

RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 295
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MEETING MINUTES – September 1, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Ruby Valley Conservation District was called to order by Neil Barnosky, Vice Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 East Hamilton St., Sheridan, Montana.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Trischman	Jeremy Miller	Jim Powell
John Anderson	Neil Barnosky	Rick Sandru
		Shirley Galovic, District Administrator

GUESTS PRESENT:

Audra Bell, RVCD Stewardship Director	London Bernier, BSWC Member
Matt Jaeger, MT FWP	

Approval of minutes of last meeting (Aug. 4), motion by George to approve as mailed, second by John, motion carried.
Treasurer's Reports for June 2021(corrected), July 2021 & August 2021, motion to approve by Rick, second by John, motion carried.

Contributions Account spreadsheet, thru July 31, 2021.

Excused absence: Motion by Rick to excuse Gary Giem, second by George, motion carried.

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

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. Tabled for October 2021 meeting.

RV21-22 Fintail Ranch – Beaverhead River – restoration project – narrow channel. Matt & Jim P. inspected 9/1/21. Motion by John to approve with modifications on team report, second by George, motion carried. Jeremy recused himself.

RV21-23 Mark Flora (REMiller) – Stone Creek – inst. 34”-36” culvert to bldg. site. Matt & Jim P inspected 9/1/21 and completed installation design drawing with installation instructions. Motion by Jeremy to approve, second by Rick, motion carried.

RV21-24 Howard Chrest – Mill Creek – repair damage to 310 project RV19-24. Matt & Jeremy inspected 9/1/21. Matt & Jeremy made suggestions on the team report for Howard to prepare this new application. Howard will draw design incorporating their suggestions. Board will review at October meeting.

NRCS REPORT

John Wagoner is on vacation but submitted a written report that is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Board – David Laufenberg, MadCD – email with August meeting highlights, attached.
2. 310 Law MOA with Madison CD – still working on resolving issue.
3. MACD survey questions. Motion by Rick that Gary answer MACD survey questions with John and Audra, second by Jeremy, motion carried.
4. Watershed – written submission from Audra Bell & London Bernier attached. Audra reported on WHIP program; Granite Creek RDG Grant; Pollinator Grant, 319 Planning Grant above Ruby Reservoir, BLM Monitoring Award, Conifer Removal, Carcass Management Program – Jeremy said he has a job box for the pump; Seeking additional funding for 2022 BSWC member, have \$4000 from MWCC, applied to MACD; London reported on Drought Resilience & Lower Ruby Monitoring Program - Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Team did a handful of sites this month, California Creek Restoration Project – hosted 27 volunteers

& built 19 structures; Natural Resource News article, and RVCD Newsletter; California Creek; Kid's River Resource Day Sept. 16 at Neil Barnosky's; prepared event advertising for Banquet; attended RVSA Tour; participated in Madison CD Tributary Blitz; wrote an abstract ad title for MACD conv. and will be creating a poster about California Creek Restoration Project.

5. Carcass Management Program – Wildlife Conservation Soc. – 100 carcasses on site. Bud's contract extended to Dec. 31st. Town of Sheridan filled water tank. Looking to purchase remote fence monitor.
6. BLM Monitoring Grant #L17AC00338 (Ruby WS Restoration) – in progress with 2021 modifications and increased funding of \$15,000
7. BLM California Creek Monitoring Grant – in progress
8. FWP-WHIP Grant – in progress, contracted with two bidders for 2021 season
9. Granite Cr. restoration – RDG has been funded! Pre site monitoring has begun on Granite Creek and Alder Gulch near the confluence. Restoration construction will begin in 2022 and the bridge construction by MTDOT will commence in 2023.
10. DNRC Dist. Dev. Gt #23G-20-3679 – in progress – exp. 12/31/21
11. 2022 Dist. Dev. Grant for \$10,000 approved, will expire 12/31/22.
12. Pollinator Grant – several FFA sites have been planted this summer, have sites in Twin Bridges and Sheridan at Jacksons Garden.
13. DEQ 319 planning grant – Pre-monitoring has begun on RVHA. RVCD will seek additional funding through the DEQ 319 funding to complete on the ground restoration work next year.
14. U. S. Forest Service Gravelly Landscape Collaborative Group – USFS Greenhorn Project area.
15. Strategic Alliance – next meeting scheduled for September 13th @ Alder Comm. Ctr, 10a-2p

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. MACD Montana Conservationist – Sept. 2021 – copies available (emailed)
2. Ruby Watershed Council Quarterly Mtg. – Sept 2021 TBD
3. 2021 RVCD Annual Banquet – will be at the Round Barn on Sept. 11, 2021. See you there! Set up will be Fri., Sept. 10th, 1:00pm

“OPEN MICROPHONE” - Other comments from the public. None.

Motion by Jeremy to adjourn, second by John, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Signed,

Shirley Galovic
District Administrator

Neil Barnosky
Vice Chairman