

RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P. O. BOX 295
SHERIDAN, MT 59749

MEETING MINUTES – January 5, 2022

Due to severe weather, the monthly meeting of the Ruby Valley Conservation District did not take place at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 East Hamilton St., Sheridan, Montana. The topics of the meeting have either been voted on via phone survey that will be confirmed at the February 2nd meeting or tabled until the February 2nd meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PHONE SURVEYED:

Gary Giem	Jeremy Miller	Rick Sandru
Jim Powell	George Trischman	John Anderson

GUESTS PRESENT:

310 BUSINESS: NEW APPLICATIONS
 SET UP INSPECTIONS
 INSPECTION COMPLETE
 REVIEW-DECISION
 SIGN 273

TABLED: Complaint #RV2020-02 Ramshorn Creek tributary. Complaint to USACE, WO their decision. USACE will send out a notice when they finalize their decision. Matt will check with Mr. Dietrich (406-694-3147) on status.

TABLED: RV21-18 Bob Siedensticker (REMiller) – Beaverhead River – headgate repair of rock already installed Matt & Jim P. inspected 7/7/21. Still Tabled for design. Neighbor (Arrington Ranch) to correct problem and split cost with Bob. Tanner from R. E. Miller has prepared the design.

TABLED: RV21-31 Arrington Ranch (REMiller)- Beaverhead River- (replaces RV21-18)- create a new wetland bench to stabilize bankline from eroding dike and fence line using a cobble toe and willows to prevent further erosion. Matt & Jim P. inspected 7/7/21. Copy snail mailed to Matt 12/28/21

NRCS REPORT

John Wagoner no report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Board – David Laufenberg MadCD – no Dec. meeting
2. 310 Boundary MOA with Madison CD updates
3. Watershed – written submission from Audra Bell
4. Carcass Management Program – site is operational – tell your friends
5. BLM Monitoring Grant #L17AC00338 (Ruby WS Restoration) – \$46,000 add'l funding for 2022
6. FWP-WHIP Grant – last 2021 FWP invoice paid
7. Granite Cr. Preservation & Restoration – RIT-22-8901 Grant, exp. 12/31/23
8. FY21 DNRC Dist. Dev. Gt – final report complete, expired 12/31/2021
9. FY22 DNRC Dist. Dev. Gt – expires 12/31/2022
10. U. S. Forest Service Gravelly Landscape Collaborative Group – no longer meeting
11. Strategic Alliance – meeting January 10, 2022 – 10a-2p – Alder Community Center

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tabled- 2022 Elections for Board of Supervisors
2. Tabled- MACDEO Dues 2022 - \$30 each employee
3. Employee Meeting January 24, 2022 – Gallatin CD, Manhattan – MACD 2022 Convention Planning with Area VI Conservation Districts
4. Board approval via phone survey to apply for LLB funding
5. Board approval via phone survey to apply for ARPA irrigation funding for Sandru Ranch project
6. Board approval via phone survey to hire Moen Excavation LLC, as contractor for carcass compost site.
7. Tabled- vote to approve the purchase of a laptop for administrative assistant

VII.ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. MACD Montana Conservationist – January 2022 – copies available (emailed)
2. Ruby Watershed Council Quarterly Mtg. – Jan. 2022 TBD
3. MT Dept. of Agriculture, Young Ag Couples Conference, Jan 19-22, 2022, Colonial, Helena, MT
4. MACD Soil Health Symposium, February 9-10, 2022, Billings
5. Rancher Round Table: January and February
 - January 11th | Vaccinations Considerations for Livestock (Madison Valley Library)
 - January 25th | Dryland Soil Health: Cover Crops and Other Potential Tools (Alder Fire Hall)
 - February 15th | Soil Health: From Ranch Management to a Statewide Effort, A Perspective from the Mannix Family (Madison Valley Library)
 - February 22nd | Rangeland Conditions for Livestock During Drought (Alder Fire Hall)

Wildlife Speaker Series Planning Meetings

- Is the RVCD interested in hosting a speaker series event in addition to the RHF event?

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Signed,

Shirley Galovic
District Administrator

Gary Giem
Chairman