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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**March 3, 2021**

Supervisors Present:

Marvin Rehbein, Don Feist, Doug King, John Marrinan, Ron Warren, Jerry Hamel

Others Present:

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

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm by Vice Chairman Feist

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

### Minutes

- Motion to accept January Minutes as written by Ron; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John; motion carried.

### Financial Report

- February 3 – March 3, 2021 Financial Report was reviewed by the Board
- Motion to approve financial report as submitted by John; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron; motion carried.

### Unfinished Business

- Aerator
  - Discussion on selling the aerator by either sealed bid or an ad in a local paper. Administrator will contact DNRC to confirm an ad is acceptable.
  - Motion by Don to place an ad in the paper to sell the aerator pending approval by DNRC; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John; motion carried

### New Business

- 310 Permit Applications
  - SAE 02-21 NorthWest Energy – Pole Removal
    - Site visit was waived as all supervisors are familiar with the area, and the removal did not require any ground disturbance.
    - Ron motioned to accept the application and project as submitted (start after ground is dry enough to drive equipment with minimal disturbance) 2<sup>nd</sup> by John; motion carried.
- Annual Work Plan
  - Annual Work Plan was reviewed by Supervisors. Dillon discussed the possible affect the Water Compact could have on stock water for some producers. Don made the motion to add ESCD will cooperate with NRCS to help with this issue; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron; motion carried.



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- ESCD Policy Manual
  - Board reviewed the proposed Policy Manual for ESCD. Motion to approve manual by Don; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John; motion carried.
- District Administrator Annual Review
  - Supervisors completed review of Administrator, John abstained. Motion by Don to increase hourly wage by \$1; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron; John abstained; motion carried.

Public Discussion:

- Doug brought the question of the Cooperator of the Year Award for 2020.
  - Don nominated the Hafner Ranch; Board agreed on the nomination.
  - Administrator will schedule a dinner for May.

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report, Dillon Martini

- Working on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications. Deadlines have been pushed back to April as the computer programs aren't currently working. The CSP programs completing in 2022 will be able to renew.
- Working on the EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) applications including: (6) forestry, (1) high tunnel, (1) cover crop, and an Aspen Regen project in Eastern Sanders.
- Working on a Targeted Implementation Plan (TIP) with Green Mountain CD; a Riparian Restoration on the Bull River
- The NRCS has posted position openings for Soil Conservationists for all offices in Montana, at this time there is one application for the Plains office.

Fish Wildlife Parks (FWP) Report, Jason Blakney

- FWP has record wolf harvest for this year = 28
- Ice Fishing has been successful; 25 lb pike was caught in the Thompson Reservoir, and a 30+ lb pike was caught in the Noxon Reservoir.
- Jason has been working with Brita Olson (Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group) on a Press Release regarding wood in streams and the importance of leaving it there.
- Fish ladder will be opening in the next few weeks.
- Continuing to work on the North West Energy Dam Re-licensing process.

A motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Elena Marrinan, Administrator

Approved: *Ma'L. R. R. R.*