

The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on July 19, 2018 at 4:00 pm. Acting Chairman John Schutter called the 310 meeting to order at 4:07 pm. Supervisors present: Bob Logar, Loren Blanksma, and Michael Hansen, and John Venhuizen (brief appearance) Absent: Sherwin Leep, Jason Camp, and Doug Espelien Staff: Mary Hendrix

Those present: Dave Moser-MT FWP, Matt Johnson-RESPEC, Erik Garberg-DOWL, Emily Peterson-DOWL, Justin Meissner-NRCS, Keri Bilbo-NRCS, Jim Lovell-Confluence Inc., and Bob Barham

Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business: None

310 Inspection Reports Decision

<u>Application Number: GD 28-18</u>	Inspection Date: July 10, 2018
Applicant:	Mark Amberson/Thomas Henesh
Landowner:	Mark Amberson
Contractor/Agent:	Not provided
Perennial Stream:	Aajker Creek
Type of Project:	Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction
Purpose:	To install a culvert for a driveway to a homesite
Proposed Construction Date:	Start date: 9/1/2018 Finish date: 11/15/2018
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval with modifications
Inspection Comments:	Use 54" equivalent squash, embed 4-6" below grade, rock riprap culvert apron and embankment with well-graded 9-12" rock. Existing crossing on property so new crossing need is marginal, upstream existing crossing to be removed and reseeded/dressed using sod mats and native seed within dates of this 310 permit.

Discussion:

M Johnson: This is for a crossing upstream, they have to widen it. The original pipe is too small.

Recommend use of 54" equivalent squash instead of 36 inch.

M Hansen: The advantage here is a bigger culvert.

M Johnson/D Moser: Yes

M Hansen made the motion to approve the project with modifications, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval with modifications

<u>Application Number: GD30-18</u>	Inspection Date: July 10, 2018
Applicant:	Tench Coxe (Americus LLC)
Landowners:	Sue and Carol Van Delinder / Ron Pike, Scott Jones, Nick Savko, James and Vickie McMilin, Rick Rosenthal
Contractor/Agent:	Jim Lovell (Confluence)
Perennial Stream:	Thompson Creek
Type of Project:	Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction
Type of Project:	Bank Stabilization/Alteration
Type of Project:	Channel Alteration
Type of Project:	Fish Habitat
Others:	Wetland Alteration, Placement of Fill, Pond

Purpose: Restore 26,000 feet of degraded spring creek by creating channel geometry that is capable of transporting its sediment load and by constructing diverse bedforms.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 8/1/2018 Finish date: 10/31/2018

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments: Concern over sediment basin: longevity, ownership/management issues upstream, maintenance obligation and effectiveness (i.e. maintenance of spring creek for fishery). Concern over construction period – very aggressive/ambitious (not all permits yet) for completion this fall.

Discussion:

M Johnson: This is a long restoration project (5 miles); with dig & pitch, narrowing channel, a couple of culvert replacements and a sediment basin at the beginning of the restoration project area. One landowner is not on board yet with the project. Mr. Coxe is helping to make this project work. Wondered if the creek should be used as a sediment trap or wait until the upstream owner comes on board first.

D Moser: Narrowing is completely reasonable.

M Hansen: May see project again for the cleanup of sediment (scoop up sediment) and additional work.

M Hansen made the motion to approve the project as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Application Number: GD 31 -18

Inspection Date: July 10, 2018

Applicant: Dennis M Davaz, Forester, RY Timber, Inc.

Landowner: RY Timber, Inc.

Contractor/Agent: Not provided

Perennial Stream: Stone Creek

Type of Project: Road Construction/Maintenance

Type of Project: Improvement to Existing Structure

Type of Project: Add Rock Armor around culvert inlets

Purpose: During high water every year, a whirlpool exists in front of the westernmost culvert. The whirlpool re-orientes woody debris in front of the culvert and blocks it, reducing its ability to pass water. Rock armor whirlpool area so that pipes pass woody debris.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 7/23/2018 Finish date: 7/23/2018

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Inspection Comments: None

Discussion:

M Johnson: Straight-forward project, see no problems. Mr. Davaz knows what he's doing.

B Logar made the motion to approve the project as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver, *L Blanksma* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Application Number: GD 32-18

Inspection Date: July 10, 2018

Applicant: Dennis Davaz, Forester, RY Timber, Inc.

Landowner: RY Timber, Inc.

Contractor/Agent: Not provided
 Perennial Stream: Stone Creek
 Type of Project: Road Construction/Maintenance
 Type of Project: Bank Stabilization/Alteration
 Type of Project: Rock Armor undermined road fill to prevent road collapse
 Purpose: Road fill is the streambank. It has been undermined to vertical with high flows and shows sign of slumping and collapse. Rock armor this area to reduce chronic erosion, prevent collapse and stabilize road fill/streambank.
 Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 7/24/2018 Finish date: 7/24/2018
 Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver
 Inspection Comments: None

Discussion:

M Johnson: Straight-forward project, see no problems. Mr. Davaz knows what he's doing.

B Logar made the motion to approve the project as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver, *L Blanksma* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Application Number: GD 33-18

Inspection Date: July 10, 2018
 Applicant: Dennis Davaz, Forester, RY Timber, Inc.
 Landowner: RY Timber, Inc.
 Contractor/Agent: Not provided
 Perennial Stream: North Fork Stone Creek
 Type of Project: Road Construction/Maintenance
 Type of Project: Improvement to Existing Structure
 Type of Project: Rock Armor culvert inlet and outlet
 Purpose: Stabilize area around culvert, curb chronic erosion and maintain road width.
 Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 7/25/2018 Finish date: 7/25/2018
 Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver
 Inspection Comments: None

Discussion:

M Johnson: Straight-forward project, see no problems. Mr. Davaz knows what he's doing.

B Logar made the motion to approve the project as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver, *L Blanksma* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Application Number: GD 34-18

Inspection Date: July 10, 2018
 Applicant: Madison River Ranch ATTN: Wade Duncan
 Landowner: Nathaniel Terry (Madison River Ranch)
 Contractor/Agent: Stahly Engineering ATTN: Nate Peressini, P.E.
 Perennial Stream: Madison River
 Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction
 Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Removal

Purpose: Replace an existing timber abutment and approach span to the steel through truss bridge. The timber backwalls, wingwalls, piles, and cap are all failing in their current state.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 6/11/2018 Finish date: 7/16/2018

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Inspection Comments: Minimize sediment into river during excavation of existing abutment. Utilizing existing timbers as barrier to maximum practical extent.

Discussion:

M Johnson: Plan is to repair abutment, riprap the apron and extend the deck.

D Moser: There was significant sediment released at project site, notified DEQ.

M Hansen made the motion to approve the project as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

Application Number: GD 35-18

Inspection Date: July 10, 2018

Applicant: Peter Kahn, Costco Wholesale Corporation

Landowner: Peter Kahn, Costco Wholesale Corporation

Contractor/Agent: Emily Peterson, DOWL

Perennial Stream: Unnamed

Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction

Type of Project: Road Construction/Maintenance

Type of Project: Wetland Alteration

Type of Project: Placement of Fill

Purpose: The City of Bozeman, as a condition of approval, is now requesting that Costco widen Catamount Street as part of the project.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 10/1/2018 Finish date: 10/1/2019

Inspection Recommendation: Approval with modifications

Inspection Comments: Extended culvert to be set reverse grade or flat, embed 4-6" below existing streambed at new inlet. Maintain two outer culverts as high/flood flow only. Center culvert to carry all active/bankfull flow. Backfill clean streambed material. Same size as existing into extended portion of center culvert. Seed with native riparian mix, all disturbed areas. Culvert on existing 310 permit (GD 6-18) to be shortened.

Discussion:

M Johnson: Widening roadway. What's there is working well.

D Moser: Not a fish passage barrier.

B Logar made the motion to approve the project with modifications, *L Blanksma* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval with modifications

Application Number: GD 36-18

Inspection Date: July 17, 2018

Applicant: William Urban (c/o Plimsoll Productions)

Landowner: Sarah Dusek

Contractor/Agent: Tyler Hessler, PE (Robert Peccia & Associates)

Perennial Stream: Denny Creek

Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction

Type of Project: Recreation (docks, marinas, etc.)

Purpose: A temporary deck/dock and temporary truss bridge will both be constructed to be used to support live television taping operations.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 7/23/2018 Finish date: 8/10/2018

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments: No excavation proposed. Minimal impact to bed/banks with temporary structures (i.e. veg flattening). May require blocks near water edge to maintain flat dock/deck past water edge.

Discussion:

M Johnson: All temporary structures, low impact. May see some flattened vegetation, but should recover.

M Hansen made the motion to approve the project as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Approval as proposed + 15-day waiting period waiver

4. 310 Emergency Applications: None

5. 310 Old Business:

GD 43-17 Ryan Blanchette

Discussion:

M Hendrix: B Barham purchased property from Ryan Blanchette. Would like to change the railroad car bridge to a steel bridge. Asked if he would need to submit a new 310 application for the change or if GD 43-17 could be amended.

M Hansen made the motion to send Mr. Barham an amendment letter that he signs and returns stating that the only change is to the bridge deck and abutment and new applicant name, but the bridge width and length remains the same as the original permit, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries.

Board Decision: Approval with modifications

B Barham: The bridge and width will be shorter than the original permit.

M Hansen made a motion to rescind previous decision as span is significantly shorter, the applicant will need to submit a new 310 application, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries

Board Decision: Require a new 310 application

Update on Canyon Adventures

M Hendrix: We met with Ed Hake and John Nesbitt at complaint site. Would like to gather a group of interested parties to discuss further. Asked if the Board supports this venture and was told that it was okay to proceed.

6. 310 New Business: None

7. Adjournment of 310 Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING

Public Comments on District Business: None

Consensus Agenda: June minutes. *M Hansen* moved to approve the consensus agenda, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries

Accounting: (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + P&L and Balance Sheet. *B Logar* made the motion to approve the financials + pay invoices; *M Hansen* seconds, motion carries

NRCS (7/19/2018) District Report – Justin Meissner

Snow water Equivalent; % of Normal

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| • Gallatin: June: 26% | July; 120% |
| • Madison; June 36% | July; 109% |
| • Jefferson; June 115% | July; 116% |
| • Yellowstone; June 124% | July; 126% |

Programs

- Headwaters drought; 2 applications obligated
- Certifying practices; 122
- Planning new applications; 7/19/2018; 29 applications
- EQIP: 13 totaling \$841,000
- CSP 2018; 1 application preapproved
- Camp/Godfrey Creek: 2019 is the end of this priority 1 watershed; would like to have a Local Working Group meeting (LWG) in the next 5 or 6 months to see if we would like to continue to work on this watershed

Future Events:

- Bozeman field days August 6th – 8th
- Organic training; August 22nd
- Conservation delivery to women landowners training August 27th – 30th
- All employee meeting; September
- Area 6 meeting will be held in Park County on September 26th
- MACD Convention will be in Billings November 13th – 16th

Laura Demmel has a new job within NACD and they are looking to fill her old position.

Keri Bilbo

Tom Watson is the new State Conservationist for NRCS. He is originally from Wyoming, but recently worked in Oregon.

This is the last year in the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) and there is about \$600,000 available.

There will be a video team this Friday at one of *Sherwin Leep's* properties to showcase GVLt and conservation easements.

County Planning Board: Not available

Manhattan Planning Board: *B Logar*: No meetings in June or July.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Seasonal Staff hours: As the summer youth program concludes on August 23rd, Leia Miller's last day with the District will be August 31st. They would like to thank her for all of her hard work with the program this year and we will be in contact with her in April 2019 for next year's seasonal employment. Nathanael John's internship will be extended until September 28th. Nathanael will continue with the maintenance of the Education and Outreach Center as well as 310 data entry in the District office. *M Hansen* made a motion to approve the seasonal staff hours, *B Logar* seconds, motion carries.

Legislative panel for the Supervisors Summit: Laurie Zeller called to ask if a GCD Supervisor would be interested in being on the Legislative panel for the Supervisors Summit held in Helena at the end of August. She was looking for supervisors who may have had experience working with legislators in the past. The supervisors present said that they were not interested in being on the panel.

Dust control 5th Street donation: *M Hendrix* mentioned that Elly Summers, a resident on South 5th Street, stopped by the office to ask if the District would be willing to donate towards dust control measures on South 5th Street (two hundred block of South 5th Street and beyond). The Town of Manhattan would split the cost with the residents and she asked if we were willing to contribute. *L Blanksma* made the motion to donate up to \$50 (if needed), *B Logar* seconds, *M Hansen* dissents, motion carries. *M Hendrix* to contact Town of Manhattan for more information.

New Grants/Agreements/Contract Report: None

Well-Testing Cost-share Program: None

Cost-share Program: None

CD Seminars/Workshops: None

Correspondence and Handouts: MACD Annual report

Staff Report:

M Hendrix discussed the Montana Youth Range Camp, the Lower Gallatin River Clean-up and attending last month's AGAI meeting.

Executive Session: Began 5:45 pm. Ended 6:00 pm.

Annual Pay Structure for Administrator: The GCD Personnel Committee recommended an annual pay rate schedule with standard cost of living (COLA). *B Logar* made the motion to accept the pay schedule effect on the next full pay period, *L Blanksma* seconds, motion carries.

Adjournment of Meeting

J Schutter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Minutes approved by John Schutter, Vice Chairman

Date