

**May 19, 2022**  
**4:00pm**

**GALLATIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Topic: GCD February Board Meeting  
Time: May 19, 2022 • 04:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting Location: GCD Conference Room- 120 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, B102- Manhattan, MT**

**Zoom Details**

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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 29-22**

Inspection Date: May 10, 2022

Applicant:

Dan Triemstra

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream:

Middle Creek at Farmers Canal

Type of Project:

Irrigation, Debris Removal

Purpose:

After high water, gravel, and debris chokes Farmers Canal. It becomes necessary to remove it out of the canal channel. 10 year maintenance permit requested.

Proposed Construction Date:

Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 5/15/2032

Inspection Recommendation:

Approval as proposed

Inspection Comments:

No modifications to operation are possible. Recommend approval for a 5 year maintenance permit. 318 waiver issued.

Discussion:

**b. Application Number: GD 30-22**

Inspection Date: May 10, 2022

Applicant:

Dan Triemstra

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream:

W. Gallatin River

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Type of Project: Agricultural and Irrigation  
Purpose: To provide adequate irrigation water for the Farmers Canal. 10 year maintenance permit requested.  
Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 5/15/2032  
Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed.  
Inspection Comments: Stable structure, good plan, recommend approval for 5 year permit. 318 waiver issued.  
Discussion:

c. Application Number: GD 31-22

Inspection Date: May 10, 2022  
Applicant: Dan Triemstra  
Landowner: Ann Dickerson  
Contractor/Agent: ELK Excavation LLC  
Perennial Stream: W. Gallatin River  
Type of Project: Agricultural and Irrigation, Debris Removal. 10 year maintenance permit requested.  
Purpose: Over the course of time, the majority of the water flow in the Gallatin has shifted to the West channel, which leaves an inadequate flow in the East channel. The project is necessary to provide an adequate supply of water at the Farmers Canal headgate structure on the Gallatin River.  
Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 5/15/2032  
Inspection Recommendation: Typical berm, cut, block diversion to "wet" the Gateway Slough to feed Farmers Canal diversion downstream. Dynamic grade oscillates over time which requires variable level of effort to divert. 318 waiver issued.  
Discussion:

d. Application Number: GD 32-22

Inspection Date: May 10, 2022  
Applicant: Dan Triemstra  
Landowner:  
Contractor/Agent:  
Perennial Stream: Aajker Creek/Minder Ditch  
Type of Project: Agricultural and Irrigation  
Purpose: Willow trees along bank have become overgrown, causing the ditch to overflow during irrigation season.

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Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 6/15/2022  
Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed.  
Inspection Comments: Approximately 150 yard of Aajker Creek/Ditch needs to be cleaned. Recommend cutting willows and removing branches and NOT dig out willow roots. 318 waiver issued.  
Discussion:

e. Application Number: GD 33-22

Inspection Date: Waived  
Applicant: Happy Hour Bar and Grill LLC  
Landowner: Michael Niemeyer  
Contractor/Agent: Tri-State Excavating  
Perennial Stream: Hebgen Lake  
Type of Project: Silt removal for re-establishing marina depth.  
Purpose: The marina has filled in with silt becoming shallower over time. It is now affecting the ability of boats and boaters to safely enter the marina without damage to the boats.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 6/1/2022  
Inspection Recommendation:  
Inspection Comments: Need to ensure the excavated material is legally disposed in an upland area. Request verification from the applicant that the estimated volume/depth of excavation is correct/reasonable. Dimensions for excavated quantities are listed as 100' x 50', 185 CY. That calculation comes out to a 1' average thickness. Would expect more than a 1' would need to be removed to restore boat traffic through the marinas.

Discussion:

f. Application Number: GD 34-22

Inspection Date: Waived  
Applicant: Lake View Condos  
Landowner:  
Contractor/Agent: Tri-State Excavating  
Perennial Stream: Hebgen Lake  
Type of Project: Silt Removal  
Purpose: The marina has filled in with silt over time. The main area of concern is opening of the marina limiting the ability to bring boats in and out.

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Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 6/1/2022

Inspection Recommendation:

Inspection Comments: Need to ensure the excavated material is legally disposed in an upland area. Request verification from the applicant that the estimated volume/depth of excavation is correct/reasonable. Dimensions for excavated quantities are listed as 100' x 50', 185 CY. That calculation comes out to a 1' average thickness. Would expect more than a 1' would need to be removed to restore boat traffic through the marinas.

Discussion:

g. Application Number: GD 35-22

Inspection Date: Waived

Applicant: Kyle Roth- Blackfoot Communications

Landowner: MT Department of Transportation

Contractor/Agent: Blackfoot Communications

Perennial Stream: Hyalite Creek

Type of Project: Crossings (under stream), Boring

Purpose: The purposed of this project is to bring fiber to Monforton School.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/16/2022 Finish date: 10/30/2022

Inspection Recommendation:

Inspection Comments: Frac out plan provided.

Discussion:

h. Application Number: GD 36-22

Inspection Date: April 19, 2022

Applicant: Newhalls Westside LLC

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream: Place Creek

Type of Project: Crossings- bridge

Purpose: This temporary bridge is logger built using logs allowing log trucks to pass the dry stream bed. It will be used for log pile burning at some point in the future. \*\*Project already completed. Retro-active permit requested to remediate complaint GD 21C-21.\*\*

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 6/1/2021 Finish date: 2021

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Inspection Comments: Restoring any disturbed ground to previous condition, or seeding/mulching disturbed areas outside of the existing road footprint. 10 – 15 feet either side of the actual creek should be plenty distance for reclamation- reclaim/regrade/reseed. Logs to be removed from creek once the logging work is completed.

Discussion:

i. Application Number: GD 37-22

Inspection Date: May 10, 2022

Applicant:

Dan Triemstra

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream:

S. Cottonwood Creek/Farmers Canal

Type of Project:

Agricultural and Irrigation, Debris Removal

Purpose:

The purpose of the project is annual or periodic maintenance at site where Farmers Canal and S. Cottonwood Creek intersect and is necessary to keep adequate water in canal.

Proposed Construction Date:

Start date: 5/15/2022 Finish date: 5/15/2032

Inspection Recommendation:

Approval as proposed.

Inspection Comments:

Request maintenance permit for removal of debris that accumulated at "Cottonwood Creek/Farmers Canal intersection." Debris to be removed by hand. 318 waiver issued.

Discussion:

**3. Complaints: None**

**4. Emergency Applications:**

a. Application Number: GD 01E-22

Inspection Date: May 10, 2022

Applicant:

Macy Cristadora

Landowner:

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream:

McDonald Creek

Purpose:

Existing plastic culvert had punctures from equipment driving over it during construction and was beginning to cave in. We have moved in and felt it was unsafe to drive over.

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Action Taken: Replaced with concrete culvert, 32' long, 30" wide, with 60" flared ends. Did ensure culvert was embedded lower as existing culvert was too high.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 4/30/2022 Finish date: 4/30/2022

Inspection Recommendation: Approved- but further action recommended- Seed and mulch banks of creek. Applicant has arranged for landscapers to address site.

Discussion

**5. Other 310 Business:**

**a. Jurisdictional Determination- None**

**6. 310 Old Business:**

**a. Application Number: GD 25-22**

Inspection Date: Waived

Applicant: Dale Sweringen and Dixie Deeter

Landowner: Dixie Deeter

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream: Jefferson River

Type of Project: Channel Alteration

Purpose: The purpose is to address violation issued by the Gallatin Conservation District and Army Corps of Engineers for placement of unauthorized fill material along a jurisdictional waterway.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/1/2022 Finish date: 5/15/2022

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed.

Inspection Comments: The inspection team has concerns that any rock placed along the banks of the site could be captured in the future through natural channel migration and create additional problems with bank stability. We recommend June 15<sup>th</sup> as a deadline for rock removal if no remediation measures will be taken to revegetate the banks. Applicants should submit another 310 application should they decide to pursue appropriate stabilization measures near their home. 15 day waiver recommended. 318 waiver issued.

Decision (April 2022): Mike Hansen motioned to grant approval as proposed with the deadline extended to 7/1. 15 day waiver. Rock to be placed on the opposite side of the road from the river. Bob Logar supported. All in favor, motion carries.

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**UPDATE:**

From contractor: During the CD meeting on 4/21, it was agreed that removed rock would be placed along the south side of the private access road. After further investigation, it has been determined that the 150-foot-wide MRL railroad right-of-way extends to the base of the road embankment, leaving virtually no room to place rock without crossing into the right-of-way. During the meeting, the Deeters believed this was a viable alternative; however our follow-up survey indicates this location is not an option.

New plans submitted include a figure indicating two proposed rock stockpile locations on the Deeter's property, which include 1) an area on the far western side of their property adjacent to a point bar on the Jefferson River, and 2) an area on the far eastern side of their property adjacent to their home which is protected by the downstream-most rock barb.

### **7. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business**

#### **a. FAS v Diversion Blocks at Erwin Bridge**

### **8. Adjournment of 310 Meeting**

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**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA-**

1. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-
  - a. Arthur Hall- Seeking letter of support- applying for a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grant to compare Subsurface Drip Irrigation, for forage crops, with present irrigation systems.
2. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report - See Spreadsheet
3. Cost-share Program:
4. Well-Testing Cost-share Program:
5. Consensus Agenda
  - a. April 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
  - e. DNRC Update- see report
8. Staff Reports
  - a. Administrator's Report- Becky
  - b. NRS Report- Elizabeth
  - c. Education and Outreach Director- Sydney
  - d. Education Specialist Report- Leia
  - e. BSWC Report- Gillian



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9. Old Business
  - a. MACD Resolutions
    - i. Newly adopted 3 categories of resolution submission
      1. Policy Statement- guide advocacy and legislative activity.
      2. Legislation Directives- resolutions that become bills for legislative advocacy and support.
      3. National Directives- Resolutions for submission to NACD for consideration for support of regional and/or national initiatives.
    - ii. Food
  - b. Area Meeting
    - i. Contract signed for venue.
    - ii. Food
  - c. Other old business?
10. New Business
  - a. P&C Insurance Quote
  - b. FY23 Budget
  - c. Rolling Rivers Trailer rental program
  - d. Other new business?
11. CD Seminars/Workshops:
  - a. Adult Workshop Series
    - i. May 18- Food Waste
    - ii. June 15- Stream Ecology
  - b. REALTOR 310/Regulatory Workshop- May 24
12. Parking Lot
  - a. Audit
  - b. Edging in the garden
  - c. Conference Room electrical upgrade
  - d. Soundproofing Office Space(s)
  - e. QuickBooks revamp- Dellinger will help us! End of April.
  - f. Property Management Company
13. Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet
14. Adjournment of Business Meeting