

The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on March 21, 2019 at 9:00 am. Chairman John Schutter called the 310 meeting to order at 9:05 am. Supervisors present: Mike Hansen, Jason Camp, and Bob Logar Absent: Sherwin Leep, Loren Blanksma, and John Venhuizen Staff present: Mary Hendrix

Those present: Holly Hill-Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Zane Ashford-Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Jennifer Boyer-Planning Coordination Committee, Mike Rotar-RESPEC, Dave Moser-MT FWP, Christopher Mahony-NRCS, and Justin Meissner-NRCS

Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business: None

310 Inspection Reports Decision

Application Number: GD 05-19

Inspection Date: March 12, 2019

Applicant:

Carl Alberda

Landowner:

Carl Alberda

Contractor/Agent:

Rod Van Dyken Trucking

Perennial Stream:

Godfrey Creek

Type of Project:

Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction

Purpose:

Agricultural road access to property

Proposed Construction Date:

Start date: 6/10/2019 Finish date: 6/14/2019

Inspection Recommendation:

Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments:

Culvert alignment should be such that the approach and exit angles of Godfrey Creek are minimized to prevent excess erosion at inlet/outlet of culvert. Minimum size for culvert should be at least the dimensions of culvert that was recently installed downstream (other side of the road). Culvert to be counter sunk minimum of six inches below streambed.

Discussion:

Dave: Access to field bound by other properties. Godfrey Creek wants to go to the highway, but historically it went straight at this location. We don't want to take length from a creek, but we can at this location. The culvert is round and about 50' long.

Bob: Any concerns about fish passage?

Dave: If it is countersunk, it should be fine.

Decision:

Bob Logar moved to approve GD 05-19 as proposed. Jason Camp seconded. Motion passed.

Application Number: GD 06-19 Inspection Date: March 12, 2019

Applicant: Matt Adams

Landowner: Matt Adams

Contractor/Agent: Nate Peressini, Stahly Engineering

Perennial Stream: Bridger Creek

Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction; Road Construction/Maintenance

Purpose: To provide access to property and a single-family private residence via a new single lane prefabricated steel bridge founded on cast in place concrete abutments with gravel approaches.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 3/15/2019 Finish date: 5/15/2019

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments: Good location for bridge. Bridge has adequate width.

Discussion: *Mike: This project is located in Bridger Canyon about 3 miles from Bridger Bowl. It's for a proposed bridge. It has adequate span and this is a good spot for a bridge as the creek is lower.*

Decision: Mike Hansen moved to approve GD 06-19 as proposed + a 15-day waiting period waiver. Bob Logar seconded. Motion passed.

Application Number: GD 07-19 Inspection Date: March 12, 2019

Applicant: Michael Rotar, RESPEC

Landowner: Christine Huyser, Wake Up Inc.

Contractor/Agent: Michael Rotar, RESPEC

Perennial Stream: East Gallatin River

Type of Project: Bank Stabilization/Alteration

Purpose: To stabilize an actively eroding streambank. This erosion is threatening an existing pole barn on the property.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 4/15/2019 Finish date: 4/30/2019

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments: None

Discussion: *Dave: Looked through a series of alternatives and it's good to go to the delineation and to have a rock toe.*

Decision: Bob Logar moved to approve GD 07-19 as proposed. Jason Camp seconded. Motion passed.

Brief break

BUSINESS MEETING

Public Comments on District Business:

Holly Hill-GGWC discussed a DNRC grant on drought resiliency and having a plan for the watershed. They are sponsoring biannual meetings in late spring and early fall and asked if the District would consider being a co-host along with AGAI. They plan to send out a survey to identify problems ahead of the meeting. Invitees: AGAI, GCD, Four Corners Community Foundation, Brian Heaston, Gallatin River Task Force, and others. Meeting has been set for April 24th in the GCD Conference Room from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Jennifer Boyer-PCC discussed the Triangle Community Plan. This group has been tasked to have discussions with groups where jurisdictions overlap. The focus is on the triangle area (map shown) of Bozeman, Belgrade, and Four Corners. The goal is to create an overall triangle growth program. We are holding working sessions now and are discussing how it affects wetlands, natural resources, soils, and agriculture. This is an opportunity to set standards, address safety concerns and we invite you to participate.. The draft plan will be available in May and PCC will have an open house in June.

Grants/Agreements/Contract Report: None

Consensus Agenda: Mike Hansen moved to approve the February minutes. Bob Logar seconded. Motion passed.

Accounting: (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + P&L and Balance Sheet. Bob Logar moved to approve the financials and pay the invoices. Jason Camp seconded. Motion passed.

NRCS District Report – Justin Meissner and Chris Mahony discussed the upcoming Local Working Group meeting in the Conference Room on April 3, 2019.

2/21/2019 District Report

Water year (Oct) to date precipitation % of Normal; as of 2/19/2019

• Gallatin:	Jan, 113%	Feb, 116%
• Madison:	Jan, 108%	Feb, 120%
• Jefferson:	Jan, 103%	Feb, 109%
• Yellowstone:	Jan, 106%	Feb, 114%

Programs

EQIP:

- Future; NWQI-1-2 years

- TIP; targeted implementation plans
Forestry; fuels reduction/forest health
- Long Range Plan
- Certifying practices/planning new applications

CSP;

Events

Past:

- Gallatin CD annual meeting

Future:

- NCAT; Armed to Farm, April 8th-12th (Tour in Bozeman)
- NRCS webinar; Plant materials; salt affected sites
- Extension; Wildfire education night; Three Forks
- Local Working Group meeting: April 3; Bozeman, April 9; Broadwater
- Watershed network; April 8 Bozeman Library
- Agricultural Producer workshop; making value added work; April 29

County Planning Board: None

Manhattan Planning Board: Bob Logar reported on behalf of the Manhattan Planning Board who met on March 20, 2019. They reviewed three old business items.

1. "A Seat at the Table" result presentations from last fall was tabled
2. Growth Policy – Town Council Feedback

Manhattan's growth policy is ten years old. There is a statute in place that states that growth policies needs to be updated every 10 years. The planning board can apply for a grant for assistance through the state. It was approved to have the City Planner apply for grant.

3. Short-term rentals

The board decided that they will look at short-term rental policies from Bozeman and Three Forks to develop a policy for Manhattan.

MACD Board: Mike Hansen reported on behalf of the MACD / SWCDM Board. He mentioned that they have been busy working with the legislative session. There aren't any bills that have adverse effects to Conservation Districts or agriculture. There is an early April deadline for appropriation and allocation. Presently, administrative funding is at \$30K, and MACD is asking for an increase to \$65K for CD operating funds and for the restoration of the 310 funding previously lost in the DNRC budget.

New Business:

a. District Administrator position

On Facebook, 2,888 people were reached with 235 engagements. We've received 3 FB and 1 mailed application. The job post closes Thursday, March 28th.

b. Desk space for Rangeland Program intern

Stacey Barta, DNRC sent an email asking Supervisors if they would allow the Rangeland Program intern to have a temporary desk space in the CD office. It would be from May to October and may be only for one or two days a week. The Board said yes.

Old Business:

a. Annual Breakfast Meeting

We had approximately 70 people for the 2018 annual meeting and spent \$1,481.44. This year, we had approximately 55 people and the cost was about \$1,800.00. Food costs were slightly lower, but we had increases in costs for room rentals, awards, and gifts.

b. Earth Day Celebration April 27th

Supervisors are requested to attend for an in-service day helping spruce up the garden area. Six and a half cubic yards of garden soil will be ordered through Western Pines and we will need someone to pick it up. John Schutter mentioned that he has a 2 ton truck and can pick it up.

c. New Logo / Website update

Katie and Mary met with Classic Ink and they will have a proto-type logo sometime in April. Mary showed the Supervisors the work-in-progress website.

Well-Testing Cost-share Program: None

Cost-share Program: None

CD Seminars/Workshops: None

Correspondence and Handouts (in mailed packets): Mary Hendrix, District Administrator, discussed her staff report. Katie Mumford, Natural Resource Specialist, discussed her staff report.

Executive Session: Entered executive session at 11:40 am. Exited executive session at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment of Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 12:00 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2019 at **4:00 pm**.

Minutes approved by

Date