

MINUTES TO THE MARCH 12, 2018 MEETING  
USDA SERVICE CENTER  
12 3<sup>RD</sup> Street NW  
Great Falls, MT  
Corrected 4/9/2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gayla Wortman called the meeting to order at 12:31 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:** Scott Blumfield, Catalyst Commercial; Max Blodgett, NRCS; Jason Mullen, Fish Wildlife & Parks; Jim Larson, Cascade County Commissioner

**310's:** Emilio and Jean Garza; Jason Bailey; Lee Janetski; Jim Edwards

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**MINUTES**

***Chase moved to approve the February 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**BUILDING PURCHASE REPORT**

- Wortman signed the buy-sell for \$450,000 and the owner countered with \$490,000 for lot 10 off Highway 87 on Great Bear Ave north of Great Falls.

***Brown moved to approve the signing of the buy-sell for lot 10 at the purchase price of \$490,000 with the earnest payment of \$1,000. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Chase moved to cut a check for the earnest payment of \$1,000 to Chicago Title Company. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

***Shane moved to pay the unpaid bills with additions for a total of \$19,823.52. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

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

**Merja moved to defer paying MACD dues for another year. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **WORK PLAN CALENDAR**

- Budget meeting – March
- Ag Days - May
- Cover Crop tour – June
- Missouri River Conservation Districts Council River Rendezvous – July
- Broadwater Bay Event - July
- Mighty Mo Water Campaign - August

#### **DISTRICT REPORT**

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

- Fish Wildlife & Parks is looking to host Irrigation workshops in October near key irrigation areas and with peer to peer learning opportunities.
- Department of Natural Resources & Conservation and Montana's conservation districts present the *Montana Women From the Ground Up, Passionate Voices in Agriculture and Land Conservation* book that will be on sale in May 2018.
- The Montana Cattlemen's Association has 3 Brand books for sale on their website: <http://www.montanacattlemen.org/brand-book/> .

**Neuman moved to approve the purchase one box of the Montana Women From the Ground Up book. Merja seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**\*Supervisors:**

Chase reported the following:

- There is a Living on the Bank meeting on March 13, 2018 in Helena.
- A Growing Communities workshop on Urban Forestry will be March 15 & 16, 2018 in Lewistown, MT.

Wortman reported the following:

- There is a proposal for a Lewis & Clark paddle trail event on the Missouri River from White Bear Fishing Access to West Bank Park or Gibson Park.

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

- CCD is sponsoring a team from Simms High School this year for Montana Envirothon.
- Dawson County Conservation District is hosting Montana Youth Range Camp on July 9-12, 2018.

**Neuman moved to cut a check for \$400 to Dawson County CD for Montana Youth Range Camp. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **PARTNER'S REPORTS**

### **CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Jim Larson reported the following:

- The Belt Water Treatment Plant is set for construction this spring.
- Department of Environmental Quality is doing a clean out on Cottonwood Creek just below Stockett, MT.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES**

**Max Blodgett reported the following:** \*note that the NRCS report was authored by Max Blodgett and is printed here in its entirety and in original form at Blodgett's request.

Programs:

EQIP: 2 Pre-approved applications, one RMS and one Progressive

CSP: 3 applications for 2018-1 sign up with an eligibility deadline of March 30 and 4 renewal applicants who are receiving letters this week to turn in documentation.

Cover Crop Tour: I have asked Marni Thompson from NRCS to discuss her experiences with producers that have been positive on dryland cropping systems without grazing. I asked her if she would be available sometime in June and she said she would be. I wanted to ask the board if there was a preferable time in June that would work for everyone to put on a cover crop field visit at Rick Cummings? Rick is busy June 6-8 and the 19<sup>th</sup>. He is available the rest of the month. Possibly June 22 would be a good day, it is a Friday. I have been working with Ryan Pfeifle and Rick Cummings on their seeding mixes for cover crops this year. Roger Gettel is the only producer still working with me on cover crop mixes for this trial. He is set by his CSP contract on what he can seed.

Next District Meeting: We need to go over and update the signatures on the Cooperative Working Agreement between the district and NRCS.

June 1 is the deadline to set the LWG priority for 2019 funding.

New DC position for Cascade County, job application was flown and closed on March 2.

Max Blodgett  
Acting, District Conservationist  
Great Falls & Stanford Field Offices

### **MISSOURI RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS COUNCIL**

As a submitted written report from Rachel Frost:

- Alex Gafke, a graduate student at MSU, is working on the rearing and release of the *Diorhabda* beetle, the insect biological control agent for saltcedar in Montana.
- Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Andrew Horvath, will be working with the Living on the Bank Committee to launch new website and accompanying outreach materials.

**310 - BUSINESS**

**CA-01-18 – EMILIO GARZA  
NEW APPLICATION**

**BELT CREEK  
FENCING**

Application is to place livestock panels across the stream along the property lines in order to keep livestock from crossing into the adjoining property. Panels will be placed after high water and will be removed by December 1 of each year. 2 removeable panels will be placed across the over flow channel. 3 panels will be used across the stream. Steel posts will be pounded into each side of the stream for anchoring. The stream bed and bank are mostly gravely at this site with some native bushes and grasses. A skid steer will be used to haul panels and help pound posts.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as a 5-year Annual Plan of Operation.

***Wortman moved to approve CA-01-18 as a 5-year plan of operation. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-02-18 – JASON BAILEY  
NEW APPLICATION**

**SUN RIVER  
BOAT DOCK**

Application is for a boat dock. The dock will be anchored using 4 – 6 galvanized steel pipes made specifically for floating docks. The pipes will be driven into the bed of the stream. A ramp will be placed between the bank and the dock for access. The dock will be removed each year by December 1.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve with modification as a 5-year Annual Plan of Operation. Dock will extend into the water a maximum of 12' only not 16'.

***Brown moved to approve CA-02-18 as a 5-year plan of operation. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-03-18AP – BILL MCDONALD  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BOAT LAUNCH**

New application to make repairs to an existing boat launch. Applicant is proposing to place material on an already existing boat launch in order to stabilize the sandy base. Washed gravel will be laid to create a 6' base placed above the water line. Applicant is requesting an annual plan of operation in order to keep the launch properly maintained. A skid steer will be used to place material.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as submitted.

***Merja moved to approve CA-03-18 as submitted with annual review. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-04-18 – BILL MCDONALD  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BOAT DOCK**

New application for a boat dock. The dock will be placed in an L shaped configuration and will extend approximately 12' from the shoreline. Steel pipes will be driven into the bed of the river to anchor the dock. A ramp will extend from a natural walk path along the bank to the dock.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve with modifications as a 5-year Annual Plan of Operation. Dock will be removed from the water each year by December 1.

***Shane moved to approve CA-04-18 as a 5-year plan of operation with modifications and to put dock in after high water. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-05-18 – LEE JANETSKI**

**NEW APPLICATION**

New application to stabilize the bank in order to protect cropland and prevent the river from back cutting rip rap that is already in place. Proposed project is to place 600 lineal ft of rip rap 8' high along the bank for stabilization as a continuation of rip rap that was placed in 2010. An excavator will be used to place the rock.

**SUN RIVER**

**BANK STABILIZATION**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as submitted.

***Wortman moved to table CA-05-18 to allow the applicant to meet with Army Corps and Alan Rollo. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

- April 9 ~ CCD Board Meeting
- April 23 & 24 ~ Montana Envitothon, Lewistown
- May 10 & 11 ~ Ag Days, Great Falls
- May 14 ~ CCD Board Meeting
- May 28 ~ Memorial Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**
- June 11 ~ CCD Board Meeting
- June 18-20 ~ Montana Range Days, Red Lodge
- July 4 ~ Independence Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**

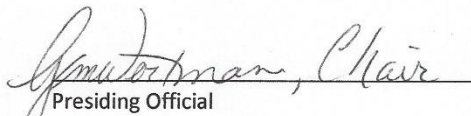
**OTHER BUSINESS**

The CCD Board meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

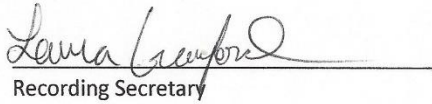
***Shane moved to adjourn the meeting. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

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MARCH 12, 2018 MEETING MINUTES  
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The regular March 12, 2018 minutes have been corrected and approved by the Cascade Conservation District Board on April 9, 2018.

  
Presiding Official

4-9-18  
Date

  
Recording Secretary

4/9/2018  
Date

Cascade Conservation District  
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Signature Page