

**September 16,
2021, 4:00pm**

GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Topic: GCD September Board Meeting
Time: September 16, 2021 04:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Location: GCD Conference Room- 120 S. 5th Street, B102- Manhattan, MT

Zoom Details

September Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88418105727?pwd=ZTVBamFaajU4S29WRjZLZWwhCQ2RKQT09>

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310MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. 310 Inspection Reports: Ready for Discussion and Board Decision

a. Application Number: GD 53-21

Inspection Date: September 7, 2021

Applicant:

Spencer Smith

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent:

Roadarmel Construction

Perennial Stream:

West Gallatin River

Type of Project:

Bank Stabilization

Purpose:

To prevent loss of pivot, wellhead, and fuel tank. Prevent contamination if fuel tank is compromised. Stabilize bank to stop continued bank erosion. Prevent any additional loss of existing farmable acreage. Improve habitat.

Proposed Construction Date:

Start date: 11/2021 Finish date: 12/2021

Inspection Recommendation:

On Hold

Inspection Comments:

No design plans submitted with this application. Talked at length about the 310 process and discussed potential "ideas" for bank stabilizations that might be appropriate at this location. Will try to get plans submitted prior to meeting or pushed to October.

Discussion:

b. Application Number: GD 54-21

Inspection Date: September 7, 2021

Applicant:

Jennifer Beaston

Landowner:

Crosscut Mountain Sports Center

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Contractor/Agent:
Perennial Stream: Lightning Creek
Type of Project: Bank Stabilization
Purpose: To stabilization the streambank in two areas of Lightning Creek near the main cabins of the ranch. The goal of this project is to change erosion activity into depositional activity in these two areas by installing cut treetops from a recent logging project along the streambank.
Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 9/27/2021 Finish date: 11/1/2021
Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed
Inspection Comments: Add removal of corral fencing at upstream end of project. 15 day waiver recommended. 318 waiver issued.
Discussion:

c. Application Number: GD 55-21

Inspection Date: September 7, 2021
Applicant: Michael Wolfe
Landowner:
Contractor/Agent:
Perennial Stream: Hebgen Lake
Type of Project: Dredging, Vegetation Removal
Purpose: The channel is clogged with vegetation. Would like to clean out weeds from canals.
Proposed Construction Date: Start date: May/2022 Finish date: June/2022
Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed
Inspection Comments: Limit area of disturbance to approximately ¼ acre. Place excavated material on highest terrace, outside of high water mark. 15 day waiver recommended. 318 waiver issued.
Discussion:

d. Application Number: GD 56-21

Inspection Date: September 7, 2021
Applicant: Jeff and Misty Higgins
Landowner:
Contractor/Agent: Morrison-Maierle, Inc
Perennial Stream: Hyalite Creek
Type of Project: Crossings, Wetland Alteration, Livestock Crossing

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Purpose: The project was originally constructed to create access to Hyalite Creek and to install fencing along the property boundary. The landowners were not aware that permits were required for this project. The current goal of the project is to install a robust low-water crossing between the main channel of Hyalite Reservoir and the overflow channel. This will allow water to flow between the two channels while still providing vehicle and pedestrian access to the stream and fence area for maintenance. This project is in response to complaint GD 08C-21, which was declared a violation by Gallatin Conservation District.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 10/1/2021 Finish date: 11/30/2021

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments: 15 day waiver recommended. 318 waiver issued.

Discussion:

3. Complaints: None!

4. Other 310 Business:

- a. Pfeil v. Gallatin Conservation District- update of hearing on 9/8.

5. 310 Old Business:

a. Application Number: GD 30-19 Inspection Date: June 12, 2019

Applicant: RTR Holdings II, LLC

Landowner: Same

Contractor/Agent: Confluence Consulting Inc.

Perennial Stream: Mandeville Creek

Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Construction. Road construction/maintenance.

Purpose: To provide access to a 20-acre mixed use development through the enclosure of the Middle Creek Ditch lateral within a culvert and the crossing of Mandeville Creek by a new street named Campus Blvd.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: Fall 2019 Finish date: Spring 2020

Inspection Recommendation: Approve with modifications.

Inspection Comments: Embed minimum 6", backfill 3"- to match up/downstream grades/elevations.

Discussion Heavy construction going on. Culvert size is adequate. Low gradient stream. Continue with inspection comments. 150' culvert. Given size and slope of stream, think that fish will be

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able to pass, although size/length is not ideal. Ditch is not jurisdictional.
Decision: Mike Hansen motioned to approve with modifications listed in inspection comments. Jason Camp seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
Update: Project not completed- extension requested.

b. Application Number: GD 36-19

Inspection Date: July 10, 2019
Applicant: Shad Lemke
Landowner: Brent and Donna Snyder
Contractor/Agent: Northern Range General Contracting, LLC
Perennial Stream: Pitcher Creek
Type of Project: Bridge/Culvert/Ford Removal, Channel Alteration, Floodplain Restoration, Debris Removal.
Purpose: Restore creek through property. Existing dwellings will be demolished in preparation for eventual construction of new home.
Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 9/15/2019 Finish date: 9/14/2020
Inspection Recommendation: Approve as proposed.
Inspection Comments: Recommend utilizing natural vegetation for recruitment to modified banks. Work with integrating natural vegetation. Save as many wetland plants as feasible.
Discussion: Discussion over the railroad ties in the channel. Starting to fail for the purpose this previously served. Erosion will be addressed. Current sewer line will be removed which sits at grade level above ground. Culvert removed. Restore sediment transport, remove debris jam. Encourage natural stream. Dave says lush riparian will quickly help revegetate.
Decision: Bob Logar motioned to approve as proposed. Jason Camp seconded. All in favor. Motion carries
Update: Applicant seeking extension. This permit has previously been granted a one year extension, but work was delayed due to COVID. The last piece that needs completed is just the culvert removal.

6. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business

7. Adjournment of 310 Meeting

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA-

1. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-
 - a. Rolling Rivers Trailer project update and sneak peek
2. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report - See Spreadsheet
3. Cost-share Program:
4. Well-Testing Cost-share Program:
 - a. Other accepted lab results
5. Consensus Agenda
 - a. August Meeting Minutes-
 - b. Excused Absence of board members
6. NRCS
 - a. Report
7. Supervisor Report: Planning Boards
 - a. Planning board- Manhattan-
 - b. County Planning Board-
 - c. GLWQD-
 - d. MACD update-
8. Staff Reports
 - a. Administrator's Report- Becky
 - b. NRS Report- Elizabeth
 - c. Education and Outreach Director- Sydney
 - d. Education Specialist Report- Leia
 - e. MCC Fellow Report- Gillian
9. Old Business
 - a. Main Street Office Space
 - b. MACD Strategic Planning – Supervisor Survey

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- c. October meeting change reminder
 - i. **Tuesday, October 19 at 9am**
- d. Other old business?
- 10. New Business
 - a. Valley Ditch- grant support request
 - b. Reinspection Tour
 - a. Date
 - b. Projects
 - c. BSWC member potential
 - d. Other new business?
- 11. Parking Lot
 - a. Edging in the garden
 - b. Conference Room electrical upgrade
 - c. Soundproofing Office Space(s)
 - d. QuickBooks revamp
 - e. Property Management Company
- 12. CD Seminars/Workshops:
 - a. September 21, 5pm-6pm: Water Conservation and Drought
 - b. September 20 and 27, 6pm-8pm: Small acreage workshop
 - c. September 29- Pollinator Workshop
 - d. October 12, 10am-12pm: West Yellowstone workshop
 - e. October 19, 5pm-6pm: Wildfires in MT
 - f. November 16, 5pm-6pm: Plants- The good, the bad, and the really good
 - g. December 21, 5pm-6pm: Montana Public Lands
- 13. Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet
- 14. Adjournment of Business Meeting-