agriculture, Double Tree, Missoula
- February 6-7 ~ Winter Grazing Seminar, Radisson Colonial Inn, Helena
- February 8-9 ~ Farm Management Workshop, Ronan
- February 12 ~ CCD Board Meeting

- February 13-14 ~ Farm Management Workshop, Choteau
- February 19 ~ President's Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**
- February 21-22 ~ Farm Management Workshop, Great Falls
- February 23-25 ~ MT Farmers Union Women's Conference, Fairmont Hot Springs
- March 6-7 ~ Montana Water Summit, Helena
- March 8-9 ~ Farm Management Workshop, Glasgow
- March 12 ~ CCD Board Meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

The CCD Board meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.

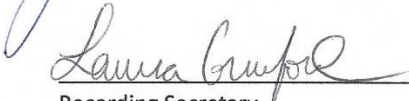
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JANUARY 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES
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The regular January 8, 2018 minutes have been corrected and approved by the Cascade Conservation District Board on February 12, 2018.



Presiding Official

2-12-18
Date



Recording Secretary

2/12/2018
Date

Cascade Conservation District
February 12, 2018
Signature Page