

Call to Order: 4:01
Supervisors Present: Bob Logar, Tammy Swinney, Jason Camp, Mike Hansen

Supervisors Absent: Briana Schultz, Sherwin Leep, Loren Blanksma

Staff present: Becky Clements, Elizabeth Emeline, Bea McNamara, Leia Miller

Guests Present: Chris Mahoney (NRCS), Jacob Lacy (RESPEC), Matt Weaver (GD 69-26), Bob Bramblett, Terry Schaplo (Rey Creek), Roger Nerlin (Rey Creek), Jack Roadarmel (Rey Creek), Unreadable signature (Willow Creek Ranch), Jerry Bauer (Cost Share applicant)

Zoom attendees: Hannah R (Rey Creek), Lee H (GD 50-25), Peter Brodt (GD 73-26), Luke Bing (GD 71-26), Christine Percy (GD 75-26).

310 MEETING AGENDA

Applicant Number: 69-26	Perennial Stream: UN Trib
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Applicant Matt Weaver

Landowner: Clear Springs Ranch LLC (Dave Proctor)

Contractor/Agent:
Type of Project: Channel/Bank Project

Purpose: Improve fish habitat, Improve wildlife habitat, Natural water storage or aquifer recharge. The proposed plan is to do the following: construct undercut bank habitat, replace existing logs, pool habitat enhancement, Construct lateral bars to narrow the channel, Construct riffle habitat, Construct point bars, Lower bank heights, Place large rock along and inset in bank, and Construct new channel sections and fill existing channel sections.

Proposed Construction Date: **Start Date:** 10/31/2026 **End Date:** 10/02/2027

Inspection Date: 9/8/26

Inspection Recommendation: On Hold

Inspection Comment Board discussion. Would like to see project phased.

318 Authorization No

Discussion: Stream restoration project. Irrigation diversions and dams that act as fish barriers. Last trib of Headwaters State Park. Nice spring channel. A lot of restoration work in the past. Applicant wants to do some additional stream work. Fix haphazard placement from previous project. Riffle habitat for spawning. .75 mile is being proposed. Fix undercut banks. Wants to maintain brown trout population. Concern about the pool depths. Could fill in with sediment. Minimize pool depth. Natural treatments rather than boulders are preferred. Would like to see project phased. Applicant is agreeable to that. Applicant has been doing a lot of monitoring as well. Downstream owners need to be made aware of the project. Make sure to dredge if there isn't a flushing flow in the spring. Question of how many phases. Maybe start at upstream phases to see how those turn out before proceeding. 3 phases would be reasonable. Want to see how that work turns out. Rock proposed will match the sandstone outcrop that is already onsite. Phased approach could also be beneficial in seeing how

it affects the downstream landowners. Landowner states there is sediment in the stream and none of the landowners have been concerned with sediment in 60 years. 5 feet deep in spots. Agreeable to notifying downstream landowner. Agreeable to dredging out some of the accumulated sediment that is currently in the channel when they narrow the channel. Channel is overwidened due to the accumulated sediment. Fish counts, DO, temperature, water levels, etc... all being monitored. Creek also has brown and red trout in it. No fish are getting in from the Gallatin due to multiple restrictions. Great presentation on the fisheries. Wonder on the purpose of this, as it seems to be a functioning stream at present. Client wants fishability. Logs that were used previously have come loose. Span the entire channel. Other areas have big pile ups of logs. Every bend has logs piled up. Invertebrates are present in current riffle areas, not in the logs. Water quality is excellent, good fish habitat. Want to preserve that, improve the aesthetics. Current conditions are impossible to fish. Will look more natural after project is completed. Presently is a mess. Applicant is agreeable to providing more details and resubmitting them as required. More details and phasing schedule would be appreciated. Log jams are not natural. Looks like a log truck dumped over in the creek. Fishability is not a high priority for stream restoration. Want great care to be taken in the implementation. Applicant needs to think about how to improve fishability with a lighter touch

Decision:

Mike Hansen motioned to put project on hold for redesign with a lighter touch. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 70-26	Perennial Stream: Willow Creek
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Applicant Josh Shively

Landowner: Thomas Louderback

Contractor/Agent:

Type of Project: Agriculture, Channel/Bank

Purpose: Move irrigation headgate 30' upstream from current location. Excavate an inflow channel and the new headgate at the confluence of the old/new ditch. This will give the ditch a better approach for water access and hopefully decrease sedimentation within Willow Creek. The right bank will have riprap removed and be slightly regraded to match restoration reaches that are in progress.

Proposed Construction Date: **Start Date:** 9/21/26 **End Date:** 10/31/26

Inspection Date: 9/8/26

Inspection Recommendation: Approval with Modifications

Inspection Comments: Applicant seeks to reposition headgate to reduce sedimentation. Discussion took place over optimal position, velocity for gate. Recommend reducing "sliver" to greatest extent possible and ensuring adequate velocity. Bank restoration to occur on all impacted banks with native vegetation. Rock to be placed to further protect whatever extent of "sliver" is constructed. Constructed bank should match existing slope up and downstream. All spoils should be placed outside of the stream corridor and adjacent wetlands.

318 Authorization Complete Yes

Discussion: Eco blocks in stream. Placed in spring. Remove in fall. Currently not in a great spot. Rip rap will be cleaned up. Restore bank to existing conditions. Want to straighten the channel, move headgate. Hoping to reduce the amount of sedimentation. Advised to not move stream material. Better velocity will be achieved by moving the headgate. Improve the corner where the rip rap has been placed. Planning closer to the creek.

Decision: Tammy Swinney motioned to approve with inspection comments + 15 day waiver. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 71-26	Perennial Stream:	Beaver Creek
Applicant	Luke Bing	
Landowner:		
Contractor/Agent:		
Type of Project:	Crossings/Roads	
Purpose:	The proposed activity includes a driveway extension and installation of a bridge to provide access to private property on the west side of Beaver Creek.	
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 9/27/26	End Date: 11/27/26
Inspection Date:	9/8/26	
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as proposed	
Inspection Comments:	Applicant seeks to install single span bridge over Beaver Creek. Bridge abutments approximately 10 to 20 ft away from edge of water. High above ordinary high water mark is the deck position. Applicant to revegetate disturbed areas and leave stumps in place to greatest extent possible. Bmps - straw wattles and silt fencing- will be used during abutment installation to avoid sediment inputs to creek. Spoils will be used for grading or placed outside of creek corridor and adjacent wetlands.	
318 Authorization Complete	Yes	
Discussion:	Single span bridge for property accessibility. Abutments are 10-20' away from OHWM. Revegetation discussed. No bank stabilization or rip rap will be needed. Steel bridge with concrete abutments.	

Decision: Jason Camp moved to approve + 15 day waiver. Mike Hansen supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 72-26	Perennial Stream: Spring Creek
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Applicant	Adam Gassett
Landowner:	Keith Reed
Contractor/Agent:	Adam Gassett
Type of Project:	Channel/Bank
Purpose:	To improve fish habitat and protect property from erosion and improve water quality. We will be Excavating the collapsed Banks out of the water and making the channel flow in the center of the stream to protect the banks from future erosion. We will add rip rap and cut tree trunks and root Balls to the Shoreline for armoring the bank where necessary. We will be digging out sediment from the stream to promote better water flow and digging out traditional pools that have filled in over time.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 10/5/26 End Date: 11/19/26
Inspection Date:	9/8/26
Inspection Recommendation:	On hold
Inspection Comments:	Extensive in-stream work, would like to see more detail. FWP is willing to discuss options with applicant and other parties (i.e. Trout Unlimited) to refine project outcome.
318 Authorization Complete	No
Discussion:	Spring channel that flows into Darlington Ditch. Stream restoration work. Banks eroding, narrow channel, rip rap + logs added. Hand drawn application. Not comfortable approving with the application provided. 15-20 years ago a project was done for the fishery. Since then, sediment has accumulated. Too heavy handed for a spring channel.
Decision:	Mike Hansen motioned to place on hold for more details in the application. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carried. Reiterate the inspection comments in the communications with the applicant.

Applicant Number: GD 73-26	Perennial Stream: Other (Unnamed trib)
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Applicant	Crouse 423 LLC
Landowner:	Crouse 423 LLC
Contractor/Agent:	Alessandro-Bryan
Type of Project:	Agriculture, Channel/Bank
Purpose:	The work would involve excavation to improve the existing ditch channels, removal of the old wooden head gates, and placement of material in the ditches as needed to improve

downstream flow. The proposed work would be performed on the Crouse Ditch and the Walton Crouse Ditch.

Proposed Construction Date: **Start Date:** 9/25/26 **End Date:** 9/25/26

Inspection Date: 9/8/26

Inspection Recommendation: Approval with Modifications

Inspection Comments: Applicant seeks to remove deteriorating head gate to improve conveyance downstream. Water currently splits at head gate. Applicant will cut off flow to unneeded area and wanted to explore adding pipe to turn on / off as needed. Clean/native fill used to build bank existing channel conditions/ slope to be replicated. Rock on site will be utilized to build new bank, should only use round rock - no imported angular rock. Disturbed areas will be reseeded with native mix. Project will be completed before October 1st if approved.

318 Authorization Complete Yes

Discussion: Very deteriorated headgate structure. Water is bypassing the headgate. Want to tear it out and reestablish the channel which is overwidened due to the headgate. A lateral in the area will need a pipe installed so they can still switch that on. No downstream water users will be affected by decommissioning this headgate. Headgate has not been used for 20 years. Clean things up. Fisheries dates were discussed. Peter Brodt – landowner. Water right/place of use- might want to double check that. Water is currently flooding the field. Improvement to the system.

Decision: Tammy Swinney motioned to approve with a 15 day waiver. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 74-26	Perennial Stream: Story Creek
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Applicant Haley Kinch – Mountain Limited

Landowner: Haley Kinch – Mountain Limited

Contractor/Agent: Joey Gallagher

Type of Project: Utilities

Purpose: To bore under ditch and place new handhole. Place 2" duct with 96FOC.

Proposed Construction Date: **Start Date:** 8/10/26 **End Date:** 10/31/26

Inspection Date: No inspection

Inspection Recommendation:

Inspection Comments:

318 Authorization Complete Yes

Discussion: Directional drill project.

Decision: Mike Hansen motioned to acknowledge as non-jurisdictional. Accept frac out plan in case of emergency. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carried.

Applicant Number: GD 75-26	Perennial Stream: Ferguson Creek and Beck-Border Ditch and wetlands
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Applicant	Venture West Development LLC – Spencer Draper
Landowner:	Venture West Development LLC – Spencer Draper
Contractor/Agent:	Morrison-Maierle, Inc. – Christine Percy, Environmental Scientist
Type of Project:	Crossings/roads
Purpose:	The purpose of this project is to install road and trail infrastructure to support future development of the Beck Farms residential subdivision.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: Fall 2026 End Date: Early Spring 2027
Inspection Date:	9/8/26
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as Proposed
Inspection Comments:	Applicant seeking to install multiple culverts, two of which are stream crossings. The Ferguson Creek Crossing crosses at a good straight location and culvert will span creek. Beck Border Ditch culverts also at good location, Inspection Team to confirm width. Revegetate disturbed ones with appropriate wetlands or native mix. Spoils should be placed outside of stream corridors and applicants plan for spring adjustment of wetland areas. Construction will coordinate with this users.
318 Authorization Complete	Yes
Discussion:	Lots of culverts in this area. Adequately sized. Bottom open which is preferable. Will span to the dry on each side. Not a lot of scour in this area. Large culvert proposed. Have permitted this ditch in the past as a stream ditch. 21', 3 sided box culvert. Good location. Straightened section of the creek.
Decision:	Jason Camp motioned for approval. Tammy Swinney supported. Include inspection comments. All in favor, motion carried.

Extension Request

Applicant Number: GD 50-25	Perennial Stream:
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Applicant	Amo R DeBernardis
Landowner:	Paul D Slinde
Contractor/Agent:	Konor Kelsey
Type of Project:	Agriculture/Irrigation, Channel/Banks

Purpose:	With this loss of the existing diversion structure, it will be necessary to build an entire new diversion system. Due to the stream flow and the ability to divert more efficiently the point of diversion will be moved a short distance up stream with a headgate and in stream concrete system to control flows.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start Date: 9/15/25 End Date: 12/15/25
Inspection Date:	8/12/25
Inspection Recommendation	Approval with modifications
Inspection Comment	Old wooden headgate blew out and needs to be replaced. Proposed headgate will span the entire creek width. New structure will allow a better elevation differential from the headgate to the ditch which should reduce the amount of head differential needed to transport water to the ditch. New section of ditch will be dug. Fill removed from the new ditch section will be used to fill the old headgate footprint. Rip rap will be used to anchor new bank in place. Water will temporarily be diverted into a ditch upstream during construction. Reduce riprap to 3 ft in height, include ditch plug. Any excess fill should be removed and hauled off site. Cooperate with landowner on equipment mobilization, construction, and remediation. 318 Authorization Yes Discussion: Replace headgate on creek. Headgate blew out after spring runoff. Move headgate upstream about 30-40'. Big elevational difference between where new one will be, which will be beneficial to their operations and will be better for fish passage. 30' of rip rap above and below headgate. Straight section of stream. Minimal encroachment. Major improvement to what was there previously. Mike wonders about how this effects the point of diversion. Applicant maybe should check on that and/or contact DNRC with whatever changes they might need to make to their water right. 2025 Decision: Mike Hansen motioned to grant approval with a note to verify the point of diversion changes. Loren Blanksma supported. All in favor, motion carried.
Extension Reason 2026-	I need an extension on my 310 permit. I received the permit GD 50 25 on Aug 26, 2025 Work has been completed on the removal of the old structure at the site and site preparation has been completed. The extension is needed as it has been difficult finding contractors available to do the new headgate structure built at the site.
Discussion:	Work basically done, needs to get headgate in.
Decision 2026:	Mike Hasnsen motioned to grant extension for a year. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carried.
Other 310 Business:	
310 Old Business:	
• GD 47-25 – Rey Creek- WITHDRAWN	

- No action item. Mike Hansen motioned to acknowledge. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carried.

310 Coordinator's Report- Becky

Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business- discussion on applications vs permits and extensions by the irrigators.

Adjournment of 310 Meeting – Tammy Swinney motioned to adjourn at 540pm. Mike Hansen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-**

- Mayflower Meadows Bike Park Pollinator Garden - Steve Mohler
 - The Board discussed a City of Belgrade pollinator garden project to educate the public, support pollinators, and increase park diversity. The project would transform a vacant lot, with potential to incorporate pollinator habitat throughout the development. The Board noted the importance of managing buckwheat to avoid impacts to agricultural wheat. Tammy moved to donate \$2,000, contingent on receiving photos and a project completion report. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Governance Calendar

- Minutes to DNRC, C&R
- Positive Pay to GC Treasury
- 941 Q3-2

Consensus Agenda- Mike Hansen motioned to accept minutes as presented. Excuse Briana Schultz, Loren Blanksma, and Sherwin Leep. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carried.

NRCS Report

- 25 applications. Brand new water year stats displayed.

Supervisor Report: Planning Boards

- Planning board- No agenda items for second month in a row.
- County Planning Board- Nolan's statement read for the board.
- GLWQD- no report
- MACD Update- meeting Monday
- Gallatin Watershed Collaborative- no update

Staff Reports

a. Administrator's Report- Becky

b. NRS Report- Elizabeth

i. Grants/Agreements/Cost Share/Contract Report – 2 more contracted. Monitoring is still ongoing.

Hebgen has been toxic.

ii. Cost-share application

1. Bauer- 3 major goals. Weeds, wildlife habitat, promote earth ethic with young people.

2. Has a bunch of weeds due to disturbance of leased land by land owner. Recommended grasses that will attract the wildlife habitat. Ultimately want to turn land into conservation interest. Working heavily with Elizabeth on all his land projects. Looking for cost share again to tend to the weeds. Slender wheatgrass should be bumped down to 10%. Basin wild rye would be a good alternative.



Gallatin Conservation District Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/17/26

- a. First CS of fiscal year. Tammy Swinney motioned to fund in amount of \$1,000. Mike Hansen supported. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Education and Outreach Director-
 - i. Bea- wrapped up farmers market. F2T is Wednesday. Starting back in schools. Looking for adult ed ideas. Open house + garden clean up in October. NRCS will help with cleanup.
- d. Education Assistant- Leia- report
- e. AGAI Report- Rebecca
- f. DNRC Update- see report

Old Business

- Office update – Glen – write up report.
 - Items to sell
- Area 6 meeting- 10/8 – WSS
 - Resolution
- Other old business?

New Business

- WFH Schedule- Mike Hansen motioned to allow on a trial basis through the end of the year. 2 days/week working out of office. Jason Camp supports. All in favor, motion carried.
- Other new business?

Parking Lot

Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet – reports reviewed and accepted as present.

Adjournment of Business Meeting- Tammy Swinney and Mike Hansen motion to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes approved by

Robert A. Logan

Date

10/15/26

Becky Clements

Minutes prepared by

10/11/26

Date



310 Report

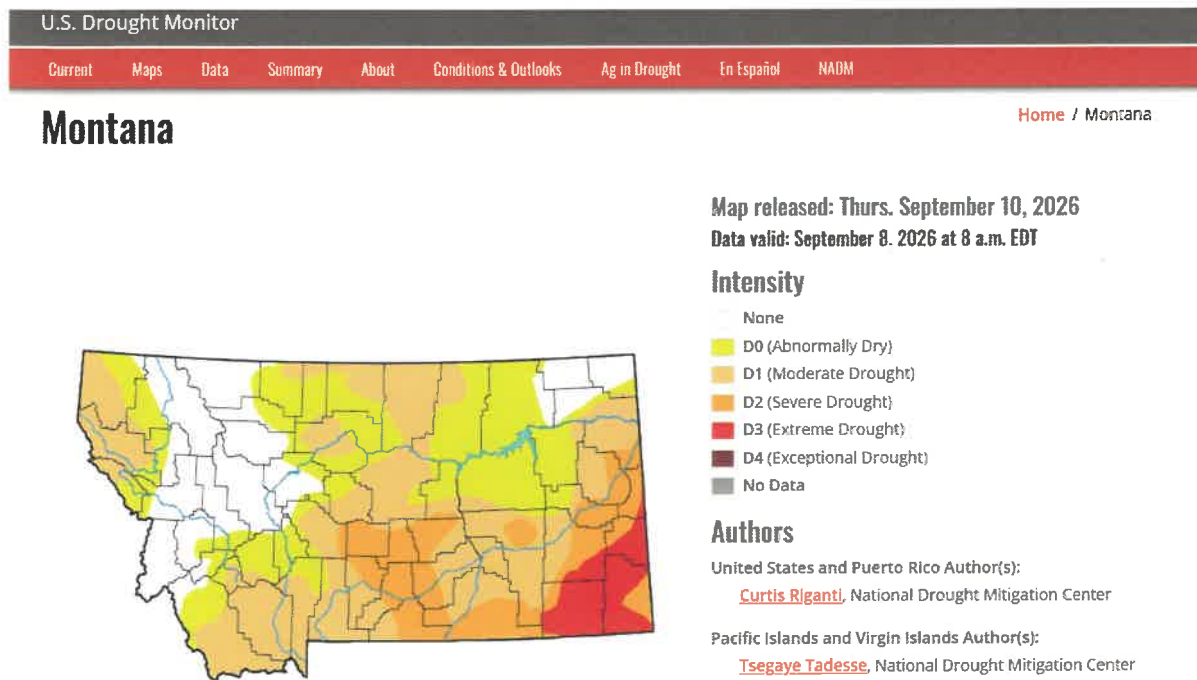
Gallatin Conservation District

310 Business

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| 8 | New 310 Applications | 0 | Emergency Application |
| 0 | Modification | 2 | Complaints- pending |
| 1 | Extension Requests | 0 | Permits entered into Gilly |
| 7 | Site Inspections | 0 | Reinspections |
- Fielded questions and information related to the 310-application process.
 - Scheduled inspections and prepped all meeting materials
 - Still trying to find a groove!
 - Extensive communications with GD 47-25 lawyer- still
 - Jotform issue = upcoming 310 processing procedure change test- full integration to Gilly

Water Year to Date (precipitation) 8/14/2026 (Water year begins October 1-September 30);

Gallatin:	Sept; 98%	Aug; 96%	July; 96% of normal
Madison:	Sept; 100%	Aug; 99%	July; 96% of normal
Jefferson:	Sept; 97%	Aug; 97%	July; 93% of normal ,
Yellowstone:	Sept; 103%	Aug; 100%	July; 100% of normal



EQIP Programs; for 2027 funding

As of 9/11/2026 (22 applications)

- 4 Bridger Bangtail apps
- 2 Horseshoe hills apps
- 5 NWQI apps
- 10 Regenerative ag apps
- 1 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP; no money remaining)

CSP 2026 (No more renewals; will be batched with regular csp)

As of 9/11/2026 (3 applications)

Current contract items due in 2026 – 303 (not including RCPP)

Groups (updates)

Local water quality district;

-nutrient sampling on camp creek in support of restoration project

Watershed council/Water collaborative;

Trout Unlimited;

-none

Extension:

- Extension diagnostic lab drop off clinic Wednesdays between 11-2

Fire Adapted (county):

-will conduct home risk assessments

Stockgrowers:

-none

AGAI:

-none

Weed District:

-none

Events

Past;

-rainfall simulation; MSU forage class 9/9/2026

-conservation planning class August 24-28th

-presented programs to MSU forestry extension program participants

Future;

- Area 6 meeting Oct 8th White Sulfur Springs

-NRCS description of watershed/flood prevention program for AGAI (Oct 22)

-Montana Ranchers summit; B Heart P Ranch; sept 15th 5-8 rsvp Joey Lane;406-220-2273; Halter collars

Misc

Arianna on detail to Whitehall office; (return to Bozeman office 9/25)

USDA; reorganization;

Administrative boundaries changed throughout state but staffing in Bozeman/Broadwater remains the same. There will be a critical vacancy process where some realignment may occur, this process is slated to begin next Monday.

Dates for local working group (fall/winter?)

Deadline for submitting applications for possible 2027 funding is Oct 2



Administrator's Report- September 17, 2026

Accounting

- Oversaw bills and taxes, PERS and payroll

Media

- Updates to Facebook and website.

Board Meeting

- Information, planning, and organization for the September meeting. Agenda + August minutes prepped.

Other: Miscellaneous

- Weekly-ish (heavy on the ish) staff meetings
- Positive Pay upload for August- Shelley
- ACH to GC Treasury- Shelley
- 941- Q3-2- 9/15/26
- HOA BOD meeting- monthly- last Monday
- Regular HOA communications
- 310 Civil Penalties communications- resolution creation work + sent to MACD
- Office sewer back up issue- insurance + Infinite + R&S communications
- Lots of garden work
- 310 permit materials prepped and out
- Multiple meetings with bookkeeper
- Frequent updates to staff on office issues
- 310 organization – site inspections scheduled + inspection forms completed + drive directions
- MFM – weekly- prep + attendance + administration
- MACD board meeting attendance
- Put office back together after construction
- Scholarship payments sent
- Gilly – troubleshoot + communications with Hailey
- Special BOD meeting scheduled regarding upcoming special assessment
- Ag Spotlight written and sent to Belgrade News
- USGS Lidar Mapping Project Kickoff Meeting attendance

Discussion Items:

- Reminder- Becky on AL 9/21-25
- Gilly update

Meetings in Conference Room (scheduled):

- 9/17 BOARD MEETING!!
- 9/29- MT Equine

Upcoming workshops/Meetings (attending):

- OPEN HOA BOD Meeting- 9/17/26- 7pm
- CD Roundtable- 9/16, 10-11
- Area 6 meeting- 10/8/26- WSS

Grants: Closing Before the End of 2026 / Continuing into 2027 / Not yet finalized
(See attached Excel sheet for full grant overview. Below is a brief status summary.)

- **DNRC Watershed Management Grant (with AGAI):** See Rebecca Kurnick's report attached. Progress report due in October, final report due at the end of the year.
- **RDG Planning Grant Phase 2, GV Managed Aquifer Recharge:** Upcoming calls to review current progress. Progress report due in October.
- **CD Administrative Grant, MACD Dues & 2025 310 Permits:** Award letter received.
- **RDG Project Grant Managed Aquifer Recharge structures:** Application submitted.
- **DRNC Pollinator Grant for Area 6 Pollinator Initiatives:** Interest from majority of Area 6 to participate. Applications due Sept 1st – Oct 15th. Application in progress.

Cost Share Programs:

Well Testing Cost Share & Conservation Cost Share: has majority of contract completed, plans close out her contract this fall. CS_01_27 and CS_02_27, up for discussion.

USGS Agreement: Calls to review progress TBD.

Outreach:

Water Supply Report: The August 2026 Water Supply Report was completed, posted online, & distributed via email.

Monitoring: Samples coming back positive since July 20th at Rainbow Point. Corey Springs, Savage Bay and Yellowstone Holiday, sites have varied in toxicity. AIS samples are being processed, toxic algae makes taking samples difficult and sample taking slows when toxins are present.

Events & Meetings Attended:

- Algae monitoring – 8/24, 8/31, 9/15
- AIS monitoring – 8/24, 9/15
- Collab Call – 8/25
- MCD Stream Team fill in leader – 8/26
- AGAI Meeting – 8/27
- MFM – 8/19, 9/2
- Beaver talk – 8/27
- Staff Meeting – 9/2
- GLWQD meeting – 9/3
- CGWA Discussion – 9/3
- Out of office – 9/8-9/14

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- Algae monitoring – 9/21, 9/28, 9/5
- AIS monitoring – 9/21, 9/5
- Collab Call – 9/22
- Farm to Table – 9/23
- MAR ph. 2 call – 9/25
- Area 6 EO meeting – 9/29
- Grant Progress reports due – 10/15

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Emeline | elizabeth@gallatincd.org

Grant Report Gallatin Conservation District Board Meeting September 2026										
Grants	Funding Provided For:	Partners?	Date Approved	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded	Grant Progress (Funds used or committed) (9/2026)	Current Amount spent or reimbursed by GCD (9/2026)	Final Amount Reimbursed to GCD	Final Report Submitted	Final Report Deadline
DNRC Watershed Planning Grant (WMG-24-0103)	Capacity for AGAI	AGAI	2/15/2024	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$38,340.00	\$32,420.00			12/31/2026
DRNC RDG - Managed Aquifer Recharge 2 (RITP-26-0229)	Aquifer Recharge Study, Phase 2	TU, GWT & Middle Creek Ditch Co.	9/18/2025	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00					12/31/2027
CD EDU Grant	Speaker Series	Locals	1/15/2026	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00					9/30/2026
CD Mini Edu Grant	4th Grade Field Trip	Monforton School	4/16/2026							
DNRC CD Admin Grant FY2027	Funding for MACD Dues	DNRC, MACD	3/19/2026	\$15,100.00					Will close out in June 2027	9/30/2027
DRNC RDG - GV MAR Projects	Implementation of MAR	TU, GWT & Middle Creek Ditch Co.	4/16/2026	\$470,000.00						
DNRC Pollinator Grant	Area 6 Pollinator Initiatives	MACD Area 6 CDs	7/16/2026	TBD						

Completed Grants
Active Grants
Not yet finalized

Total Grant Funds:	\$105,000.00	\$38,340.00	\$32,420.00	\$0.00
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Bea McNamara
Staff Report: September 2026
Education & Outreach Director

Education and Outreach Events

- Beaver and Human Coexistence talk with the National Wildlife Federation (8/27).
- Small Acreage Tour: Jen Mohler's property (9/8).
- Attend the 406 market (9/10) and Livingston farmers market (9/16).

Office and Garden Work

- *Education and Outreach Center:*
 - Tend to plants. Weed plots that need weeding.
 - Harvest what is harvestable, and give out in the Manhattan community in order to promote the garden.
 - Keep the shed and greenhouse organized for programming and between programming. Clean these spaces for Farm to Table event.
 - Continue to create a welcoming environment in the garden space for the community to be a part of.
 - Plan and plant a cover crop.
- *Manhattan Farmers Market:* Continue outreach and organization of the market. Plan and implement the educational table at the markets for kids and adults alike. Network with vendors and educators at the market and attend each market on Wednesday afternoon/evenings.
- *Adult Education:* Continue to plan summer and fall programs: Small acreage horse property tour with Jen Mohler, Beaver talk in the EOC, collaborate with Park County on a realtor workshop, Eastern heath snail talk. Begin to think about fall and winter speaker series, topics and speakers that would be of interest.
- *Youth Education:* Reach out to schools about getting into classrooms and starting up winter education in schools again. Begin planning pumpkin party (10/9).
- *Online:* Maintain social media and website about upcoming events. Send out newsletter.
- Finish and submit DNRC mini education grant.
- Plan for Farm to Table Dinner: obtaining vendors, reach out to FFA, coordinate pizza oven operation, cleaning garden and greenhouse, musician, food, beverages, tables and chairs rental.





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FARMERS MARKET

September 22

The Garden Harvest



Waiting for the pumpkins...

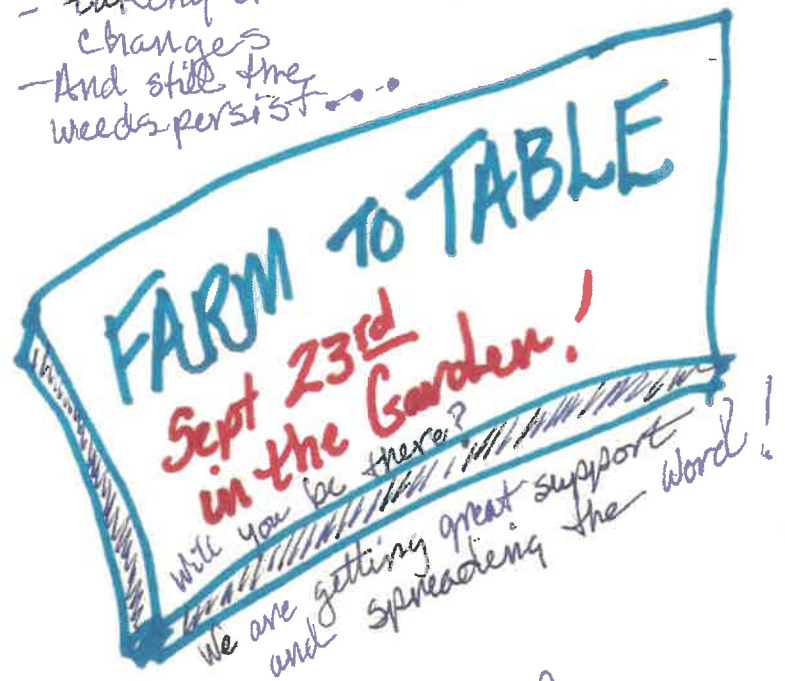
Sept. 2nd

Kinda slow...
But our vendors are grateful!

Sept 9th

- last one :) /
- Our vendors sold out of Sourdough Bread!
- Kristina made yummy Mexican food!
- Our "Bullet" vendor made little quail eggs on toast!
- Great music!
- Kids made thank you notes to their favorite vendors

- We are having beautiful weather
- people are stopping by the garden
- flowers are still blooming
- bees are buzzing
- little goldfinches are after the sunflower seeds
- sharing the bounty
- taking it all in before the weather changes
- And still the weeds persist...



Will you be there?
We are getting great support and spreading the word!

Ever so Grateful ~ Brian

Partnership Coordinator Activities Update

August 2026

Engagement

- Engagement with AGAI members, water commissioner on river conditions and water rights cuts through Whatsapp Community
- Weekly communication with AGAI board and president
- Drafting Open Channels Working Group Policy Memo Northwest Bozeman Area Plan - Agricultural Water User Facilities
- 40th Annual Potato Fest
- Connected with Kathryn Lundborg (via Chris Mahoney) on the NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (Watershed Ops) Program. She will share more at our Oct. Board meeting

Upcoming: Kathryn Lundborg guest talk at October board meeting, Montana Water Center at November Meeting

Education

- Engaged with residents and HOA communities by responding to ditch inquiries
- Developing regular communication with a Williams Construction engineer for ditch ID
- Planning stages moving forward for interpretive signs with Belgrade FFA Gardens,
- Outreach to city of Bozeman for addition sign placement
- Continued Oral Histories Interviews, and scheduling
- Second along with Water Commissioner to see measuring gauges at 11 more ditches north of Four Corners
- Draft Open Channels Working group Policy Memo for Northwest Bozeman Area Plan
- Connected with Bozeman Rotary at Potato Fest, will present on our work at 30 minute luncheon, November 10th

Upcoming: Present at Bozeman Rotary Luncheon

Fundraising

- Attended local Ram Fest event and engaged with various potential corporate sponsors
- Continued revision with Sarah Wasko, GWC on funding pitch
- Continued review, formatting, and planning for sharing funding pitch
- Funding and partnership search/development for infrastructure improvement projects
 - GWC
 - NRCS
 - BOR WaterSmart with TU

Upcoming: Board outreach to key partners, share funding pitch with key partners!

New Business/Pending Discussion/Decisions

- ☐ Open Channels working groups update/status
- ☐ Exec Session on funding

Ongoing:

- ☐ Newsletter Outline & Topics
 - ☐ Presidents Update
 - ☐ What's happening in the Community - Upcoming Events
 - ☐ Coordinators update
 - ☐ "Out and About" - Board member activities, farm update ie. for this newsletter - upcoming maintenance and what we are doing to increase awareness
 - ☐ Guest/Project Update