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4:00pm

GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Call to Order: 4:03pm

Supervisors Present: Tammy Swinney, Mike Hansen, Briana Schultz , Loren Blanksma , Bob Logar, Jason Camp, and Sherwin Leep.

Supervisors Absent:

Staff Present: Becky Clements, Audra Bell, Bea McNamara, Hannah Overby, Leia Miller

Guests Present: Chris Mahony (NRCS), Taylor Winkel (RESPEC), Keith Wellstone (FWP), Hunter Morical (WGM), Catey Bauer (DNRC), Rebecca Kurnicle (AGAI), Mace Mangold (WGM), Louie Loucks (CA/CPR)

Zoom attendees: Hannah Cantu, Cody Croskey

310 MEETING MINUTES

1. 310 Applications -

Applicant Number:	GD 08-25	Perennial Stream:	Lutz-McGuire Ditch
Applicant	Steve Daines		
Landowner:			
Contractor/Agent:	Urbani Fisheries		
Type of Project:	Ag/irrigation, Channel/banks, crossing/roads		
Purpose:	Improve flood plain connectivity and riparian vegetation. Enhance existing riffles and pockets for trout and aquatic invertebrates. Straightened section of the stream will be realigned to improve sinuosity for fish and wildlife habitat. Native wetlands and shrubs will be planted along the stream to provide shade and habitat diversity.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 9/1/25	End Date: 10/15/25	
Inspection Date:	5/6/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approval with Modification		
Inspection Comment	Stream lacks riparian vegetation. Incorporate as much wood and riparian vegetation as possible along bank treatments. Maximum boulder size should match the current max size found in creek. Reduce pool depths to 2.5 ft and allow creek to scour naturally. Incorporate backwater/shallow water habitat with emergent wetland vegetation for juvenile refuge. Place catchment downstream to minimize sedimentation during construction. No instream work September 15-October 30. Improve buffer between bank and ag activity. High water channel work is not part of plans.		
318 Authorization	yes		
Discussion:	Inspection team reports- restoration project proposed. About a mile long project. The goal is to add better ecological conditions, and fish habitat. A small creek, lacking riparian vegetation. Throughout a very agricultural area. Add pools, riffles, woody debris. Willow plantings, bank stabilization. Concern about adding large boulders. Advised not to add any that are bigger than what is already in the river. Shallow up some of the deeper pools. Avoid brown trout spawning time frame. Applicants		

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were amendable to the suggested changes.
Going to improve buffer area – 5-10’ and keep ag operations off the stream. Discussion any woody vegetation. The plan is to add willows- as many as they can. Supervisors would like to see more larger wood habitat integrated into the bank treatments. Larger willow clumps added to the bank design. Stream ditch scenario. If the project is for the fishery, it is considered a stream.

Decision: Bob Logar motions to approve with modifications. Briana Schultz supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 18-25	Perennial Stream: Dry Creek
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Applicant

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent: Ethan Kamerman

Type of Project: Agriculture/ irrigation

Purpose: Silted in portion of the Lower Middle Creek Supply Ditch. This also runs some water that is a tributary of Dry Creek. The silted and degraded bank is causing the canal to leak into the neighboring property. This section needs to be cleaned out.

Proposed Construction Date: **Start Date:** 5/1/25 **End Date:** 5/2/25

Inspection Date: 5/6/25

Inspection Recommendation Approval as proposed

Inspection Comment Ditch users/managers need to remove fine sediment buildup and reform channel to encourage flow. Issues with seepage from ditch to neighboring property because of overwidening and mammal burrows. Project makes sense to achieve the goal of restoring regular flow for downstream water users.

318 Authorization Yes

Discussion: Seems to be having some issues with grade along this reach. The channel seems to be getting wider and silting in. Proposing to dig a low flow channel and remove aggregated sediment. Proposed removing silt and setting in the adjacent field. Just south of Four Corners. Stream ditch scenario. There is always water in the channel.

Decision: Mike Hansen motioned to grant approval with 15 day waiver. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 19-25	Perennial Stream: Hayes Creek
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Applicant Scott Kreuz

Landowner: Barbara Marx

Contractor/Agent: Scott Kreuz

Type of Project: Agriculture/ irrigation and Crossing/ Road

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Purpose:	Our project involves installing a culvert in Hayes Creek to permit access between farm fields and to provide access around end of center pivot when maintenance is necessary. Culvert installation will have minimal impact to banks. Small amounts of surrounding material will be used to backfill culvert. Stream channel, water flow, or water quality will not be altered.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	5/1/25	End Date: 10/31/25
Inspection Date:	5/6/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approval with modifications		
Inspection Comment	30", 24' long culvert will be placed in a straight section of creek. Culvert will be countersunk and match the existing grade. Work should be conducted during low flows.		
318 Authorization	Yes		
Discussion:	Proposed culvert installation. Straightened section of stream. Ponds also present. Want to access the other side of their pivot.		
Decision:	Jason Camp motioned to approve with modifications with 15 day waiver. Briana Schultz supported. All in favor, motion carried.		

Applicant Number:	GD 20-25	Perennial Stream:	Middle Creek
Applicant	Providence Development, Parker Lange		
Landowner:			
Contractor/Agent:	Morrison- Maierle, Faith Doty		
Type of Project:	Building/structures, Crossing/roads		
Purpose:	The proposed project will provide access roads and utilities to three newly platted lots: Block 1 Lot 1, Block 2 Lot 1, and Block 2 Lot 2. Road alignments are consistent with the City of Bozeman's requirements. Construction will involve road and utility installation, as well as grading, with fill placement in wetlands and waterways, as determined by the USACE's AJD of the property. Erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented to safeguard the protected/non-impact wetland and waterway areas.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	6/4/25	End Date: 11/26/25
Inspection Date:	5/6/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approval as proposed		
Inspection Comment	Minimize tree removal. Reseed disturbed areas and mitigate invasive plant propagation. Culvert looks like adequate span to pass debris through.		
318 Authorization	Yes		
Discussion:	Development going in. Large culvert will allow for passage through culvert. 2 trees will have to be removed. Notate the inspection comments on permit material. Reach out to Middle Creek Ditch Company to coordinate on this project. All in favor, motion passes.		

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Decision: Sherwin Leep motions to approve as proposed with added inspection comments with 15 day waiver. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number:	GD 21-25	Perennial Stream:	Aajker Creek
Applicant	Daniel Kappes		
Landowner:	Kiki Haus		
Contractor/Agent:			
Type of Project:	Channel/Banks		
Purpose:	To properly restore the stream and enhance its long-term stability and function, we will re-establish a clearly defined main channel. In areas where the stream has braided, the banks will be reshaped to consolidate the flow into a single, continuous channel. This will reduce bank erosion, improve flow consistency, and simplify future maintenance. Key components of this restoration include: Channel Definition, Bank Reconstruction, and Instream structure installation.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	6/18/25	End Date: 6/25/25
Inspection Date:	Late 2024		
Inspection Recommendation	No Inspection		
Inspection Comment			
318 Authorization			
Discussion:	Related to complaint from last year. Tore up creek thinking it was a retention pond. 150' of stream runs between 2 culverts. Shallow wetland area. Vegetation removed. Mud flat conditions at present. Want to reestablish a channel through there- will match previous conditions from ariel imagery. Urbanized section of stream already. Revegetation will happen pretty quickly once they clean it up.		
Decision:	Bob Logar motions to approve as proposed. Mike Hansen supports. Reinspection tour idea. All in favor, motion carried.		

Applicant Number:	GD 22-25	Perennial Stream:	Bozeman Creek
Applicant	Peter Andrews		
Landowner:	Matt Paine		
Contractor/Agent:	TD&H Engineering		
Type of Project:	Other, Building/ Structure		
Purpose:	To develop the subject property to its highest use and construct a new commercial building in the urban core of downtown Bozeman MT. Construction of a new multi-story commercial hotel building that encroaches upon the 100-yr floodplain. The first floor will be elevated on a concrete foundation 2' min above		

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	the BFE and a lower entry lobby and basement will be dry floodproofed. An outdoor patio is proposed along the creek 2' min. above the base flood elevation. A front plaza, streetscape, and utility improvements are proposed within the floodway with finished grade surfaces at or below the existing ground elevation.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 4/1/25 End Date: 4/1/27
Inspection Date:	5/6/25
Inspection Recommendation	Approval as proposed
Inspection Comment	Building foundation and retaining wall will avoid bed and bank. Proposed retaining wall will be outside of the jurisdictional area. Sidewalk improvements will only be made if surface concrete can be removed without compromising the bridge integrity. Trees will not be removed.
318 Authorization	Yes
Discussion:	Downtown section of channel. Question of jurisdiction- not going to impact stream. New building is going in. Work will take place approximately 10' off the creek. Work is close enough to have a 310 – just in case.
Decision:	Mike Hansen motioned to grant final approval with 15 day waiver. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor, motion carried. If plans change- let CD know.

Applicant Number: GD 23-25	Perennial Stream: Baxter Creek
Applicant	Tom Berkley
Landowner:	Multiple landowner, listed in app
Contractor/Agent:	
Type of Project:	Other
Purpose:	The force main connection will start at Vaugh Drive and North Laurel Parkway and will be trenched for approximately 900 feet to the west side of Baxter Creek. It will then be bored for 500 feet beneath Baxter Creek and associated wetlands. On the east side of Baxter Creek, it will be trenched for 1080 feet until the Unnamed Tributary of Baxter Creek, where it will be bored for 150 to connect with an existing line.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 6/2/25 End Date: 5/30/26
Inspection Date:	No Inspection
318 Authorization	
Discussion:	Directional bore project. Frac out plan provided. Add GCD + FWP to list of notifications in case of frac out plan implementation.
Decision:	Mike Hansen motions to acknowledge project non jurisdictional and approve frac out plan. Loren Blanksma supported. All in favor, motion carried. Briana Schultz recuses.

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Applicant Number:	GD 24-25	Perennial Stream:	Baxter Creek
Applicant	Northwestern Energy		
Landowner:	Laurel Parkway		
Contractor/Agent:	Rocky Mountain Contractors		
Type of Project:	Other: Utilities		
Purpose:	The project involves the construction of the Urban + Farm, Phase II project, a mixed-use community with approximately 1,000 mixed housing units; a commercial core with a greenhouse and community garden; recreation, office, and retail spaces; and a new firehouse station. NWE is installing electric and gas utilities to this project. The portion of utilities to intersect with Baxter Creek will be installed via HDD under the stream.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 8/4/25	End Date: 8/8/25	
Inspection Date:	No Inspection		
318 Authorization			
Discussion:	Directional bore project. Frac out plan provided.		
Decision:	Mike Hansen motions to acknowledge project non jurisdictional and approve frac out plan. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor, motion carried.		

Applicant Number:	GD 25-25	Perennial Stream:	UT of Camp Creek
Applicant	Gallatin Watershed Council		
Landowner:	Tim Venhuizen		
Contractor/Agent:	TBD		
Type of Project:	Channel/Banks		
Purpose:	The goal of this project is to improve water quality and wildlife habitat by removing cattle from the watercourse, installing Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS) in the creek to reestablish natural stream processes, and establishing appropriate riparian vegetation.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 9/1/25	End Date:	10/31/25
Inspection Date:	5/6/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approval as proposed		
Inspection Comment	Creek severely incised. Channel-spanning log structures will encourage aggregation, bank-attached log structures will increase complexity and encourage positive scour potential. Cattle will be fenced out and riparian vegetation will be planted along banks. Overall, a good project.		
318 Authorization	Yes		
Discussion:	Extremely incised channel. Lots of ag ops in the past. Structures will improve creek function. Will pull all grazing off the stream.		

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NRCS is helping GWC with this project. Habitat structures + riparian plantings will be added.

Decision: **Reinspection tour idea.** Bob Logar motions to approve as proposed. Loren Blanksma supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number:	GD 26-25	Perennial Stream:	Middle Creek Ditch
Applicant	2 B Holding LLC		
Landowner:	ROW City of Bozeman		
Contractor/Agent:			
Type of Project:	Other		
Purpose:	The purpose of this project is to widen a section of S 27th Avenue to create two lanes with a raised median.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	7/1/25	End Date: 7/1/26
Inspection Date:	5/6/25		
Inspection Recommendation	Approval with modifications		
Inspection Comment	Minimal water in ditch. Likely snow melt and not jurisdictional. Recommend improving tie in angle from ditch to culvert at north end. Coordinate with ditch company on design and approval.		
318 Authorization	Yes		
Discussion:	Proposal to widen a city street to accommodate development. Water present was likely surface water. Question of jurisdiction. Coordinate with middle creek ditch company. Discussion of grading at the 90 degree turn area to facilitate better conveyance.		
Decision:	Bob Logar motions to approve with modifications listed. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried. Briana Schultz recuses.		

Applicant Number:	GD 27-25	Perennial Stream:	Baker Creek
Applicant	Hammer Ranch LLC		
Landowner:			
Contractor/Agent:	Confluence Consulting, Inc.		
Type of Project:	Channel/ Banks		
Purpose:	The goal of the project is to create diverse bedforms and instream cover to restore optimal fish habitat, thereby mitigating for the absence of regular bankfull discharge events. Due to altered hydrology, the stream does not form or maintain high quality habitat consistent with healthy C-type stream systems. The project will mitigate for the impacts of flow alteration and flooding in 2015 by creating diverse bedforms typical of a productive C-type stream channel.		

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Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 1/15/26	End Date: 4/15/26
Inspection Date:	5/6/25	
Inspection Recommendation	Approval with modifications	
Inspection Comment	<p>Downstream end: creek narrowing - creek would benefit from narrowing to increase velocities and improve sediment transport. The side in which the creek will be filled in should incorporate vegetation treatment to promote bank stabilization. Recommend approving with these modifications. All materials being sourced from on site. Point bar construction and brush matrix/woody debris treatments: creek could benefit from increased complexity and riparian vegetation. Would like to see results of pool construction, vegetation treatments, and point bars before approving full project. Recommend constructing the upstream 1 mile of the project and reinspecting in 2026 to see results after spring runoff. Board discussion. Work should be finished by April 1 to avoid rainbow trout spawning migrations. Could start 2 weeks earlier - Jan 1.</p>	
318 Authorization	yes	
Discussion:	<p>2 mile section of stream, large scale restoration. Proposal to improve pools and riffles. Large woody debris. Improve bank stabilization. Narrow widened section to improve flows and sediment transport. Cattle grazing along the banks have wiped out riparian vegetation. Suggested to split this project into 2. Approve the upstream half and see how it holds and reinspect before approving the downstream section. Contractor makes a case that he'd prefer to not split the project. Will have to move equipment twice and impacts to the stream and riparian corridor twice. Stretch doesn't have a flushing flow due to wide flat channel. Look at Lewis ditch at inspection tour. Similar circumstances to this project, similar design.</p>	
Decision:	<p>Mike Hansen motions to grant final approval with note to have inspection team take a look at construction at halfway progress point. Approve with modifications with exclusion of splitting the project. Bob Logar seconded. All in favor, motion carried.</p>	

Applicant Number:	GD 28-25	Perennial Stream:	Maynard Border Ditch
Applicant	Boardwalk Properties, Inc.		
Landowner:			
Contractor/Agent:			
Type of Project:	Other		
Purpose:	Extend existing culvert under Huffine Lane an additional 29 feet to account for widening of Huffine Lane for installation of a deceleration lane.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	7/1/25	End Date: 7/1/26

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Inspection Date:	5/6/25
Inspection Recommendation	Approval with modifications
Inspection Comment	Recommend shortening proposed culvert extension to extent possible to maximize distance between flared ends. Leave trees in place to extent possible. Conduct work during low flows.
318 Authorization	Yes
Discussion:	Expanding Huffine. Existing culvert. Extending about 30'.
Decision:	Sherwin Leep motions to approve as proposed. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried. Briana Schultz recuses.

2. Emergency Applications

Applicant Number:	GD 01E-25	Perennial Stream:	Gallatin River
Applicant	Catherine Petersen		
Landowner:	Joe Wilson, Forest Park Manager		
Contractor/Agent:			
Nature of Emergency	We currently live in a mobile home along the Gallatin River. Due to severe erosion, there is less than six feet from the edge of the bank to the house, in some areas it is less than three feet. The bank has also begun to erode more, with fresh soil being exposed and falling into the river. Sandbags that were previously sitting along the edge of the bank have fallen in. The river has not even reached its peak height with the spring runoff. We are extremely concerned that the bank will collapse and the end of our house will fall in. It also does not affect just us. There are multiple other homes in the park that area threatened by this.		
Action Taken	We reinforced the bank with galvanized steel fencing and filled it with sandbags to add another layer for the bank to fall onto.		
Construction Date:	3/27/25		
Inspection Date:	5/5/25		
Inspection Recommendation:	Project does not meet definition of an emergency constitutes a violation subject to remedial action set forth		
Inspection Comments:	Work is not an emergency at this point. Recommend removing chain link fence now prior to runoff . Leave sandbags for now. Submit plan to stabilize bank and remove sandbags.		
Discussion:	Forest Park mobile home. A lot of erosion occurring. This is between 2 sections of riprap. Placed sand bags and a lot of other debris onto the bank. Hasn't been able to get a hold of the trailer park owners to get the situation addressed. CD to send a letter to Joe Wilson/ trailer park owner to address this area of bank.		

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Applicant Number:	GD 01E-25	Perennial Stream:	Gallatin River
			Riprap to be placed below scour depth. County compliance officer may be consulted. Letter to trailer park owner. CC county compliance. All in favor, motion carried.
Decision:			Mike Hansen motions to acknowledge the action as not an emergency. Remove materials placed. Briana Schultz seconded. 310 will be required to remediate this situation.

3. Complaints

4. Extension Request

Applicant Number:	GD 85-22	Perennial Stream:	Wilson Creek
Applicant	Eric Leinonen		
Landowner:	Turner Enterprises		
Contractor/Agent:	Great West Engineering		
Type of Project:	Channel/Banks , Other		
Purpose:	This project entails restoration of an incised stream channel, in-stream habitat enhancement, and a partial stream channel relocation, which is expected to result in re-establishment of lost wetland on the floodplain. The project design uses low-tech restoration techniques to increase stream complexity and improve floodplain connectivity where the channel is ditched, and to return Wilson Creek to a relict channel below the pivot-irrigated fields, abandoning the current straightened channel at the downstream end.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	1/1/2023	End Date: 12/31/24
Inspection Date:	5/8/23		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval As Proposed		
2023 Inspection Comments:	Great project that is well intentioned and planned. Should significantly enhance resource.		
318 Authorization Issued?	Yes		
2023 Discussion	The stream has been straightened for irrigation. Beaver dam analog practices are going to be used in upper reaches to slow down the water. Willows will be planted to help with improved connectivity and habitat. Reestablishment of wetland. Going to take advantage of old channel that is there. Anticipated start date – after high flows		
2023 Decision	Mike Hansen motioned to grant final approval as proposed. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.		
2024 Discussion:	First extension		

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2024 Decision:	The request for extension is to allow for continued installation of low-tech in-stream structures (Beaver Dam Analogues-BDAs and Post Assisted Log Structures-PALS) within reactivated historic channel and within the ditched (straightened/incised) portion of Wilson Creek. Bob Logar motions to approve a one-year extension with 15-day waiver. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor. Motion carried.
Extension Request Reason	Project was scheduled as a multi-year implementation.
2025 Discussion:	Good project. Low tech multi year project.
2025 Decision:	Briana Schultz motions to grant an extension. Mike Hansen supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number:	GD 24-23	Perennial Stream:	Unnamed tributary of the East Gallatin River
Applicant	Barry Brown		
Landowner:	Same		
Contractor/Agent:			
Type of Project:	Buildings/Structures, Crossings/Roads		
Purpose:	To create lots ready for the development into additional residential housing to help alleviate the problem of the housing shortage in Bozeman. Impacts to stream and wetlands would occur due to the construction of City required roads and trails for site access, as well as the rerouting of an irrigation ditch to restore hydrology to its historic location on the property. Specific project elements include the extension of Kagy Boulevard, the widening of Kagy Boulevard, the installation of two pedestrian paths and bridges, the hydrologic enhancement of one historic natural drainage, and connecting to a sewer main located north of the project site on Lincoln St. The project is anticipated to permanently impact .68 acres of jurisdictional wetlands, 270 feet of stream channel, and 120 feet of irrigation ditch.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	5/3/23	End Date: 5/5/26
Inspection Date:	Approved as Proposed		
Inspection Recommendation:			
2023 Inspection Comments:	Crossings of waterways are well thought out. FWP recommends confirming proposed diversion is adequately sized and will not negatively impact downstream water users.		
318 Authorization Issued?	Yes		
2023 Discussion	City is forcing the expansion of Kagy. No fisheries concerns. Widening Kagy- so culvert will be much longer than typically allowable, but FWP is ok with it. Minimal impacts to the stream. Make sure MSU is on board with moving the water from one channel to another. Crossings of the waterways are well thought		

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	out. Headgate will be put in to make sure water users get their water.
2023 Decision	Mike Hansen motioned to grant approval as proposed. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carries
2024 Discussion:	When will they start? Potentially waiting on 404.
2024 Decision:	Tammy Swinney motions to grant a one year extension. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carried.
Extension Request Reason	We are requesting to extend the permit since the construction activities identified in the permit are still ongoing. We expect to be complete with those activities within the next year and will complete the closeout process once completed.
2025 Discussion:	No additional discussion past the reasoning for extension.
2025 Decision:	Mike Hansen motions to grant extension. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number:	GD 35-24	Perennial Stream:	Fish Creek
Applicant	Lane Graham		
Landowner:	Joe Axtell		
Contractor/Agent:	Headwaters Engineering		
Type of Project:	Channel/Banks		
Purpose:	The existing stream has been straightened over the years for irrigation purposes, with fairly uniform slopes of approximately 0.7%. The banks have seen erosion from the straightening and higher flow velocities and degraded from cattle, but are typically vertical below water and vegetated above water surface. Wetland vegetation exists along the banks of the creek, but the work proposed is strictly excavation below water, so no wetland impacts will occur.		
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date:	5/20/24	End Date:
Inspection Date:	5/9/24		
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval w/ Modifications		
2023 Inspection Comments:	Place any spoils outside of floodplain		
318 Authorization Issued?	Yes		
2024 Discussion	The bottom tail of Fish Creek. Pipe under the road is too small and plugs up frequently with silt. Not a lot of silt, in this reach, will benefit Fish Creek and the Gallatin. Spoils will need to be moved outside of floodplain.		
2024 Decision	Sherwin Leep motions to approve with modifications, 15-day waiver. Bob Logar supports. All in favor, motion carried.		
Extension Request Reason	We were planning on doing it this last fall/winter but had some scheduling problems and were unable to get it done.		
2025 Discussion:	No additional discussion past the reasoning for extension.		

2025 Decision:	Briana Schultz motions to approve extension. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carried.
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Other 310 Business:

5. New Business

6. 310 Old Business:

- GD 17-25 - Requesting Review after new design was submitted.

“To respond to some of the boards comments, we’ve proposed a longer spanning bridge as to ensure that there is more tolerance in the span in relation to the restoration project. I’ve also attached the contractors schedule showing the procurement time for building the bridge in relation to the construction schedule. We’ve been actively coordinating with the Rosgen group to ensure that construction sequencing and location is all being coordinated (included a letter from Dave).”

- Bridge application from last month- plans updated. Bridge design to 100’ bridge, so should alleviate concerns about span not being adequate depending on placement. Would like to get this approved so they can order the bridge materials. Inspection team feels comfortable with the new bridge design. Arch culvert will be used to bridge a braided portion. Current bridge that is there is inadequate for vehicle passage. Inspection team is much happier with new bridge design. Mike Hansen motions to grant final approval with the modified design. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

7. 310 Coordinator’s Report- Audra – Attachment A- Gilly is adding an AI component for historic data entry.

Good job Audra on reaching out to applicants about expiring permits.

8. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business

Chris commends GCD staff and supervisors for their work in serving the GC residents. He recognizes and appreciates how well we work together.

Adjournment of 310 Meeting 5:58

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

9. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-

- ~~a. Kristian Gandrud- Update on DNRC planning grant on Warm Springs/Perks Canal~~
 - ~~a. RPG-24-0854- Request for funds~~
 - b. Caty Bauer- DNRC- introduced herself.

10. Governance Calendar

- a. March approved minutes sent to DNRC, Gallatin County C&R- 4/18/2025
- b. 941- Q2-1- paid 5/8/2025
- c. GCD Newsletter + Water Supply Outlook report out on 5/1.
- d. Working on MFM vendor + musician recruitment
- e. Budget Committee met + completed budget preparation.
- f. Invoice GC for 310 processing on behalf of county commissioners.

11. Cost Share Applications

- 1) WTCS-38-25- Metcalf- \$110.25
- 2) WTCS-39-25- Metcalf- \$101.25
- 3) WTCS-40-25- Thill- \$101.25
- 4) WTCS-41-25- Walhof- \$101.25
- 5) WTCS-42-25- Churchill Equipment Co- \$101.25

12. Consensus Agenda

- a. April Meeting Minutes – Mike Hansen motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Briana Schultz supports. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Excused Absence of Board Members – all present

13. NRCS – Attachment B

- a. Report- water reports- all rivers are up from all this rain.
- b. Judge's water walk- June 12th.

14. Supervisor Report: Planning Boards

- a. Planning Board- Manhattan- no meeting
- b. County Planning Board- John absent
- c. GLWQD- No meeting
- d. MACD Update – spring board 6/10-12. AmeriCorp has had major funding cuts. Resolutions due 9/1.
- e. Gallatin Watershed Collaborative- land and stream meeting at GCD.
- f. DNRC Update- see report – Attachment C

15. Staff Reports

- a. Administrator - Becky – Attachment D
- b. Natural Resource Specialist- Elizabeth – Attachment E
 - i. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report – Attachment F

- ii. AGAI report – Rebecca- Attachment G
- c. Education and Outreach Director- Bea- Attachment H- highlighting education events.
 - i. Time off request- approved.
- d. Education Assistant – Hannah- Attachment I -assisting education events. Compost bin project. River Rats with GWC- stream restoration.

16. Old Business

- a. Other old business?

17. New Business

- a. FY26 Budget Approval- county submission deadline 5/23. Mike Hansen motioned to approve the FY26 County Budget submission. Briana Schultz supported. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. 2025 John Venhuizen Memorial Scholarship recipient selection -
 - 1. Alexa Smeija
 - 2. Kaylee Reid
- c. Spring Board Meeting – Helena – June 10-11, lodging accommodations for June 10
 - 1. EO meeting on 6/10, training on 6/11, DNRC presentation on procurement changes on 6/11. Approved for Becky to attend.
- d. SET in August- midday Aug 19-midday Aug 21.
 - 1. Fairmont Hot Springs- hotel accommodations for 19th and 20th. Becky, Bea, Elizabeth, and Audra will attend. Will impact a MFM, but have some ideas.

Approved for staff to attend.
- e. Town Center HOA meeting in July
- f. Other new business?

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18. Parking Lot

- a. Professional Development- QuickBooks, NACD – want to start sending staff.

19. Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet – Mike Hansen motioned to approve, Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

20. Adjournment of Business Meeting- Bob Logar motions to adjourn. Mike Hansen supports. Meeting adjourned at 749pm.

Ambera Swinney
Minutes approved by

6/19/25
Date

Becky Clements

6/13/2025

Minutes prepared by

Date



310 Coordinator Report
Gallatin Conservation District

310 Business

13 New 310 Application
0 Modification
3 Extension Requests
10 Site Inspections

1 Emergency Application
0 Complaints
0 Permits entered into Gilly
0 Reinspections

- Fielded questions and information related to the 310-application process.
- Assisted with a new application and answered gilly questions.
- Assisted with garden planting

Gilly Update

- AI historic permit update

Vacation Time

- June 3rd - June 11th

Water Year to Date of 5/12/2025 (Water year begins October 1-September 30)

Gallatin:	May, 80%	April, 99%
Madison:	May, 71%	April, 97%
Jefferson:	May, 76%	April, 88%
Yellowstone:	May, 83%	April, 97%

Programs; for 2024**EQIP: Tip; Animal confinement**

-1 applications; moved to NWQI obligated

Bridger/Bangtails 2024; Forest health, fuels reduction

- 14 applications

-1 application preapproved

RCPP; 2024; Properties on easements

-2 applications

-2 preapproved; 1 obligated as of 5/12/25

CSP 2024 Classic (high priority, addressing resource concern all land uses and addressing at least 5 Montana Priority resource concerns)

-7 applications

-4 preapproved

CSP 2025 Renewal;

-1 application

Community Agriculture 2024

-7 applications

-4 preapproved- 2 Obligated

Horseshoe Hills (TIP) 2024;

- 5 applications

-1 preapproved

Rooting for Soil Health (TIP) Area wide

-None from Gallatin

NWQI

- 4 applications

- 4 preapproved

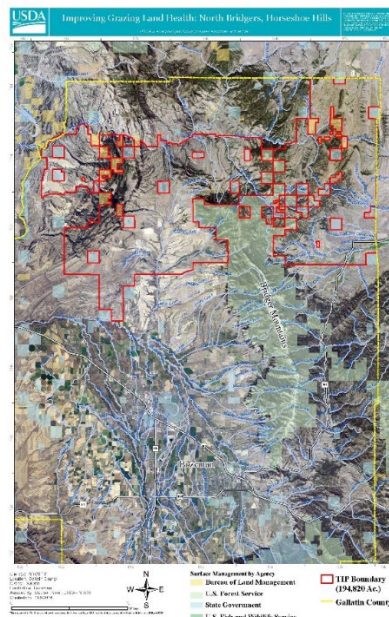
Organic special initiative

- 1 application; deferred

Montana Grassland Restoration; The goal of this TIP is to establish perennial vegetation in marginally productive areas of cropland and increase the diversity of nonnative grass monocultures in Montana. (Dry Creek/horseshoe hills area)

- 1 application

New TIP proposal for improving grazing land health (north Bridgers)



-Practices

Watering facility, livestock pipeline, spring development, wells, brush management, prescribed grazing, fence, weed control

Groups (updates)

Watershed council/Water collaborative;

- June 12th Judge water walk; tentative

- Watershed planning; Big Sky

- funding for wetland waste treatment project

-how to prioritize the protection of water resources and human necessity; gathering public input on concerns to potentially regulate

Extension:

-none

Fire Adapted (county):

-none

Stockgrowers:

-none

AGAI:

Weed District: From Madison;

-BNSF Railroad: the manager of the BNSF “Spray Train” weed control division spoke via phone to the group. He encourages all to contact him regarding weed issues along railways. Send him a GPS location and weed identification, he will then pass the information along to the weed spray contractors associated with BNSF.

-Grow Wild has some upcoming events in June, two weed pull days in June in Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Area. They are also hosting a Wildflower Festival in July. Grow wild has also been collaborating with Alpine Scapes and the new DNRC forester, Eli Davis, on “fire wise” landscaping consultation with homeowners. May be a good referral for our forestry clients.

-City of Bozeman Parks representative shared that a pain point is controlling weeds in parks especially near playgrounds, where they cannot use chemical. They are hand pulling these areas and it is very time consuming, they are looking for suggestions. Volunteer days? Non-toxic spray options?

-Jane Mangold and Noelle from MSU are hosting an invasive annual grass field day at Red Bluff Research Station on June 4. They are also doing Level 1 noxious weed management certification for anyone interested in September.

-MSU biocontrol scientist has mites for White Top that are showing great efficacy, not sure if they’re available to the public but we can find out. He is working on getting a type of moth for Oxeye Daisy greenlit for release, but for now still in experimental phase.

-The weed district continues to lend out weed spray set ups, gives technical assistance, and still has some grant programs available to the public.

Events

Past;

- farm fair (May 6-8)

- tree delivery; cleanup day at CD

Future;

- water walk (June 12th tentative)

- invasive annual grass field day (June 4; Red Bluff)

Trainings

MISC

- Tip process is suspended until new State Conservationist

- no travel currently

- Aubrey J.D. Bettencourt was appointed Chief of NRCS on April 14



REPORT TO WESTERN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS MAY 2025

Catey's Comments

Hello W. CDs!

The May report highlights key updates and reminders from the May CDB Conservation Matters newsletter. **SWMTIC and Mountain Health Co-Op will host a health insurance training for CDs on April 25th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. via Zoom (link below).** CDB has partnered with the HR consulting firm TogetHR to develop health benefits resource documents, which are available through the links below and on the CD Resource Documents webpage. In addition, TogetHR hosts weekly open-door sessions every Wednesday to discuss various HR-related topics. The FY26 CDA Grant applications are due by May 31st. Reminder — a completed Accountability Assessment is required as part of the application process. The FY26 Education Mini Grant cycle is also open — please review the guidelines and additional updates provided below.

HEALTH INSURANCE Q&A WITH SWMTIC AND MOUNTAIN HEALTH CO-OP FRIDAY APRIL 25 10:00 TO 11:00 AM

- SW MT Insurance Center and Mountain Health Co-Op are hosting a health insurance training for CDs on April 25th from 10:00 to 11:00 am.
- The training will discuss group eligibility, the utilization of both Copay and HSA medical plans, prescription drug information, and dental and vision benefits. Employees are encouraged to ask any and all questions they may have regarding group benefits.
- CDs should have received a CDB bulletin for this training. Please let me know if you would like me to resend the bulletin.
- The Zoom meeting link is here:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686455592> [us06web.zoom.us]
- Meeting ID: 826 8645 5592

HEALTH BENEFIT OPTIONS, HSA & FSA RESOURCES, AND WEEKLY OPEN-DOOR TogetHR TALKS

- CDB partnered with TogetHR creating new health benefit guidance documents. The documents are located on the [CD Resource Documents](#) webpage under the Employee Resources tab. The documents provide information on health benefit options and eligible expenses for CD employees.
- Links to the health benefit documents are here:
 - [Health Benefit Options for Conservation Districts](#)
 - [HSA & FSA Eligible Expenses](#)
- Every Wednesday from 11:00 to 11:30 am TogetHR hosts weekly open-door talks covering all things HR related. The talks are hosted by HR and payroll expert, John Wright. Find more information on the

on the [TogetHR website](#) and register for each weekly talk [here](#).

FY26 CDA GRANT APPLICATION CLOSES MAY 31ST - INCLUDES 310 REIMBURSEMENT AND MACD DUES

- The FY26 CDA grant application opened March 1st and closes May 31st.
- Get CDA application approved in May board meeting to submit before the deadline.
- CDs are required to submit a budget and planning document with application.
 - Here is a budget template [SPD-Budget-Template-V.1.xlsx](#). You can also use a different budget template that suits your CD.
- If applicable, these funds will reimburse 310 permits issued in 2024.
- CDs can apply for \$3,500.00 for 2026 MACD dues.
- A completed Accountability Assessment is required for the application:
 - [Accountability Assessment Form](#)
- **If you have an annual educational event – consider including in CDA rather than applying for Mini Education grant.**
- Applications must be submitted via Submittable. [Montana DNRC Grants Submission Manager - FY 26 Conservation District Administrative Grant, 310 Reimbursement, and MACD Dues Application](#)
- See updated 2024-2025 Grant Guidelines for more information: [CD Grant Program Guidelines](#)
- Further CDA information can be found here under Administration Grants: [Conservation District Grants](#)
- Contact me if your CD needs guidance filling out the application.

FY26 EDUCATION MINI GRANT CYCLE OPEN

- The FY26 Education Mini Grant cycle is open. Education mini grants are intended to assist conservation districts with small-scale conservation and natural resource educational projects that generally focus on a specific audience (e.g., 5th grade students) or a specific topic (e.g., rain barrel workshop). Activities for both youth and adults are eligible. Mini education projects must be approved and administered by their local conservation district and align with the district's goals.
- Applicants submitting multiple grant applications are required to prioritize their proposals. Please refer to the [Grant Guidelines](#) for more information on the Education Mini grants and application prioritization.
- Applications must be submitted via Submittable at: <https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

May 26	Memorial Day
May 31	FY26 CD Administrative Grant application closes

Please reach out if you would like me to attend meetings via Zoom or in person.



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Administrator's Report- May15, 2025



Accounting

- Paid bills and taxes, PERS and payroll

Media

- Updates to Facebook and website.

Board Meeting

- Information, planning, organization for the May meeting. Agenda + April minutes prepped.

Other: Miscellaneous

- Weekly-ish staff meetings
- Positive Pay upload for March- 4/16/25
- ACH to GC Treasury
- Work with Audra on 310 tasks and procedures + Gilly
- 941- Q2-1- 5/7/25
- Reconcile all accounts
- WTCS processing
- Manhattan Grille HOA annual meeting
- Monitoring of legislative happenings + MACD weekly legislative calls + MACD board meeting
- Scholarship promotion, receipt, organization
- Trail sign project collaboration with Elizabeth
- Printer – met with new company, signed contract, printer ordered!
- FY26 Budget prep (due to county 5/23/25) + budget meeting with finance committee
- Earth Day tabling event
- CD renewal – Stockman Bank
- Farmers Market Coordinator Application submitted to GC Health Department
- Letter to TOM regarding upcoming FM
- RRT pick up + prep for upcoming season
- MFM season materials organization
- Tree delivery day + workday participation
- Contract to NWE for monitoring season
- Envirothon event participation
- SET planning meeting participation

Discussion Items:

- MFM starts 6/18!

Meetings in Conference Room (scheduled):

- MT Equine- 5/14, 3-7pm
- AGAI meeting- 5/29, 11-1
- MRCDC Quarterly Meeting- 5/27, 1-5pm
- Private Event- 5/31
- Hands on Ranch- Homeschool Series- Mondays in May

- CD Employee Roundtable- 5/21, 10-11
- Staff garden workday- 5/20
- Volunteer garden planting day- 6/3
- MFM Vendor Training- 6/4
- MACD Spring Board Meeting- 6/10-6/12

Upcoming workshops/Meetings (attending):


Grants: Closing Before the End of 2025 / Continuing into 2026 / Not yet finalized

(See attached Excel sheet for full grant overview. Below is a brief status summary.)

- **DNRC Mini Education Grant – Farm Fair:** Farm Fair went great! Will submit final report by the end of May.
- **DNRC Area 6 Pollinator Initiative Grant:** Planning to submit the final report at the end of September, following DIY monitoring by participants.
- **ARPA Dry Creek Irrigation Canal:** Construction is nearly complete. Reimbursed by DNRC for first quarter of 2025. Submitted an interim reimbursement request with a release of funds request to pay for construction costs.
- **ARPA High Line Canal:** Construction is complete; seeding is scheduled for this spring. Reimbursed by DNRC for first quarter of 2025. Submitted an interim reimbursement request with a release of funds request to pay for construction costs.
- **ARPA Farmers Canal:** No changes to report. Reimbursed by DNRC for first quarter of 2025.
- **DNRC Planning Grant (with Confluence):** Draft Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is complete. The first reimbursement request will be ready to submit following this meeting.
- **DNRC Watershed Management Grant (with AGAI):** Rebecca Kurnick is crushing it! See her report attached.
- **CD Administrative Grant: MACD Dues & 2024 310 Permits:** Awaiting news from DNRC.
- **RDG Planning Grant Gallatin Valley Managed Aquifer Recharge:** Awaiting news from DNRC.

Cost Share Programs:
Conservation Cost Share

No new Applications

Well Testing Cost Share

WTCS_38_25_Metcalf - \$110.25
 WTCS_39_25_Metcalf2 - \$101.25
 WTCS_40_25_Thill - \$101.25
 WTCS_41_25_Walhof - \$101.25
 WTCS_42_25_CEC – \$101.25

Outreach:

- **Ag Spotlight:** Belgrade News Article on Pollinators & Agriculture.
- **Water Supply Report:** The April 2025 Water Supply Report was completed, posted online, & distributed via email.
- **Manhattan to the Gallatin Trail:** Continued collaboration with the trail sign artist. Reviewed preliminary mockups.
- **Gallatin Pollinator Initiative:** Staying busy making packets for signups!
- **Farm Fair:** 3 days of helping Bea & Leia talk about pollinators!

Events & Meetings Attended:

- Earth Day Festival – 4/19
- Extension "Rooted" Webinars – 4/21,5/5
- MACD Legislative Calls – Tuesdays
- Gallatin County Weed Managers Meeting – 4/22
- Collaborative Update Call – 4/22
- AGAI Board Meeting – 4/24
- Belgrade Parks Dept Site Visit – 4/24

- Seedling Delivery & Garden Day – 4/25
- ARPA State Check-in Call – 4/25
- ARPA & Engineering Calls – 4/29,5/13
- GCD Hosting Stream & Land Working Group – 4/30
- Farm Fair – 5/6–5/8
- Call with Trail Sign Artist – 5/9
- **Volunteer Water Monitoring Training – Flathead Bio Station – 5/14–5/16**

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- Extension "Rooted" Webinars – 5/19
- ARPA & Engineering Calls – 5/27,6/10
- Collaborative Update Call – 5/27
- ARPA State Check-in Call – 5/27
- **1st day Algae monitoring! – 5/28**
- AGAI Board Meeting – 5/29

- **1st day AIS monitoring – 6/2**
- MFM Vendor Training – 6/4
- Spring Board Meeting – 6/10&11
- AGAI Water Walk – 6/12
- 1st Summer Stewards! – 6/12
- 1st MFM! – 6/18



Thank you for all your help on Seedling Delivery & Garden Spruce-Up Day!

Here are the numbers: Trees, shrubs, & grasses = 5,898 | Trees & shrubs, no grasses = 5,802

Another thank you for sending me to the Volunteer Water Monitoring Training at Flathead Lake Biological Station this week!



VOLUNTEER WATER MONITORING TRAINING

May 14-16, 2025

Hosted at Flathead Lake Biological Station

Training will focus on field monitoring methods and peer learning to implement effective volunteer water monitoring programs. The training is intended for watershed coordinators, conservation districts, and others who develop, implement, and manage water monitoring programs throughout Montana. More information and registration coming soon!

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Respectfully submitted,
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Grant Report Gallatin Conservation District Board Meeting May 2025										
Grants	Funding Provided For:	Partners?	Date Approved	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded	Grant Progress (Funds used or committed) (5/2025)	Current Amount spent or reimbursed by GCD (5/2025)	Final Amount Reimbursed to GCD	Final Report Submitted	Final Report Deadline
DNRC Mini Edu Grant - Farm Fair Support (CDG-25-3837)	Farm Fair EMS & PortaPotties	Farm Fair	1/16/2025	\$2,790.00	\$2,790.00	\$2,490.00	\$2,490.00			9/30/2025
CDB Pollinaor Grant (CDG-25-3825)	Area 6 Pollinator Seed	Beaverhead, Madison, Park, Jefferson CDs	9/19/2024	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$9,021.43	\$9,021.43			12/31/2025
ARPA - Dry Creek Irrigation Canal Improvement Project (AC-22-0183)	Water quality improvement, Lining	Dry Creek, Gallatin County	12/16/2021	\$225,141.00	\$225,141.00	\$187,231.45	\$19,613.75			12/31/2025
ARPA - High Line Canal Improvement Project (AC-22-0184)	Water quality improvement, Repairs & additional lining	High Line Canal, Gallatin County	12/16/2021	\$205,274.32	\$205,274.00	\$181,722.13	\$23,282.14			12/31/2025
ARPA - South Cottonwood Headgate Rehabilitation (AC-22-0186)	Water quality improvement, Headgate rehab	Farmers Canal, Gallatin County	12/16/2021	\$184,000.00	\$184,000.00	\$17,978.72	\$17,978.72			12/31/2025
DNRC CARD RRP (RPG-24-0854)	Warm Springs Ranch, fish passage and Temp cons.	Confluence,WSR	3/21/2024	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00				12/31/2025
			Match from WSR	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		
DNRC Watershed Planning Grant (WMG-24-0103)	Capacity for AGAI	AGAI	2/15/2024	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$2,560.00				12/31/2026
DNRC CD Admin Grant FY2026	Funding for MACD Dues		1/18/2025	\$14,300.00	\$14,300.00					
DRNC RDG - Managed Aquifer Recharge Network	Understand aquifer recharge along the Middle Creek irrigation ditch.	WGM Group & Middle Creek Ditch Co.	4/17/2025	\$50,000.00						

Completed Grants	Completed Grants
Active Grants	Active Grants
Not yet finalized	Not yet finalized

Total Grant Funds:	\$735,005.00	\$426,003.73	\$72,386.04	\$10,000.00
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Partnership Coordinator Report April 2025

This is the monthly report from the AGAI Partnership Coordinator to Gallatin County Conservation District in fulfillment of Grant [WMG-24-0103]

Engagement:

Meetings Attended

- Annual Big Sky Water Collaborative/GR TaskForce update meeting
- Gallatin Conservation District
- Gallatin Water Collaborative
- AGAI Board monthly meeting
- Relationship development with Lila Rickenbaugh and Harley Harris of Water Trust
- Gallatin Water Collaborative: Stream and Land Stewardship working group

General Communication/Other:

- Joint comment submitted with Gallatin Water Collaborative to City of Bozeman Sustainability Advisory Board, and associated meetings/communication for drafting comment
- Tour of Middle Creek Ditch Co. with Kevin Haggerty
- Water Trust relationship development
- Northern Ag Network/KBZK interview with Kurt Dykema and Walt Sales
- Community Based Social Marketing strategy meeting
- Strategy discussion about Construction Dewatering General Permit with Walt Sales (AGAI) and Lilly Deford (GWC)
- Reached out to 3 key AGAI members about water and the Bozeman Unified Development Code
- Judge's Water Walk planning: June

Education:

- Ongoing communications with Gallatin Watershed Council to complete interpretive sign project. Working on reviving the contract between GWC and AGAI for sign production.
- Farm Fair related planning

Fundraising:

- Donor strategy meeting with potential AI Lien scholarship funder
- Grant and sponsorship work

Bea McNamara
Staff Report: May 2025
Education & Outreach Director

Education

- Gallatin Valley Earth Day (4/19)
- Manhattan Afterschool Program: Bison trunk (4/21)
- Irving Elementary School Program: Bison trunk (4/24)
- MCC/BSWC Ag Tour with Mike Ellig (4/30)
- Environmental Summit: 8 20 min station on Habitat (5/1)
- FARM FAIR: 45 15 min stations on pollinators over 3 days! (5/6-5/8)
- Creating curriculum for my programs: bison curriculum, earth day veggie compatibility game, farm fair pollinator station, habitat curriculum.

Outreach

- Gallatin Watershed Collective Group Meetings: Water (4/22)
- Community Social Marketing Collaborative Meeting (4/28)
- Story Mill Riparian Walk (4/29)
- GWC Meetings: Land & Stream @ GCD office (4/30)
- BSWC Alumni Cookout (5/1)
- Gallatin Gardeners Club Planting (5/12)
- TinWorks Pollinator Garden Planting (5/15)
- Promoting upcoming events: volunteer planting day, summer stewards, garden tours.

Office and Garden Work

- Staff Meeting
- Supervisor Work Day, Tree Delivery, Garden BBQ
- Plant Starts: Seedling transfers, seed planting.
- Garden Maintenance: Lopping pollinator garden beds, weeding pollinator garden beds, weeding cherry gravel, dump run, raking leaves, organizing education supplies in the shed.
- Regular social media updates.



Gallatin Conservation District: April Report

5/7/2025

Hannah Overby

On-going Projects:

- Summer Stewards
- May Newsletter
- Assisting Bea with School Programs
- 2 Social Media Posts a week
- Compost Bin Design
- Participating in Gallatin Watershed Council River R.A.T.S Program
 - **Revegetation:** Harvest and stake willows, plant trees and shrubs, seed grasses and wildflowers
 - **Stream Restoration & Habitat Work:** Build Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs), Post-Assisted Log Structures (PALS), and apply other low-tech process-based techniques
 - **Site Maintenance:** Control weeds, lay mulch, and maintain plantings and fencing
 - Beaver Coexistence Projects: Wrap trees with protective fencing
 - **Community Engagement & Leadership:** Assist in leading volunteer activities, provide quality control and guidance, and engage with volunteers, local businesses, student groups, and more

Completed Projects:

- April Newsletter
- Farm Fair
- Environmental Summit
- School Programs at Irving and Manhattan Elementary