

RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
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MEETING MINUTES – March 6, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Ruby Valley Conservation District was called to order by Gary Giem, Chairman, at 7:10 p.m. at the NRCS Conference Room, Sheridan, Montana.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Giem	Neil Barnosky	George Trischman
Jim Powell	Jeremy Miller	

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

John Wagoner, NRCS	David Stout	Dan Durham, Ranch Resources
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Approval of the minutes of last meeting (Feb. 6), motion by George to approve as mailed, second by Jeremy, motion carried.  
Treasurer's Report for January 2019 (corrected), table for April meeting when Shirley is back.

Treasurer's Report for February 2019, motion by George to approve, second by Neil, motion carried.

Excused absences: John & Rick – motion by George to excuse John & Rick, second by Jim, motion carried.

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

RV18-13 Butch Frediani, Granite Creek Ranch – Browns Gulch – construct dam for irrigation & recreation pond. Matt & John inspected 4/4/2018. Tabled

RV19-03 Trailsend Ranch (Kyle Nye) – Jacobs Slough – install structure with fish screen. Matt waived insp. but requested photos of completed structure. Motion by Jeremy to waive board inspection and approve contingent on receiving photos, second by George, motion carried.

RV19-04 Trailsend Ranch (Kyle Nye) – Stinking Water Slough – install 5 structures with fish screens. Matt waived insp. but requested photos of completed structures. Motion by Jeremy to waive board inspection and approve contingent on receiving photos, second by George, motion carried.

RV19-05 Fintail Ranch – Darnutzer Creek – install dry hydrant against bridge abutment and install pipe perpendicular to channel. Matt waived inspection. Motion by Neil to waive board inspection and approve, second by Jim, motion carried. Jeremy recused himself.

RV19-06 Morse Land Company – Mill Creek – move ATV bridge location. Matt to inspect 3/7/19. Motion by George to approve pending inspection report, second by Jeremy, motion carried.

RV19-07 SRI River Holdings (Jaime Wood) – Hamilton Creek – fishery enhancement. Jim Olsen wants to do a joint inspection with Ron Spoon. Motion by Neil to table subject to inspection, second by George, motion carried.

RV19-08 Morse Land Company – Mill Creek – install irrigation structure. Matt to inspect 3/7/19. Lewis Jenkins diversion. Irrigators have been putting pit-run gravel and straw bales in stream to check up irrigation water. This has been dewatering the stream in recent years below headgate. New structures would check up irrigation water, allow for low flows to pass through the channel, and prevent stream de-watering. Motion by George to table pending inspection, second by Jeremy, motion carried.

RV19-09 Clint Klemo (REMiller) – Wisconsin Creek – replace bridge. Motion by George to table subject to inspection, second by Jeremy, motion carried.

NRCS REPORT: John Wagoner, NRCS, submitted information on the new Montana Focus Conservation initiative, discussed Targeted Implementation Plans, and NRCS Long Range Planning

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Planning Board – no report
2. Watershed – written submission from David & Claudia attached.

3. Carcass Management Program – Wildlife Conservation Society – 2019 carcass program in progress again. Beaverhead Co. Landfill does not have space for carcasses at this time. They will need to dig another pit. They are seemingly receptive to having RVCD bring carcasses to their site for a tipping fee.
4. BLM California Creek Monitoring Grant #L17AC00338 (Ruby WS Restoration) – in progress
5. DEQ 319 Grant – Ramshorn Creek – (David) – in progress
6. 223 Grant – Ramshorn Creek – (David) – revegetation – in progress, extended to 7/31/19
7. DNRC Watershed Management Grant (WMG-18-0037) – (David) – final report sent
8. DNRC Drought Resiliency Grant (WM-RVCD-167) – in progress
9. Upper Ruby Weed Mgmt. Co-op, FWP-WHIP Grant, approved for full funding, FWP finished payment structure and submitted.
10. RITP GT#RITP-18-0143 – Granite Creek restoration, survey & design – extended to 9/30/19
11. FWP #18-641 Ruby Watershed Low Stream-Flow Water Mgmt. & Resiliency Dev. – in progress
12. DNRC Dist. Dev. Gt #23G-19-3602 (David) – in progress
13. WS Stewardship & Capacity Building WGM-19-0066 – in progress
14. U. S. Forest Service Gravelly Landscape Collaborative Group – USFS NEPA/SHPO in process on Greenhorn Project area. New Forest Service Supervisor – Cheri A. Ford
15. Strategic Alliance – next meeting, March 2019 TBD, Moraine Center, 10a-2p

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Jeremy Oath of Office – Sheridan Urban Supervisor – postponed
2. Discuss Kids River Resource Day (Claudia) – postponed
3. Board approval for Shirley to apply for an Admin. Grant for FY 19-20 from DNRC. Motion by George to approve submission of Admin. Grant application, second by Neil, motion carried.
4. MACD Dues for 2019 – postponed for April meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. MACD Montana Conservationist – Mar. 2019 – copies available (emailed)
2. Ruby Watershed Council Mtg. – Mar. TBD, Moraine Center?, 6:00pm
3. RVCD/MCD Annual Banquet – April 27 – tickets on sale Feb. 26th

“OPEN MICROPHONE” - Other comments from the public.

With business completed, the meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Signed,

David D. Stout  
Watershed Stewardship Director

Gary Giem  
Chairman