

MINUTES TO THE JUNE 12, 2019  
CASCADE CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING  
USDA Service Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wortman called the meeting to order at 12:32pm. A quorum was present.

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

**Associate Supervisors:** Jim Freeman

**Staff:** Tenlee Atchison, Emma Link

**Guests:** David Milkovich (Ameriprise Financial), Tracy Wendt (SRWG), Murray Strong (Pioneer Technical Services), Kate Vivian (Fish, Wildlife & Parks), Michael Stone (Cascade County)

**310 permits:** David Bleskin, Gerald Hunter, Jim Edwards, Marvin Croff, Jim Hasterlik

***Shane moved to excuse Scott Brown & Pete Heryford from the June 12th regular meeting of the Cascade Conservation District. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**MINUTES**

***Merja moved to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes as corrected. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

***Shane moved to approve unpaid bills and authorize payment for the total of \$17,167.95. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Shane moved to approve the monthly petty cash report as submitted. Merja seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Merja moved to approve the proposed fiscal year 2020 budget. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Wortman moved to contribute \$400 towards the "Pull Your Share" weed event transportation expense. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**DAVID MILKOVICH – AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL**

David Milkovich visited with the Cascade Conservation District Board of Supervisors regarding investment diversification.

### **CASCADE COUNTY MOU**

An MOU has been signed and is in place between the Cascade Conservation District (CCD) and Cascade County regarding 310 Law administration. Specifically, as it pertains to jurisdiction over properties that have a portion of their property in both Cascade County jurisdiction and CCD jurisdiction. If any portion of the property is in the County's jurisdiction it is going to be treated as if it is in the county entirely and the county will make the decision on such properties as they pertain to 310 Law. Violations on properties would be handled in the same manner and County Commissioners would make the final decision.

***Chase moved to approve the 310 Law Memorandum of Understanding with Cascade County. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **MACD DISCUSSION**

An informal discussion took place regarding MACD dues. No formal decision was made.

### **310 BUSINESS**

**CA-05-19 – DAVID BLESKIN  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BOAT RAMP**

Application is to install a boat ramp. There is approximately a 2-foot-high bank in this area. Bank will be sloped, and some native material will be added to create an even 2:1 slope to the water. A concrete deadman will be buried to secure concrete logs on the lower deck of the ramp. The logs will sit on a crushed gravel base. The logs will extend into the stream approximately 4 – 6 feet. Rip rap will be placed on the up and downstream side of the ramp to prevent erosion.

**INSPECTION TEAM RECOMMENDATION:** Approve with modifications. Slope the side walls of the ramp and revegetate. Minimize the number of logs that are placed in the stream. Reseed where debris was removed to prevent further erosion from runoff. Sprig willows or shrubs along the bank to the north to assist with eddy erosion.

***Neuman moved to approve CA-05-19 with the modifications per the inspection team recommendations. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-07-19 – GERALD AND DEBORAH HUNTER  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BOAT DOCK**

Application is to provide erosion protection of bank and get rid of weed patch. Applicant will continue a block and stone retaining wall 80-85 linear ft upstream tying into an existing retaining wall structure. The wall will start with a rock toe already in place and extend up the bank with terraces. Material will be filled in behind the terraced walls with rock and soil from the upper yard. Hand tools and a hoist will be the only equipment used.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve with modifications. Key upstream end of wall into the bank to prevent water access behind the wall. Shorten the project to avoid the upstream jetty. Limit irrigation to avoid piping and saturation behind the wall. Exercise caution when placing fill to avoid sediment from entering the waterway. Revegetate any barren ground with native grasses.

***Neuman moved to approve CA-07-19 with the modifications per the inspection team recommendations. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-06-19 – MARVIN CROFF  
NEW APPLICATION**

**BELT CREEK  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Application is to replace a bridge over belt creek above Neihart. The bridge will be narrowed from 60' to 40' by installing concrete abutments with wing walls. Rip rap will be placed around the abutments. Nothing will encroach into the stream. Material will be filled in behind the abutments. Equipment will ford the stream to build abutments and place steel beams. The deck of the bridge will be made out of 3" treated timbers. This application was tabled in May.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as submitted.

***Wortman moved to remove CA-06-19 from the table. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Shane moved to approved CA-06-19 as submitted. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-08-19 – MICHAEL MAYERNIK  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BOAT DOCK**

Application is to install a boat dock as an annual plan of operation. A u-shaped dock will be held in place with an auger post placed in the bed of the stream. The dock will be just off a concrete boat ramp and next to a large retaining wall. The dock will extend approximately 50' from the bank and accessed by a plank.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as a 5-year annual plan of operation.

***Neuman moved to approve CA-08-19 as a 5-year annual plan of operation. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-09-19 – CALE BJORNSTAD  
NEW APPLICATION**

**SUN RIVER  
BANK STABILIZATION**

Application is to place rip rap along a berm on the bank extending 50 – 100 ft back toward the house. Approximately 500 linear ft of riverbank will be affected. Approximately 270 cubic yards of assorted waste rock will be buried with willows planted. An excavator will be used for this project. Very little sediment should enter the stream.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Request a technical review for this site.

***Chase moved to require a technical review for CA-09-19. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-10-19 – LEE WILSON  
NEW APPLICATION**

**SPRING CREEK OF THE SUN RIVER  
CHANNEL CLEANOUT/VEG THINNING**

Application is to clean sediment out of a small catch area of a channel (reach E). This was caused by past ag practices and restoration work on reaches A, B, and C. No permitted work for reach D has been started to date. Applicant is asking to thin the cattails on a small shallow “lake” next to the channel. An extended reach excavator will be used to complete the work. This eliminates the need to have equipment in the channel or wetland areas. The flood last year washed away a significant portion of the prior sediment load. Removing the remaining sand will allow for easier fish passage upstream to spawn and will allow for greater plant and insect habitat and resident fish populations in the sediment removal site. This project has been approved and licensed by DNRC State Lands.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as submitted.

***Shane moved to approve CA-10-19 as submitted. Chase seconded. Motion carried.***

**DISTRICT REPORT**

**Supervisors:**

Merja reported:

- The Planning and Zoning Board is still working on amending their regulations.

Neuman reported:

- She attended the Black Butte Copper Mine Tour on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- She gave a legislative recap regarding bills that dealt with water quality.

Chase reported:

- He attended the Black Butte Copper Mine Tour on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chase noted “This tour has been the most environmentally conscious mine tour I have been on”.
- He attended the MRCDC Council Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> and Rachel Frost’s going away party on May 16<sup>th</sup> in Winnett, MT.
- The CM Russell Community Working Group met at Flat Willow Hall south of Winnett, MT. Chase attended while at the MRCDC Council Meeting as referenced above.
- He attended the last Sun River Watershed Group Board Meeting which was held at Greenfields Irrigation District in Fairfield, MT on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- He attended the Living on the Bank meeting in Helena in May.

Shane reported:

- He is presenting the Rolling River’s Trailer at the Cub Scouts Day Camp on June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- The next State Technical Committee Meeting will take place July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn in Great Falls, MT.

**Administrator:** Atchison reported the following to CCD:

- The Northern Cascade County Community Work Meeting will take place Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 9pm at the USDA Service Center in the Basement Conference Room.
- She gave a recap of the Eden/Cascade Community Work Meeting – overall the producers in this region are requesting more outreach and information regarding cover crops, range improvements, etc.
- The Belt Community Work Meeting will take place Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 9pm at the Pizza Pro.
- She attended and helped with the Judith Basin Conservation District Range Camp on May 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> in Hobson, MT.
- She attended and gave a recap of the Statewide Administrator Training (SWAT) which took place June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at Arrowpeak Lodge in Highwood, MT.
- Leave was requested

***Chase moved to approve leave for Atchison, dates include July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Administrative Assistant:** Link reported the following to CCD:

- Attend SWAT June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at Arrowpeak Lodge in Highwood, MT.
- Newsletter articles are due June 20<sup>th</sup> for the July addition of the Conservation Chronicle.
- She gave an update regarding the 2019 River Campaign Speaker Series.
- She will be helping Marc Shane present the Rolling River's Trailer at the Cub Scouts Day Camp on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **PARTNER'S REPORT**

### **SRWG**

Tracy Wendt, Sun River Watershed Group (SRWG) Coordinator reported the following:

- She gave a recap of the last SRWG board meeting which took place on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The new strategic plan will be unveiled at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and Annual Meeting
- Attended and assisted with the Kids Fishing Day at Wadsworth Park on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The SRWG is the featured nonprofit at the Voyagers game on June 26<sup>th</sup>, a portion of the ticket sales sold through SRWG will go directly to SRWG as well as a portion of the 50/50 raffle sales.
- The Annual Weed Pull – “Weed Whacker Rodeo” is Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>
- The SRWG 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and Meeting is Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> at Sun Canyon Lodge – tickets are available online as well as at Montana Valley Irrigation and the Greenfields Irrigation District Office – \$20 per person – that includes your meal and 1 drink ticket.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46PM.