

February 17, 2022 • 310 Meeting

Call to Order: The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on February 17, 2022. Chairman Loren Blanksma called the 310 meeting to order at 9:04 am.

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

Supervisors Absent:

Staff present: Becky Clements, Sydney Lyons, Elizabeth Emeline, Leia Miller

Guests Present: Chris Mahoney (NRCS), Buddy Drake (FWP), Mike Duncan (FWP), Nate Heili (MSU), Karen Filipovich (4CF).

Zoom attendees: Mike Rotar (RESPEC), Jeff Pfeil, Hailey Graf (DNRC), DJ Pridmore, Laurie T, Tony Thatcher, Holly Hill (GWC).

1. 310 Applications

a. Application Number: GD 03-22

Inspection Date: February 8, 2022

Applicant: Casey Tippens, Bozeman Trax Partners, LLC

Landowner: Montana Rail Link Inc.

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream: Mandeville Creek

Type of Project: Culvert

Purpose: The project is for a small phase associated with a larger development project, consisting of a private rail spur and development of an industrial and mixed use area on properties owned by the developer and State of MT. The overall project has been approved by the City of Bozeman. The culvert extension is proposed for the MRL Mandeville crossing to maintain Mandeville Creek flows.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 2/1/2022 Finish date: 2/2/2022

Inspection Recommendation: Approval with modifications

Inspection Comments: Addition of fish resting structure to be incorporated within overall extension of existing culvert. 318 waiver issued.

Discussion: MT Rail link going to expand and needs to put in a culvert. Fish resting box requested. Inspection team is happy with the new plans submitted. They did come up with a design that will sustain the weight of the railroad needs. Good location for it.

Decision: Bob Logar motioned to approve with the modifications listed. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

b. Application Number: GD 04-22

Inspection Date: February 8, 2022

Applicant: Kughen Ditch Company- Bill Kimm president

Landowner: Joe Axtell

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream: Gallatin River

Type of Project: Bank Stabilization/Alteration, Tree Removal

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Purpose: The project is to put water back in the west channel that feeds the Gabriel Ditch, Low Line Canal, and Kughen Canal. Maintenance permit requested.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: Upon approval 2022 Finish date: 2032

Inspection Recommendation: On hold

Inspection Comments: Discuss at meeting. Awaiting modified design plans.

Discussion: Trying to get water to all thee ditches in the area. Project location is way up from the ditches, but a good location to get water to all three ditches. Spoils need to come out and go somewhere other than the floodplain. Buddy is hopeful all three of ditches would get water with this approach. Mike R stated excavation should be done in conjunction with some blocks at that location, as it is an excellent location to use diversion blocks. Should be listed as a modification to the application. Bill Kimm (applicant) reports Kelly O'Hare is the contractor they've hired and works a lot on the river and is familiar with processes. The Gabriel Ditch – needs to put in a concrete structure to protect the ditch or potentially be subject to high water washing it out again. The Gabriel will need some extensive work to make operations work for that ditch. Bill reports just the upper part of channel needs to be cleaned out- lower section is good as is. The contractor is planning to add a grade that will sustain the flow to the ditches. Had idea to use rock excavated from channel for the project in front of Kathryn's ditch (Gabriel). Landowner has agreed to allow rock to be moved on his property, but concerned about having the haul trucks drive across the marshy property. Utilizing some of the rock at Kathryn's ditch will alleviate at least some of the material that needs to be moved out. Mike D points out they'll need permitting from the USACE to move rock. Buddy points out that Kathryn's issue will need to be an entirely different 310 application. Buddy agrees with the plan to grade is a good one. Kimm assures the rock won't be stashed, but hope is that Kathryn will get her application in right away and combine the projects. Inspection team states that using the rock like that will require floodplain and USACE involvement and likely will encounter delays of up to a year. Inspection team prefers a yearly maintenance permit in this case and can eventually move into a 5 year after a couple years of monitoring. This project has been the result of the working with AGAI and Buddy to try to come up with a solution that will work with all three ditches and have the smallest footprint in the river as possible. This is quite a ways from the headgates, but does the least amount of impacts to the river.

Decision: Sherwin Leep motioned to grant approval with modification to add the blocks. 15 day waiver included. Modification to read: remove excavated spoils from channel clean out and grading to a site out of the floodplain. Approved use of concrete blocks at site location to divert water as needed – with removal of

blocks required at end of irrigation season. Will need to reapply for irrigation maintenance needs at the expiration of this permit. Gallatin CD needs to watch this area for the next couple of years, and then longer term maintenance permitting may be considered. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Complaints: None

3. 310 Emergency Applications: None

4. Other 310 Business:

- **Jurisdictional Determination- None**

5. 310 Old Business:

a. Complaint Number: GD 13C-21 Inspection Date: August 10, 2021
Complainant: Ronald Spoon
Complainee/Landowner: Dixie Deeter
Contractor/Agent:
Perennial Stream: Jefferson River
Complaint: Extensive placement of rock rip-rap was observed from a boat on May 25, 2021. Previously, natural rock "barbs" were constructed in the vicinity and approved by Gallatin CD.
Inspection Recommendation: Activity has been initiated on a perennial flowing stream without a valid permit.
Inspection Comments:
Discussion:
Decision (August 19, 2021): Bob Logar motioned to acknowledge complaint as a violation of 310 law. Plan will need to be submitted to address the work that has been done without the permit. Looking for 310 application to be submitted by the October meeting. Goal of having the riprap removal addressed appropriately by end of March. Part of the application should include the reutilization of riprap, as appropriate, to protect their property and home. Tammy Swinney seconded. All in favor, motion carries.
From October 2021 meeting: Draft mitigation plan submitted by Mike Sanctuary of Confluence to show commitment to address the violation, but requesting an extension. Mike S needs to assess the river under normal flow conditions, as he currently was only able to assess during extreme low flow. Therefore, requesting more time to inspect the site, to see where bank erosion might be likely to occur based on hydrologic analysis under normal flow conditions. Mike S. agreed to notify the USACOE, as the site is currently a violation with them as well, to get their input on how they would like this addressed going forward.

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Decision (from October 19 meeting): Tammy Swinney motioned to table the issue, pending Confluence notifying USACOE and getting back to GCD on that by the December meeting. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor, motion carries.

Update 12/2021: Mike Sanctuary notified USACOE on 10/26/21 and to date, other than the acknowledgement of receipt of his letter, has not had any communications from them.

From December 2021 board meeting: From December 2021 board meeting: Mike S really wants to visit with USACE onsite and is going to directly reach out to arrange this. Table to January meeting in hopes of USACE engagement by then.

Update 1/2022: Mike has been in contact with Tim McNew from USACE and an onsite visit is in the process of being planned.

Update 2/2022: Mike S reports the site inspection with Tim McNew from USACE will take place 2/11/2022. Report submitted by Mr. McNew spelling out remediation requirements for USACE. Board reminder that a 310 will be required.

b. GD 18C-21 -B. Carroll- requested by GCD at December meeting that a 310 application is expected for remediation within 60 days – Feb. 14th deadline. Becky C reports she's working on it, but needs extension.

Decision: Application needs to be submitted by 3/3. Culvert/berm needs to be out before high water. Mike Hansen motioned to grant extension. Bob Logar supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business: None

7. Adjournment of 310 Meeting: 9:57am

February 17, 2022 • Business Meeting

Call to Order: The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on February 17, 2022. Chairman Loren Blanksma called the business meeting to order at 9:58 am.

Supervisors Present: Loren Blanksma, Mike Hansen, Briana Schultz, Jason Camp, Tammy Swinney (zoom), Sherwin Leep, and Bob Logar, John Schutter (Associate Supervisor).

Supervisors Absent:

Staff present: Becky Clements, Sydney Lyons, Elizabeth Emeline, Leia Miller

Guests Present: Chris Mahoney (NRCS), Nate Heili (MSU), Karen Filipovich (4CF).

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA-

1. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-
 - a. Nate Heili- Graduate Student from MSU – presentation. Studying insect emergence in ditches/irrigation systems. Ditches are doing more than just providing water to the irrigators. Bugs = food for birds. Currently seeking landowners/ditch companies to let him conduct research on their ditch.
 - b. H2O demonstration by project representatives – Now renamed Gilly. A couple of notes by the board to make sure complaints and emergency application are one there- this will come in phase 2. Extension requests, approved vs completed- add to administrative view options. You tube videos for instructional tutorials could be added to our website. Flag permits- for following up on applications. Modified applications- adding changes. Need to be able to lock applications. Hoping to take this to MACD at the fall convention after GCD goes live with it for a few months. Map will be in phase 2.
2. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report - See Spreadsheet, Attachment A- GWC grant completed and submitted.
3. Cost-share Program:
 - a. Mike Ellig- application for weed spraying. Asking for \$1000. Mike Hansen motioned to approve as presented. Brianna Schultz supported. All in favor. Motion carries.
4. Well-Testing Cost-share Program:
 - a. WTCS-01-22-Erholm- Scott Erholm- \$75.
 - b. WTCS-02-22-Lamphear- \$18.75
5. Consensus Agenda
 - a. January Meeting Minutes- Bob Logar motioned to approve as presented. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor. Motion carries.
 - b. Excused Absence of board members- all present
6. NRCS – See Attachment B
 - a. Report – Civil rights training needs to be completed- put on March agenda.

- b. Local Working Group meeting update- urban sprawl is a difficult resource issue for NRCS to address. Looking for the district to approve moving up another resource concern that NRCS can actually address through a TIP. Fire mitigation and water quality/quantity will be addressed instead.

7. Supervisor Report: Planning Boards

- a. Planning board- Manhattan- no meeting.
- b. County Planning Board- minor sub-division off Amsterdam road was approved.
- c. GLWQD- New board chair- Glen Clements.
- d. MACD update- zoom meeting on Monday. EQC meeting- where Mike and Becky presented to promote long term funding solutions for CDs- there was discussion on city boundaries which are excluded from CD tax base. Committee thought that maybe those populations should be included. Finding funding through medical marijuana money was also discussed heavily.
- e. DNRC Update- Attachment C- Conservation Districts Bureau (CDB)- Now fully staffed. Hailey Graf is representative for our CD- her official title is CD Specialist for DNRC- serving western MT. New position within DNRC in an effort to better serve CDs. Can still reach out to Jason Garber with 310 issue. Keep Hailey in the loop. Legal guidance- still consult Caitlin.

8. Staff Reports

- a. Administrator's Report- Becky- Attachment D- Leave requests policy- Anything over 3 days require formal approval for days off. Anything less just notification to personnel committee. Tammy Swinney motioned to put this policy into employee handbook and to make every effort amongst the staff to make sure office is covered. Brianna Schultz supported. All in favor, motion carries.
- b. NRS Report- Elizabeth- Attachment E- 310 workshop and LWG went really well. Soil Health Symposium- attended. Presenters had very different backgrounds but had similar message.
- c. Education and Outreach Director- Sydney – Attachment F
- d. Education Specialist Report- Leia- Attachment G

9. Old Business

- a. Supervisor elections- paperwork needs to be file 3/14.
- b. Annual Meeting- 3/9- So far- low RSVP numbers. Ag appreciation dinner takes place on 3/11, so suspect that has something to do with low response to ours. Maybe work together with them in the future. Belgrade or Bozeman Chamber of Commerce put on that event. Otherwise, going forward move

our event to January or February. Bob motions to cancel annual meeting. Try to work with ag appreciation next year. Or change date if not. Mike supported. All in favor, motion carried. Put slide show and annual report on website.

- c. Hebgen Lake Monitoring
 - i. Contract needs signed. Contract timeline is a little longer than anticipated. Warmer weather has increased the likelihood of toxic algae blooms until later in the season. Elizabeth is ok with this. Also asked about the signage requirement and made sure to specify we couldn't commit to another day. Signage could be dealt with on the days Elizabeth is there only. Other needs on her off days- NorthWestern Energy will contact local rangers.
- d. Stockman Bank CD renewal
 - i. Term change completed from 24 months to 12. Interest rate changed from 1.75% to .15%.
- e. MACD Resolutions
 - i. 2 by GCD- one 2002, one in 2005.
 - ii. Resolution idea- DNRC provide funding for all districts for Gilly. Contingent upon availability. Statewide package funding 310/mapping system. Goal is to get MACD support the concept. Talk with MACD for help on how to get resolution drawn up.
- f. Other old business?

10. New Business

- a. 2022 Convention- seeking board input for the 2022 Convention that GCD is helping to plan.
 - i. Themes?
 - ii. Material?
 - iii. Content?
 - iv. Speakers or topics? Sherwin suggested Bruce Vincent- logger from Libby. Also, maybe legislators as they're gearing up for a legislative session.
 - v. Field Trips/tours?
- b. Professional Development Training through MSU Extension
 - i. The Leading Local workshop presents tips and insights that will help new community volunteers feel more prepared to serve on boards and seasoned volunteers to feel more effective in their roles. The workshop incorporates training elements from standard board trainings and the Real Colors program to address best practices for running effective meetings, how to plan for action, information on personality styles and generations, and discussion on how individuals might work better together.

Attachment A

Grant Report | Gallatin Conservation District Board Meeting | February 17th 2022

| Grants | Funding Provided For: | Partners? | Date Approved | Total Amount Requested | Total Amount Funded | Grant Progress (Funds used or committed) (2/2022) | Current Amount spent or reimbursed by GCD (2/2022) | Final Amount Reimbursed to GCD | Final Report Submitted | Final Report Deadline |
|---|---|---|--|------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| MACD (SWCDM) Watershed Stewardship Funding MOAS120-01 | Watershed Planning and Stakeholder Engagement in Lower Gallatin Watershed | yes/collaborative - GWC | 6/29/2020 | \$15,500.00 | \$10,975.00 | \$1,237.00 | \$1,237.00 | | 12/31/2021 | 12/31/2021 |
| Watershed Management Grant (GWC) WMG-20-0073 | Lower Gallatin Watershed Project Planning and Community Outreach | yes - GWC | 4/3/2020 | \$32,037.50 | \$8,900.00 | \$6,570.00 | \$6,570.00 | | | 3/30/2022 |
| MACD Water Quality Mini-Grant MOAS21-04 | Rolling Rivers Trailer - Associated educational materials | No but collaborative project with MCC and GWC | 4/23/2021 | \$1,310.00 | \$1,310.00 | \$1,310.00 | \$2,922.23 | | | 00000000 |
| Environmental Contingency Account EC-21-024 | Bridger Foothill Fire Rehabilitation - cost share projects | No - collaborative project with GWC, weed district & NRCS and others. | 3/18/2021 | \$200,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$67,500.00 | \$45,031.13 | | | 12/31/2022 |
| DNRC 223 Grant (NRCS) 23G-20-3681 | NRCS Camp/Godfrey Creek Rehabilitation | No but collaborative project with NRCS | 6/15/2020 | \$16,600.00 | \$14,000.00 | | \$0.00 | | | 12/31/2022 |
| DNRC 223 Grant (Invasive Species Edu Trailer) | Educational Materials | GISA | 12/16/2021 | \$10,000.00 | | | | | | |
| ARPA - Gallatin Watershed Council | Water quality improvement in E Gallatin, Beaver analogs | GWC, possibly Gallatin County | 12/13/2021 | \$200,000.00 | | | | | | |
| ARPA - Valley Ditch | Water quality improvement. Siphon & blowoff | Valley Ditch, Gallatin County | 12/16/2021 | \$340,855.00 | | | | | | |
| ARPA - Dry Creek | Water quality improvement, Lining | Dry Creek, Gallatin County | 12/16/2021 | \$450,282.00 | | | | | | |
| ARPA - Farmers Canal | Water quality improvement, Headgate rehab | Farmer's Canal, Gallatin County | 12/16/2021 | \$184,000.00 | | | | | | |
| ARPA - HighLine Canal | Water quality improvement, Repairs & additional lining | HighLine Canal, Gallatin County | 12/16/2021 | \$205,214.32 | | | | | | |
| | Completed Grants | | Total Grant Funds: \$110,185.00 | | | | | | | |
| | Active Grants | | | | | | | | | |
| | Contract not yet | | | | | | | | | |

Attachment B**1/20/2022 District Report****Water Year to Date of 1/18/2022**

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Gallatin: | January, 88% | December, 75% | October, 85% |
| Madison: | January, 100% | December, 74% | October, 82% |
| Jefferson: | January, 97% | December, 65% | October, 75% |
| Yellowstone: | January, 90% | December, 64% | October, 87% |

Programs**EQIP:**

Deadlines; Ranking deadline; Jan 28, 2022

Tip; forestry/fuels reduction Bridgers; 2021-2023

- 4 current applications

Will need to ask for additional funding

NWQI; Camp and Godfrey creek; 2022

-4 irrigation improvement applications

RCPP

-3 applications (Wildlife, cover crops, well decommission)

Certifying practices

CSP

3 new applications; preapproval March 18

Events

Past;

Future;

Local working group meeting February 16

Civil rights review; internal NRCS and Conservation district

Soil health symposium; Feb 9-10 Billings

Misc

Field office is still meeting with producers, planning, and certifying practices

Joint Chiefs; proposal to reduce fuel loading/benefit forest health in Bridgers south through Jackson creek to Bear Canyon across to Gallatin Canyon.

Urban/Community Agriculture

Attachment C



REPORT TO WESTERN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS JANUARY 28, 2022

INTRODUCTION

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I am one of the new Conservation District Specialists with the Conservation District Bureau of DNRC. As a CD Specialist I will be representing CDs in Western Montana and will be your main point of contact within DNRC. Specifically, I will be representing all CDs in Area 5 and approximately half of Area 6 including Beaverhead, Ruby Valley, Madison, Gallatin, and Park County Conservation Districts. I look forward to working with both Supervisors and Staff to forward the mission of Conservation Districts across the state. Please consider me a resource for program support, district operations guidance, and any education or training needs you may have.

Each month I intend to submit a written report that can be included as a DNRC partner report during your monthly board meeting, in case I am unable to attend your meeting in-person. In each report, I will provide a brief summary of what the Conservation District Bureau has been working on, upcoming deadlines and events, and any other pertinent information. This report is meant to be a companion to the monthly CDB newsletter, *Conservation Matters*, but for the sake of printing will not include any hyperlinks.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) and the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) met Jan. 19 and 24, respectively, and discussed interim study bills that directly affect conservation districts. SJ28 – Study of Erosion on Flathead River – started as a CD resolution in 2020 and is currently a study bill assessing the impacts of boat wakes on streambank stabilization and erosion. During the recent WPIC meeting, Flathead CD provided a very informative and well-received presentation on streambank stabilization. MACD, CDB Staff, and the Flathead River Commission also attended the meeting to provide general information and support.

HJ27 – Study of Conservation District Funding – is a study that will hopefully lead to more dependable funding for CDs. To support the EQC discussion on January 25, Gallatin and Garfield CDs and DNRC presented information on the successes and challenges of CDs across the state. These presentations lead to a great discussion with the committee legislators and, hopefully, a greater understanding of conservation district funding needs across the state.

310 Q&A BOOKLET UPDATES

The 1999 Quick Reference to 310 Legal Opinions booklet is a great resource if you have questions about the nitty, gritty details of administering the 310 Law. It covers topics like issuing permits to applicants who are not the landowner, issuing maintenance permits for irrigation diversions, issuing permits on federal or state property, and many other nuggets of wisdom. It's also laid out in a question-and-answer format which makes it really user friendly. Unfortunately, it hasn't been updated since 1999. For this reason, Caitlin Overland, Jason Garber, and I are in the process of updating it. Please take some time to go through the 1999 version and let us know if there's an issue your district deals with that should be included in the updated version. The booklet can be found on the DNRC/CDB website under CD Resource Documents. If you have any trouble finding it or would like a direct link emailed to you, please let me know.

CDB STRATEGIC PLANNING

We would like your input to guide our ongoing strategic planning effort. If you have any ideas or comments on how the Bureau can better support your work and mission, please let me know. For example, what trainings, resources, or support does your district need? You can email me directly at hailey.graf@mt.gov or I'd be happy to set up a phone call or meeting with your district.

UPDATES, EVENTS, AND MORE

- **Updated CD Directory:** If you have not received a copy of the updated CD Directory and would like one, please let me know and we will mail one to you. Alternatively, the directory can also be found on the DNRC/CDB website.
- **Mileage rate for 2022:** The IRS announced that the mileage reimbursement rate is 58.5 cents per mileage, up two and a half cents from 2021. This mileage reimbursement rate applies to Supervisors and CD employees effective January 1, 2022.
- **Supervisor Elections:** Supervisors up for election in 2022 must submit their paperwork by March 14th. A Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy form must be submitted to the county election office. Be sure to fill it out as a non-partisan candidate. There will be no filing fee as this is a non-paid position.
- **310 Surveys:** Surveys are due by February 1st to Jason Garber, CDB Stream Permitting Coordinator. If your district has not submitted this survey yet, please do so. Jason can be reached at jason.garber@mt.gov or 444-4340.
- **RRGL Planning Grants:** February 18th is the deadline for RRGL Planning Grant Applications. If your district has a project that may qualify for this program and is interested in applying, CDB staff can help!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, program development ideas, or projects that you need assistance with, please reach out. I'm still learning the ropes of my new position; but if I can't help, I'll at least point you in the right direction or find someone who can. For now, I can be reached directly at hailey.graf@mt.gov. Once I have a phone set up, I will provide that number for your convenience.

-Hailey Graf

DNRC – Conservation District Bureau

Conservation District Specialist,

Western Montana

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Attachment D

Administrator's Report- February 17, 2022

310 Administration

- (2) new 310 applications for review; () reinspection; () emergency applications; () Complaints; (2) site inspections () jurisdictional questions; () extension requests; () Stream Access Complaint

Accounting

- Paid bills and taxes, PERS and payroll

Media

- Updates to Facebook and website.

Board Meeting

- Information, planning, organization for the February meeting.

Other: Miscellaneous

- Weekly staff meeting- Mondays
- After School Program attendance- monthly, first Thursday.
- H2O – review with Elizabeth and Gillian, review of prototype + meeting with developers
- Computer issues troubleshoot with Costco.
- Audit research
- Completed 2021 tax “stuff” (w2, w3, MT reporting, payroll report)
- Facilitated 310 workshop for AGAI- 1/27
- EQU meeting- 1/24
 - Materials in packet about what the purpose of this committee.
- Annual meeting- planning with staff, coordination with venue.
- CD renewal + change of terms.
- Floodplain permit appeal regarding Pfeil- preliminary hearing (zoom) attendance.
- NorthWestern Energy Hebgen Lake monitoring contract review.
- SN Farmers Market Program- zoom meeting with plan administration regarding 2022 contract.
- LWG planning meetings.
- EQC committee thank you postcards.
- QuickBooks chart of accounts redo- beginning again on this project.

Discussion Items:

- Audit requirements
 - Last GCD audit was 3/2017
 - 2 types of internal audits/reviews: Operations audit (which includes financials) and financial review.
 - **Conservation Districts must comply with the Single Audit Act requirements of an audit if total revenues exceed \$750,000.00.**
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- Day off request- March 14- review of procedures for days off requests. Approved.

Meetings in Conference Room (scheduled):

- AGAI meeting- 2/24, 11-1
- NRCS Training- 2/18

Upcoming workshops/Meetings (attending):

- CD Roundtable + Area Representatives Meeting- 2/16
- Local Working Group Meeting- 2/16
- MWCC annual meeting (zoom)- 2/24
- GCD Annual Meeting- 3/9

Attachment E

NRS Staff Report | Gallatin Conservation District Board Meeting | February 17, 2022

Grants: *See Excel Sheet*

- MACD (SWCDM) Watershed Stewardship Funding: Received reimbursement from MACD, GWC is working on getting us an invoice before we can reimburse them for their portion.
- Watershed Management Grant with GWC: GWC is continuing quarterly reporting.
- MACD Water Quality Mini Grant: After staff training, the trailer has been requested at a Big Sky Watershed Training and the Farm Fair for 4th graders in May.
- Environmental Contingency Account Grant (Bridger Foothill Recovery): Will be submitting an invoice with the Q1 Report for partial reimbursement for FRCS_01, FRCS_02 and FRCS_04.
- DNRC 223 Grant (Camp/Godfrey Creek Rehabilitation): No update.
- DNRC 223 Grant (Invasive Species Edu Trailer): Application is being reviewed by DNRC.
- ARPA: DNRC requested the resubmission of various tables and commitment letters for the Irrigation applications.

Cost Share Programs:

- Fire Recovery Cost Share: Will be discussing options with FRCS_01 and FRCS_03 about continuing or canceling their contracts. Site visit at FRCS_05 to complete contract TBD.
- Well Testing Cost Share: 1st of the new year! WTCS_01_22_Erholm_

Education & Outreach Programs/Events:

- Water Supply Report: Completed the January report. It was sent out via email and is up on the website.
- Local Working Group Meeting: February 16th, 1pm. GCD Conference room
- GCD Annual Meeting: March 9th, 9am. Gallatin Gateway Community Center
 - Anyone you would like to nominate for the Conservation and the Agriculture awards?

Events/Meetings Attended:

- Area 6 Employee meeting – 1/24
- Soil Corps discussion forum – 1/26
- Grazing for Resilience Webinar – 1/26
- Lake Co Pollinator Webinar – 1/26
- MACD Legislative Committee Meeting – 1/27
- AGAI Meeting – 1/27
- 310 Permit Workshop – 1/27 **~22 people in attendance!**
- Small Acres Webinars with Jen Mohler – Tuesdays, 2/1 - 2/15
- World Wetland Day - Indreland Audubon Wetland Preserve Webinar – 2/2

- Gallatin Local Water Quality District Board meeting – 2/3
- World Wetland Day - Indreland Audubon Wetland Preserve Tour – 2/4
- Soil Health Symposium in Billings MT – 2/8-10
- Ranching w/ Wildlife Webinar – 2/15
- CD Roundtable Discussion – 2/16
- Local Working Group Meeting – 2/16

Upcoming Events:

- Out of office: February 22nd - 25th
- Small acres webinars with Jen Mohler – Tuesdays, 2/22 & 3/1
- Water Quality Working Group call – 2/22
- Resilient Lands Working Group call – 2/23
- Montana Watershed Coordination Council Annual Meeting – 2/24
- AGAI Meeting – 2/24
- GCD Annual Meeting – 3/9
- LGWCP Stakeholder Meeting – 3/10
- EO Roundtable Discussion – 3/16

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Emeline | elizabeth@gallatincd.org

Education and Outreach Staff Report

Sydney Lyons / February 2022

Office

- Coordinated with several potential speakers in preparation for youth and adult programs
- Delivered scholarship information to several schools in Gallatin County
- Organized registration and details for Pasture Management Course, hosted by GISA
- Designed summer programs and a 2022 EOC outline with Leia
- Updated social media weekly with related information and upcoming events
- Prepared lesson plans and gathered materials for outreach events
- Made arrangements for Earth Day celebration, focused on involvement from CD
- Highlighted the mission and purpose of Gallatin CD in Belgrade Ag Spotlight article
- Updated and delivered February e-newsletter (with its revised title: Garden Grit)
- Promoted program opportunities via social media, newspapers, and other platforms

Meetings

- Gallatin Valley Earth Day Committee
- Soil Health Corps Discussion
- AGAI
- 310 Permit Workshop
- Potential Summer Stewards and Adult Ed Speakers
- Liberty Place
- Downtown Bozeman Partnership
- Area 6 Meeting
- Gallatin Watershed Council

Community Outreach

- Manhattan After-School Program
- Soil Health Symposium
- Visited with local schools to promote the John Venhuizen Scholarship
- Visited with vendors at Winter Farmers Market and highlighted Manhattan FM

Upcoming

- Bozeman Field School presentation
- Watershed stakeholder meeting
- Manhattan After-School program
- Gallatin CD Annual Meeting
- Bi-weekly education seminars leading up to Earth Day
- Liberty Place farm education presentation
- MACD Employee Roundtable

Ongoing

- Advertising current opportunities, such as the scholarship
- Serving on Gallatin Earth Day planning committee to organize community celebration
- Brainstorming ideas with Conservation District Outreach Work Group to prioritize how we tell stories and improve communication with the public
- Initiation of “Adopt a Trailhead” program to educate residents of the valley about noxious weeds and the local Conservation District
- Creating a “Starter-Kit” for new Gallatin County residents to inform about water usage and other relevant topics

February

Sidney led the
Afterschool program
this time

- snow melt
- snow volcano
- "snow" special
Valentines
- making slime

This is a high energy
group so it is great
to keep them busy!

We had a planning
meeting with Liberty House
to talk about ideas ~

- We have a poultry presentation
on Feb. 25 for their
"lunch & learn" gathering

- Gardening and Pollinator
Planting are on the list
too! ~



It's gonna get busy...
Lein

Summer Stewards
is almost ready
to print /

We are getting our
presentors lined up.

This years theme ~

Connecting
With our
Community

I had a farm visit at
my house to see the
"suprize" lamb.

- 4 homeschool families
that came are
interested in our
activities we offer ~



~ I'm looking forward
to the annual meeting
in March

~ "Art in the Garden"
still in the works

~ Earth Day activities
(tree planting with
park board)

~ Farmers Market planning

~ Farm Fair in the works
for May!