

# Missoula Conservation District April 14th, 2025 5:30 p.m. 1075 South Avenue West, Missoula, MT 59801 – with virtual option

Missoula Conservation District Attendees: Tim Hall (Chair), Libby Maclay (Vice-Chair), Travis Greenwalt (Treasurer), Robert Schroeder (Supervisor), Art Pencek\* (Supervisor), Bart Morris\* (Supervisor), Josh Schroeder\* (Associate Supervisor), Karen Williams\* (Associate Supervisor), Radley Watkins (Staff), Bryan Vogt (Staff), Sonja Skovlin (Staff)

**Absent:** Paul Parson (Supervisor)

**Additional Attendees:** Travis Lemke\* (NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist), John Hart (Senior Deputy County Attorney), Ladd Knotek (MT FWP Fisheries Biologist), Jim Simpson\* (MT Forest Products Story), Mari Houck\* (MS-08-25), Mike Rahl\* (MS-37-24), Jonathan Roth\* (MS-10-25), Ben Dickinson (CM-03-25), Chuck Erickson (CM-03-25), Mary Erickson (CM-03-25)

**Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Hall started the meeting at 5:33 pm.

March 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes – Travis Greenwalt moved to approve the March 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Robert Schroeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Travis Greenwalt presented the following account balances from the District's QuickBooks Balance Sheet dated April 9, 2025, included in the Supervisors' meeting packets. Also included was the year-to-date Profit and Loss report dated April 9, 2025.

Total Bank Accounts	\$679,774.78
Tax Mill Levy Account at County	\$405,854.76
DADCO Savings	\$204,566.28
First Security Bank – Savings	\$58,550.28
First Security Bank - Petty Checking	\$1,503.47
First Security Bank – Checking	\$9,299.99

Public Comment - No public comment was offered.

#### **Reports**

NRCS Report – Travis Lemke reported that they're getting pre-approvals for complete or partial funding for some projects, allowing these projects to move forward. He stated that he and his team are focusing efforts on outreach and technical assistance, with several events scheduled in the next few weeks and months. Lemke stated that he met with MCD and CFC staff recently to discuss volunteer planting opportunities along Miller Creek. He reported on attending a site visit with Vogt

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes virtual participation via Zoom



at an Orchard Homes property, where the landowner would like to improve their vegetation for dryland grazing and pollinator habitat.

<u>County Attorney Report</u> – John Hart stated he had no report to offer.

Montana FWP – Ladd Knotek reported on projects near Clearwater Junction: one involves revamping campsites just north of the highway to distance them from the river. He also cited work on the Potter Diversion that is slated to occur this summer. The dam will stay at the same elevation but get stepped down to allow for fish passage of Westslope cutthroat and bull trout. Knotek discussed a bridge on Howell Creek Road heading to Placid Lake that was determined to be unstable; the issue has since been resolved. Knotek informed the Board of a Forest Service contractor on the Clark Fork River who cleared vegetation up to the river. He also mentioned the complaint on state land adjacent to the Clark Fork River.

<u>DNRC Conservation District Bureau</u> – Catey Bauer, CD Specialist for western Montana CDs, submitted a report that was included in the Supervisor's meeting packets.

### **MACD**

<u>2025 Dues</u> – Watkins reviewed the restructuring of dues following the 2023 legislative session. The FY26 DNRC CDA grant will cover \$3500 of the \$4000 due that will be paid out of claims, when approved later in the meeting.

<u>Bridger Plant Materials Center Donation Request</u> – Robert Schroeder moved to approve a donation to the Bridger Plant Materials Center in the amount of \$50. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

<u>Bitter Root RC&D</u> – Libby Maclay stated that there was nothing new to report.

<u>Dept. of Ecology and Extension/Weed District/GWMEC Building</u> – Watkins reported that he drafted a Work Agreement with MCDEE for co-branding on upcoming events that involve the \$8,000 of DEQ funds procured by MCD to purchase native plant packs. He stated that he has been working with Bryce Christeaens on this agreement.

### Watershed Groups

MT Watershed Coordination Council Membership – Watkins displayed the organization's website, and discussed details of membership should the Board wish to join. He informed the Board that dues are \$250/annually. The Board generally agreed that they would revisit the opportunity at the next meeting after considering the option over the next month.

<u>Planning Board Update</u> – Josh Schroeder presented slides from the Missoula Planning Board report for an area off River Road showing current conditions, planned use for development, current zoning codes, and requested revised zoning codes to facilitate planned development. J. Schroeder generally agreed with the development proposal, although he expressed disappointment that they didn't send the proposal to Watkins to review and provided comments on behalf of MCD; the developers thought the proposed development wouldn't impact the bed and banks of the Clark Fork River since they weren't relocating River Road. Schroeder commented that it would impact the river if the



road wasn't there. The Planning Board approved the rezoning request and hopes the city will work to eventually move River Road back off the river.

The Board commented that the developers refrain from including basements and sub-level parking due to the likelihood of groundwater flooding each year.

<u>Water Quality District</u> – Chair Hall reported that the District will meet on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. He stated that members of the Water Quality District have brought forth questions as to how frozen or reduced EPA funding might affect WQD programs. Hall said he spoke with Elena Evans about coordinating a float trip past the Smurfit-Stone site this summer and would like the county health board, open lands committee and other groups to be part of the float. He learned that WQD has an Americorps member who is working on potential updates to the CMZ maps.

District Committees -Vogt reported that the Grants Committee met on April 8th.

<u>Missoula CD Employees</u> – Written reports were included in the Supervisor's packets. Watkins discussed the importance of staff receiving replies from Supervisors regarding work related issues, either by email or phone; he stated that this is critical to conducting work in an efficient and effective manner.

#### Other Reports

Leveraging AI for Conservation – Josh Schroeder shared a custom Chat GPT platform that he built, naming it the Missoula Conservation District Guide. He explained how he built the platform, the information he "seeded" into it, and the instructions he loaded on how to respond to user interface questions. Schroeder explained how someone could use it and stressed that he aimed for the platform to be engaging and supportive. He invited those in attendance at the meeting to pose questions on the platform to demonstrate how it worked. The platform aptly answered questions pertaining to the availability of wildflower seeds and 310 permitting. Schroeder emphasized that if there is ambiguity in the response, the platform directs the user to contact MCD staff. When asked how the public would interface with this application, he clarified that a user would need a Chat GPT account and would search for MCD GPT to initiate a conversation. A member of the Board suggested that if monthly meeting minutes were to be uploaded, this might assist with project review and permitting history. The Board commented on the value of this tool and acknowledged Schroeder for his time in putting it together.

<u>Legislative Updates</u> – Watkins reported that MACD tried to get SB 472 tabled, but that it passed out of committee and is scheduled to be heard on the floor with the amendment excluding work from fines if done under the SMZ law. A member of the Board clarified that the bill doesn't prevent contractors working under the SMZ from being reviewed or found in violation. Watkins stated that MACD is still following the proceedings of this bill. Watkins will participate in tomorrow morning's MACD Legislative Committee meeting; he mentioned his positive interaction with Montana Logging Association following a prior MACD Legislative Committee meeting where he stated that he felt the process had "stabbed the MLA in the back" after initially agreeing to work outside of the legislature on the matter.



#### **New Business**

Correspondence and Upcoming Events – Information was included in Supervisor Packets.

<u>Site Inspections Scheduling</u> – Watkins reported that the next site inspection with Ladd Knotek will occur on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

# **Programs**

#### Grants Program

<u>MCD Grants</u> – The MCD Grants Program Report was included in the Supervisors' meeting packets for review.

CDG-02-25 Treece Engineering Design for Miller Creek Restoration – Vogt reported that the Grants Committee, when they met on April 10, 2025, discussed the recommendation from staff for MCD to apply for a DNRC Nonpoint Source Grant that would cover the expenses requested from this CEG with the addition of implementation funds. The Committee recommended tabling this CEG application pending the outcome of the NPS application for the project.

Chair Hall moved to table the application for CEG-02-25 Treece Engineering Design for Miller Creek Restoration pending the outcome of the DNRC Nonpoint Source grant application that would provide this funding from the state, if awarded. Libby Maclay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

#### Outside Grants

<u>DNRC Nonpoint Source Program Grant</u> – Per recommendation of the Grants Committee on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, R. Watkins developed an application for the Miller Creek Obsolete Diversion Removal project and submitted that application by the 5:00pm deadline this afternoon. The Board still needs to formally approve the application by an official motion or choose to have the application withdrawn. Robert Schroeder moved to approve the submission of the DNRC Nonpoint Source Grant application for the Miller Creek Obsolete Diversion Removal project. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried. Bart Morris recused himself from the vote.

<u>DNRC CDA Grant</u> – Vogt reviewed that this is the application, due by May 31<sup>st</sup>, that provides reimbursement for 310 permit expenses from 2024 and the \$3,500 MACD dues support for 2025.

Travis Greenwalt moved to approve submission of the DNRC CDA grant application for reimbursement of the 310 Permit expenses from 2024 and \$3,500 of support for the 2026 MACD membership dues. Robert Schroeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.



Soil Health/Equipment Program –Vogt reported on the successful Soil Health Week event held in partnership with Five Valleys Land Trust, Farm Connect Montana, MSU Extension, and NRCS; about 30 people attended, listening to MSU Professor Tony Hartshorn's talk on soils and soil health, and visiting the Oxbow Ranch, where Bart Morris explained some of his grazing and cattle management practices. Vogt mentioned the Farm Connect Montana Farmer Tool Library Event on May 1<sup>st</sup> at LaLonde Ranch; the no-till drill will be on display there. Vogt reported that the 2025 no-till drill rental program has started, with four completed rentals and nine scheduled through May.

<u>Pollinator Program/MTNSN</u>: Vogt reported that he will participate in the virtual DNRC grant hearing on Friday, April 18th for the pollinator grant submitted to support the Missoula Bee City Pollinator Pathways Project. He stated that he and M. Kuhlman will present to the City of Missoula's Climate, Conservation, and Parks Committee on May 7<sup>th</sup> to garner support for the city passing a resolution to designate themselves as a Bee City USA affiliate.

Vogt reported that staff will obtain two acres' worth of Western Montana Wildflower Seed Mix on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Area 5 EO meeting. Staff will prepare packets to distribute at upcoming tabling events and to Missoula County residents who contact MCD expressing interest in obtaining seeds. Skovlin is coordinating outreach on both the seed mix and MTNSN volunteer events and will be tracking participation.

Workshop on May 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by MCDEE. MCD will host a "train the trainer" event on May 30<sup>th</sup> for Area 5 CDs where MCDEE staff will assist with trainings on planting techniques, protection from deer, and plant care without pesticides. MCD will provide a example curriculum for CDs to use and host their own event. Participating CDs will take 10 plant packs back to their CDs to distribute at their event. He reported that on May 31<sup>st</sup>, MCD will host an event where he will recap basic benefits of native plants on the landscape, incorporated in the Rewild Your Yard event, MCDEE staff will perform a demonstration, and up to 20 Missoula County residents who participated in the Rewild Your Yard Event and who have been vetted by MCDEE staff based on site preparation, and a commitment to follow up, can take home a native plant pack that MCD procured with DEQ funds. DEQ funding will be acknowledged at all events.

Vogt reported that volunteer events will take place every Wednesday beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to noon at the DNRC Conservation Seedling Nursery. Sonja is coordinating outreach efforts and RSVPs from participants. Vogt informed the Board that Michael Butts delivered native seed packets that MCD can distribute. Vogt stated that the remaining 10% of this year's seed in MCD control will be banked to use in next year's pollinator seed mix.

Wildlife Damage & Habitat Conservation Program – Watkins stated he had no report to offer.

<u>Montana Biocontrol Project Funding Request</u> – Chair Hall moved to approve supporting the Montana Biocontrol Coordination Project for \$500. Robert Schroeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.



MACD Resolution – Watkins discussed a resolution to present to the annual Area 5 meeting and then potentially to the 2025 convention that would require CDs to bring proposed legislation that would affect all Montana CDs through the MACD resolution process, and that could include recourse against a CD that did skip the resolution process, such as losing certain MACD support/privileges. The board generally supported crafting this resolution for them to consider.

The Montana Forest Products Story – Chair Hall introduced Jim Simpson. Art Pencek stated that Jim Simpson approached him, asking him to put this item on the agenda. Simpson stated that the decline of mills should be a concern for CDs due to a loss of this management tool for wildlife habitat, hydrology, fuels mitigation. He said that the goal of this effort is to raise \$20,000 to tell the "Montana Forest Products Story," and that they have raised about 35% of the goal from a diverse group of organizations including CDs.

The Board asked what this project will deliver beyond a pamphlet. Simpson stated that the current favorable atmosphere in Washington, DC could lead to changing policies and streamline regulations that the group feels would benefit the industry and help stabilize it. Responding to a question whether mills today, such as the recently closed Seeley Lake Mill, are/were providing a living wage in communities, Simpson responded that it now takes several million dollars to invest in the necessary equipment needed for harvesting timber and processing lumber, and to cover the costs of skilled labor, and that he had heard something about their being an associated issue with the Seeley Lake water treatment system, that made homes in the area hard to come by. Simpson reiterated his stance that federal environmental laws and regulations have been used successfully to thwart industry and have significantly contributed to its decline.

Because the proposal Simpson had provided stated the funds raised would go to Evergreen Magazine "to tell the story and provided solutions," the Board inquired whether the group had sought out the University of Montana's School of Forestry to provide an objective analysis to share with lawmakers and federal agencies. Simpson stated that the University would not be used. In response to staff mentioning that MCD has been working with the Missoula Chamber's Forestry Resources Committee, Simpson stated that this group is focused on how to use waste materials, and there is little value in that. The Board expressed concern that, while the title suggests that this is a story about the decline of the entire industry, the emphasis, as Simpson has stated, is on how environmental laws and regulations have negatively impacted the industry and that other factors that may have contributed to the decline will not be studied. They questioned using public funds to create a document to lobby for changes to federal policy. Simpson stated that the precedent for a CD using public funds for lobby had been set by Montana CDs contributing to the Montana Association of Conservation Districts.

Art Pencek moved that MCD contribute \$250 to the effort to develop The Montana Forest Products story as presented by Jim Simpson. Libby Maclay seconded the motion. Two Supervisors voted for the motion and four Supervisors voted against the motion. The motion did not pass.

<u>Restoration Tools</u> Watkins met with Travis Lemke recently to discuss MCD procuring various tools for habitat restoration. Lemke had suggested an auger for riparian plantings. Additionally, Natalie Sullivan, MSU Extension Agriculture, Equine, and Livestock agent had requested the CD purchase a chest-mount spreader for small broadcast seeding. The Board did not express support for the CD



acquiring these tools, citing concerns about maintenance, safety, performance, and reliability. They were more in favor of the CD potentially providing funds for renting this equipment.

Other New Business – No other new business was presented.

#### **Old Business**

MCPS Ag Program Project –Vogt reported that he met with Tom Andres recently and learned that current funding they obtained has allowed them to start decommissioning the old fort road. Tom and other MCPS personnel have discussed with the power company about rerouting power lines to facilitate an improved irrigation system. They received a recent private donation to help purchase irrigation pivots, but an estimate obtained today determined that they still require an additional \$50,000. Vogt stated that a DNRC CD Project grant could be used to assist with this effort. A \$50,000 request is at the top end of a CD Project Grant request, but the project would already have a secured 1:1 cash match from the private donation. The Board commented that a wheel line would be a better fit for the property and easier to support than pivots.

Horse MOU - Watkins stated the initial MOU involved the Missoula Horse Council and the Back Country Horsemen of Missoula, and all parties moved right away to sign this MOU, however, once MCDEE announced they would be hiring a MSU Livestock agent, Watkins asked the group to amend the MOU and invite MCDEE to sign on as well. Then the Chief Lands and Communities Officer for Missoula County asked Watkins if MCD would also invite the Missoula County Fairgrounds to join the MOU. Just after the first of the year Watkins sent the revised MOU to County Supervisors, but there has been no motion from the County to sign. Watkins proposed to the Board, as he had with the original three partners, that MCD moves ahead with signing MOU. The Board asked if there were financial obligations. Watkins reminded them that there were no direct funds involved, but the MCD has provided resources such as space for the Missoula Backcountry Horsemen annual statewide meeting and holiday party. Watkins also reminded the Board that they supported the creation of the agreement at the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting, and this was a technicality to move to officially sign the agreement.

Robert Schroeder moved to sign the Horse MOU. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the motion carried.

Other Old Business – None was presented.

**310 Emergency Notices** - No emergency notices were presented.

Existing 310 Permits – No existing 310 permits were discussed.

**APO Applications** – No APO applications were presented.

310 Permit Applications

**MS-09-24** – Todd Randall obo Matthew Cole – Rattlesnake Creek – Channel/Bank Projects **Geocode**: 04-2200-11-2-05-08-0000



Nothing new was presented. The Board took no action.

**MS-37-24** – BNSF Railway c/o Mike Rahl – Blackfoot River – Improvement to Existing Structure **Geocode:** N/A

Hall reviewed the intent of the proposed project while Watkins showed a site location slide and the recently submitted and updated revegetation plan. Mike Rahl, representing BNSF, stressed that the reed canary grass had been taken out of the revised revegetation plan and that they only plan on using native species that will reinforce the banks. Rahl noted that the access road to implement the project will be decommissioned, per FWP's request. Knotek inquired as to when MDT will remove the piers once this project is completed; Rahl speculated that it would be soon after BNSF completed their project. A member of the Board questioned why the revegetation plan does not specify that willow stakes will be planted with their lower ends below the ordinary high-water mark to ensure a high rate of survival; the Board member was also concerned about grout bags being placed in the river.

Prior to these last concerns being raised, Robert Schroeder had moved to make Application No. MS-37-24 a project for review under the 310 Law, with modifications incorporating recommendations from team member reports, and to waive the 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, a Board member requested to review the hydraulic modeling before approval of the project, and Schroeder retracted his motion. No further action was taken on this application.

**MS-06-25** – Five Valleys Land Trust c/o Mari Houck – Rock Creek – Trail Construction **Geocode:** 04-1978-12-2-01-02-0000

Chair Hall summarized the project, and Watkins displayed a site location slide and photos from the site inspection. Mari Houck, representing FVLT, explained that trail will not be wheelchair accessible but will be widened to improve access to Rock Creek. Watkins showed photos of the existing trail, some of it up against a scree slope. Houck stated that FVLT is considering installing a buck and rail fence on sections of the trail to prevent users from walking all over areas where riparian vegetation is thin. Watkins pointed out that the fence is not mentioned in the application. Robert Schroeder, the Supervisor at this site inspection, stated that FVLT could submit an additional application if they would like to install the fence.

R. Schroeder moved to make Application No. MS-06-25 a project for review under the 310 Law; approve the project as proposed and waive the 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

**MS-07-25** – Malcolm Miller obo Steve and Vanessa Berry – Butler Creek – Tree Removal **Geocode**: 04-2325-24-1-03-15-0000

Watkins showed a site location slide, and photos of dead trees adjacent to road. Members of the Board suggested leaving the stumps for wildlife habitat. Knotek supported that suggestion and stated that the landowner wanted the trees completely removed.

Robert Schroeder moved to make Application No. MS-07-25 a project for review under the 310 Law and to approve the project as proposed and waive the 30-day waiting period following the



Board's decision. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

**MS-08-25** – Alicia Chivers obo MDT – Nine Mile Creek – Infrastructure Development **Geocode**: 04-2427-28-2-04-05-0000

Watkins displayed a site location slide, site plans, and photos.

Robert Schroeder moved to declare Application No. MS-08-25 Not a Project for review under the 310 Law as it is outside of the MCD's jurisdictional area on Nine Mile Creek in this location. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

**MS-09-25** – Roland Redmond – Rattlesnake Creek – Riparian Restoration **Geocode:** 04-2200-11-3-06-12-0000

Watkins displayed the design that the applicant submitted that shows how the piled material will be scattered, and that documents the existing bridges on the property.

Chair Hall moved to make Application No. MS-09-25 a project for review under the 310 Law, approve the project as proposed and waive the 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

**MS-10-25** – Jonathan Roth – Edith Creek – Crossings/Roads **Geocode:** 04-2428-27-3-03-03000

Watkins showed a site location slide and stated that Edith Creek terminates into the Frenchtown Ditch. He reviewed the application and reported that no inspection was conducted at the site. Knotek stated that there is no evidence that there is aquatic value. Roth, via video feed, showed the site and the current pipe. He stated that the creek has flowed about 3-4 times in the 30 years he has lived on property.

Robert Schroeder moved to declare Application No. MS-10-25 not a project for review under the 310 Law due to lack of perennial water and no defined channel at this site. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

**MS-11-25** – Nancy Siegel – Rattlesnake Creek – Riparian Planting **Geocode**: 04-2200-14-3-80-30-0000

Chair Hall moved to make Application No. MS-11-25 a project for review under the 310 Law, approve the project as proposed and waive the 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Libby Maclay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

## 310 Complaints

**CM-02-25** –Lawrence and Frances Daly – Rattlesnake Creek – Vegetation Removal **Geocode:** 04-2200-11-3-06-11-0000

CM-03-25 - Charles and Mary Erickson - Clark Fork River - Unpermitted Berming



**Geocode:** 04-2201-27-2-03-03-0000

Watkins displayed a site location slide and photos from the site inspection. The site of the complaint is on state park property. Watkins showed a photo of a berm that the Ericksons installed to prevent activation of the side channel and water from moving into the pasture. Knotek explained that the Ericksons have agricultural rights since about 1900 for grazing; once the property was turned over to the state, they continued their grazing rights, but those rights are only for grazing on the property, not land management.

Robert Schroeder moved to declare Complaint No. CM-03-25 a violation of the 310 Law due to work conducted on a perennial stream without a valid permit. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Travis Greenwalt moved to require a 310 Permit application for removal of the berms with approval of a FWP representative as the landowner on the state park to resolve Violation No. CM-03-25. Chair Hall seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Existing Violations Needing Action**

CM-01-24 – Glen and Rhonda Brownlee – Donovan Creek – Crossings/Roads

**Geocode:** 04-2095-08-3-01-05-0000

Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

### **Existing Violations Pending Follow-up Inspection**

**CM-03-23 (Re: MS-17-23)** – Tyler and Tracy Deeds – Clearwater River – Vegetation Removal **Geocode**: 04-2540-14-2-02-05-0000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

**CM-10-23** – Patricia Coolidge – Clearwater River – Construction in a Riparian Area Geocode: 04-2540-10-1-02-05-0000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

**CM-14-23** – Joan Mulligan – Clark Fork River – Vegetation Removal **Geocode**: 04-2095-21-2-02-01-0000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

**CM-05-23 (Re: MS-41-23)** – David and Lori Rath –Lolo Creek – Stream Excavation **Geocode**: 04-1972-05-1-01-03-0000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

**CM-03-24** – Nathan Woronik – Clearwater River – Vegetation Removal and Heavy Equipment Operation

Geocode: 04-2540-10-3-01-13-0000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

**CM-05-24** – Gary and April Yetter – Lolo Creek – Vegetation Removal and Unpermitted Dock **Geocode**: 04-1974-02-1-02-01-0000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

**CM-08-24** – Northwestern Energy – West Fork Twin Creek – Vegetation Removal **Geocode**: 04-2328-35-1-01-010000 - Nothing new to report. The Board took no action.

CM-01-25 – Redmond Revocable Trust – Rattlesnake Creek – Vegetation Removal



**Geocode:** 04-2200-11-3-06-12-0000

**310 Inquiries & Issues** – Watkins reported that he has created a willow planting guide to issue to applicants. He stated that the Board is now being sent applications once they're deemed them complete so that all Supervisors may review them prior to the monthly Board meeting.

# Payment of Bills and Claims

Travis Greenwalt moved to pay the April bills and claims and to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Robert Schroeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the motion passed.

The next Missoula Conservation District meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 pm** in the Gerald W. Marks Exploration Center, 1101 South Avenue West, Missoula, MT, 59801. A virtual option will also be offered.

Voting Record - CD Supervisor	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN
Tim Hall	17	1	-
Libby Maclay	18	-	-
Travis Greenwalt	17	1	
Paul Parson	-	-	-
Art Pencek	18	-	-
Robert Schroeder	17	1	-
Bart Morris	17	1	-

Timothy Hall	5/12/2025	
Minutes approved by Songa Skovlin	Date 5/7/2025	
Minutes prepared by	Date	