

MINUTES TO THE JULY 8, 2019  
CASCADE CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING  
USDA Service Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wortman called the meeting to order at 12:34pm. A quorum was present.

**Supervisors:** Gayla Wortman, Marc Shane, Scott Brown, Pete Heryford, John Chase, Stevie Neuman

**Associate Supervisors:** Jim Freeman, Kathie Lahti

**Staff:** Tenlee Atchison, Emma Link

**Guests:** Tracy Wendt (SRWG), Bailey Rapp (NRCS), Anna Ehnes (Cascade County), Sandor Hopkins  
(Cascade County)

**310 permits:** Joe Aline, Steve Fisher

*Shane moved to excuse Elliot from the July 8th regular meeting of the Cascade Conservation District. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**MINUTES**

*Neuman moved to approve the June 12, 2019 minutes as corrected. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Neuman moved to approve a cost share payment to Rachel Heberly for CS-04-17 in the amount of \$2,500. Heryford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Shane moved to approve unpaid bills and authorize payment for the total of \$15,062.93. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

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

*Brown moved to withdraw all CD's from Belt Valley Bank as they mature and invest into an Ameriprise account. Heryford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**MACD DISCUSSION**

An informal discussion took place regarding MACD.

***Wortman moved to write a resolution to change MACD from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3), if that endeavor is unsuccessful next try for a by-law change. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**310 BUSINESS**

**CA-12-19 – ROBERT ENGMAN  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BANK STABILIZATION**

Application is to stabilize 625 feet of eroding bank. About 300 feet in the center of the project consists of vertical bare bank over 11 feet high. The upstream 200 feet and a 125-foot-long stretch on the downstream end will be re-contoured and re-vegetated but will not require much excavation. Bio stabilization techniques employing woody debris, root balls and willow clumps, sprigs and bundles integrated into willow lifts and coir blankets is proposed. Equipment will work from the top of the bank. Fill placed toward the water at the mean high-water mark will consist of a very small amount of fabric, soil, and plants extending less than 3 feet. Proposed work will establish contours and planting surfaces more conducive to plant growth. Fill will consist of wood, willows and coir stabilization fabric. A very small amount of soil taken from the upper bank will be used in the construction of the soil lifts. All disturbed areas will be revegetated with native riparian plants.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as submitted

***Wortman moved to approve CA-12-19 as submitted. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CA-11-19 – SHUMAKER TRUCKING  
NEW APPLICATION**

**MISSOURI RIVER  
BOAT DOCK/RIP RAP**

Application is to permit a boat dock that is already installed and add rip rap for bank stabilization to existing rip rap already in place. The property owner is experiencing some erosion upstream from the boat dock where there is minimal rip rap in place. The upstream neighbor has a significant amount of rip rap jetting out into the river. It appears that the current may be causing an eddy as it comes off that structure and hits the boat dock. The boat dock is secured with auger posts driven into the streambed. Applicant is proposing to shape the current riverbank to the correct slope and add 2' – 2.5' thick rip-rap bank protection along the whole property. Approximately 156 linear feet of bank will be impacted. Riprap will encroach approximately 5 feet into the water body. Riprap will be keyed into the stream bed and extend 11 feet up. 150 cubic yards of fill material will be brought in to build up the bank before the riprap is placed. Approximately 160 yards of class 2 shonkinite riprap will be placed in the stream. There is no vegetation where the riprap is proposed. Grass will be planted along the top of the riprap. A loader and excavator will be used to place the riprap.

**INPECTION TEAM RECOMMENDATION:** Approve CA-11-19 for placement of riprap with modifications.

- Limit the placement of fill to the section of bank that just needs replacement/maintenance
- Do not add additional 150 cubic yards of fill to reform the bank.
- Plant upper bank with native riparian grasses, not sod.

- Reduce the amount of irrigation to the lawn to prevent erosion
- Eliminate the boat dock from this application. Resubmit by landowner for an annual plan of operation.

***Shane moved to approve CA-11-19 with the modifications per the inspection team recommendations. Chase seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **DISTRICT REPORT**

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

- The North Cascade County Community Work Group meeting was held on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Belt Community Work Group meeting was held on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.
- She will attend a Montana Aquatic Resources Services (MARS) Channel Migration Zone meeting in Helena on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> with Tracy Wendt (SRWG).
- A meeting with the Forest Service and NRCS District Conservationist (DC) Bailey Rapp is scheduled for Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The North Bank Project was not funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- The *Bashin' Trash River Cleanup* is scheduled for Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> and will be heavily promoted for the next month.
- *A Montana Experience* will take place in September, the location is secured.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase or building of a CCD facility.

***Shane move to continue to search for CCD properties or facilities. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

- The *Living on the Bank Speaker Series* kicked off on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> with Rai Hahn and Water Quality.
- Other *Living on the Bank Speaker Series* events taking place this summer:
  - July 9<sup>th</sup> – Riparian Buffers
  - July 11<sup>th</sup> – A Day in the Life of a Watercraft Inspector
  - July 25<sup>th</sup> – Fisheries and Fisheries Habitat
  - August 6<sup>th</sup> – Invasive Species
  - August 20<sup>th</sup> – History and Legacy of the Mighty Mo
- She will attend the Future of Ag Tour on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Living on the Land: Small Acreage Workshop will take place in October, more details to come.

#### **Supervisors:**

Brown reported:

- He and NRCD DC Bailey Rapp visited three saline sites throughout Cascade County.
- On July 11<sup>th</sup> he will meet with DNRC CARDD (on behalf of MSCA)

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Heryford reported:

- He is cooperating with CCD on a cover crop project, he will be planting the cover crop shortly.

Chase reported:

- He will be attending the River Rendezvous in Fort Peck, MT July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- He attended the informational meeting regarding MACD & SWCDM on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Shane reported:

- He presented the Rolling River's Trailer on June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> for the Cub Scout Day Camp.
- He presented the Rolling River's Trailer in Highwood on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- NRCS State Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn, in Great Falls.

Wortman reported:

- She attended Dave MacIntyre's retirement on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Helena.

## **PARTNER'S REPORT**

### **NRCS**

Bailey Rapp, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist reported the following:

- Two EQIP applications have been funded, contracts are currently being written, deadline for obligation is September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- One CSP application has been funded, deadline for obligation is September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- There are currently eleven applications for CSP GCI, the deadline for submission is July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- He has made progress with his Long-Range Plan and solicited input from CCD regarding what changes have occurred in Cascade County because of CCD activities.
- A meeting with the Forest Service and CCD Administrator Tenlee Atchison is scheduled for Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- He has prepared 3 TIPS to submit.
- Community Work Meetings have gone very well, and it is something he would like to continue with.

### **SRWG**

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

- The SRWG 50/50 raffle fundraiser that took place on June 26<sup>th</sup> was rained out and has been rescheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>
- The Annual SRWG *Pull Your Share* weed pull is scheduled for Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- She will be attending the MARS CMZ meeting in Helena on July 16<sup>th</sup> to explore possibly doing CMZ mapping on reaches of the Sun River.

- She gave a USGS stream gauges funding update. Research is being done regarding the use of collected stream data, and new payment structures are being explored.
- The SRWG 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>

Crooked Falls Natural Area was discussed. Specifically, accessibility, maintenance and event hosting.

#### **WORK PLAN UPDATES/CALENDAR REVIEW/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Office Close
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Future of Ag Tour
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Speaker Series
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – SRWG Weed Pull
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – NRCS State Tech Committee
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Resolutions to MACD
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Speaker Series
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – River Cleanup
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – Speaker Series
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – District Administrator Meeting
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – SRWG 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day – Office Closed
- September 9<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- September 11<sup>th</sup> – SRWG Meeting
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – MACD Area III Meeting
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter Articles Due
- September 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> – A Montana Experience
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day – Office Closed
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed
- November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – Team Building
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter Articles Due
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas

***Wortman moved to give CCD staff administrative leave for November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup>. Shane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Shane moved to appoint John Chase as the MRCDC designated CCD Representative and Pete Heryford as the alternate MRCDC CCD Representative. Neuman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.