

RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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MEETING MINUTES – February 2, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Ruby Valley Conservation District was called to order by Gary Giem, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Town Hall, 103 East Hamilton St., Sheridan, Montana.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Giem	Jeremy Miller	Rick Sandru
Neil Barnosky	George Trischman	John Anderson
Jim Powell		Shirley Galovic, District Administrator

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Audra Bell, RVCD Stewardship Director	Kayla Mehlhoff, Admin. Assistant
John Wagoner, NRCS	Chris Edginton, Trout Unlimited
Mark Miller, Nugget Creek Ranch	

Approval of minutes of last two meetings (Dec. 1, 2021 & Jan. 5, 2022-cancelled), motion by George to approve as mailed, second by Rick, motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports for December 2021 & January, 2022, motion to approve by Jeremy, second by John, motion carried.

Contributions Account spreadsheet updates thru December 31, 2021.

Excused absences: none

310 BUSINESS:           NEW APPLICATIONS  
                              REVIEW - - DECISION  
                              SET UP INSPECTIONS  
                              INSPECTION COMPLETE

**TABLED:** Complaint #RV2020-02 Ramshorn Creek tributary. Complaint to USACE, WO their decision. USACE will send out a notice when they finalize their decision. Matt will check with Mr. Dietrich (406-694-3147) on status.

RV21-18 Bob Siedensticker (REMiller) – Beaverhead River – headgate repair of rock already installed Matt & Jim P. inspected 7/7/21. Withdrawn/cancelled by applicant. Neighbor (Arrington Ranch) to correct problem and split cost with Bob. Tanner from R. E. Miller is preparing design.

RV21-31 Arrington Ranch (REMiller) – Beaverhead River – (replaces RV21-18) - create a new wetland bench to stabilize bankline from eroding dike and fence line, using a cobble toe and willows to prevent further erosion. Matt & Jim P. inspected 7/7/21. Copy snail mailed to Matt 12/28/21. See modifications on signed permit. Motion by Jeremy to approve with modifications, second by Rick, motion carried.

RV21-28 Emergency Roger & Therese Hutchinson – Wisconsin Creek – bridge replacement. For the record, this is the completed Form 270 Matt requested on the Emergency approval form. Neighbor (Nugget Creek Ranch) requested copy.

RV22-01 Trailsend Ranch (REMiller) – Stinking Water Slough – replace failing fish screen. Matt waived inspection. Copy snail mailed to Matt 1/6/22. Motion by Jeremy to waive inspection and approve as proposed, second by John, motion carried.

RV22-02 Emergency Ruby Valley Water Users Assoc. – Ruby River – repair headgate valve. Motion by John to approve, second by George, motion carried. Neil recused himself.

**NRCS REPORT**

John Wagoner reported that the office is back down to 25% capacity due to government orders regarding COVID. John is currently finalizing project applicants, putting together maps, and ranking projects. The NRCS will probably do 4,000-4,500 acres of juniper removal this year. They are also looking at a couple stream related projects on the Madison Valley side as well as a Northwest Energy funded project on Morris Creek?

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Planning Board – David Laufenberg, MadCD – email with January meeting highlights, attached.
2. 310 Law MOA with Madison CD – Gary still working on resolution of the RVCD eastern boundary line.



“OPEN MICROPHONE” - Other comments from the public. None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Signed,

Shirley Galovic  
District Administrator

Gary Giem  
Chairman