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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2021

Supervisors Present:

Don Feist, Doug King, Ron Warren

Others Present:

Elena Marrinan, ESCD; Jason Blakney, FWP (via phone); Dillon Martini, NRCS (via phone)

Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm by Vice-Chairman Feist

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in the order they appear.

Minutes

- Motion to accept November Minutes as written by Ron; 2nd by Doug; motion carried.

Financial Report

- Nov 4, 2020 – Jan 6, 2021 Financial Report was reviewed by the Board
- Motion to approve financial report as submitted by Ron; 2nd by Doug; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- 310 Permit Applications
 - G. Rehbein – Boat Ramp
 - A second site visit was conducted by Marvin, Don and Jason. Jason recommended keeping the visibility at a minimum by reseeding areas with native plant species, and no work to be completed below the high water mark. A motion was made by Ron to approve the application with modifications; 2nd by Don; motion carried.
 - Conoco Phillips – Pipeline Removal
 - Tyler with DJ&A reported the following update: The project has been temporarily shut down for the winter months. The eastern-most span (span 4) and associated towers have been removed and final stabilization has been completed at those sites. Temporary stabilization (seeding and stormwater prevention measures) have been implemented at all other partially disturbed areas.
- ESCD 310 Guidelines
 - The supervisors reviewed the draft guidelines per the November meeting suggestions. Ron motioned to approve the guidelines as drafted; 2nd by Doug; motion carried.

New Business

- 310 Permit Applications
 - No New Applications.



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- Oath of Office: Doug and Don were sworn in each for 4-year terms of office. Ron was sworn in for 2-year term.
- Board Appointment
 - Motion was made by Doug to keep the current titles. Motion was tabled until all supervisors could be present for discussion.

Public Discussion:

- None.

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report, Dillon Martini

- Dillon has been working on finalizing CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) payments, and a new EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) applications for the west end of Sanders County. Dillon and Troy have also been working on a new TIP (Targeted Implementation Plan) in the Bull River Drainage focusing on Riparian Restoration.

Fish Wildlife Parks (FWP) Report, Jason Blakney

- Jason reported that North West Energy's license is set to expire in 2025, and they have started the formal process of renewal. Meetings began Jan 6th to mitigate the renewal process. Jason will keep ESCD in the loop of any issues that may need ESCD involvement.
- 2020 Hunter check stations reported no cases of CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) in game harvested in Sanders County.
- FWP has a new Wildlife Biologist, Mike Ebinger formerly with the USGS in Bozeman studying Grizzly Bears.

A motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm by Doug, 2nd by Ron, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Elena Marrinan, Administrator

Approved: *Mar L. Roll*