



**Missoula Conservation District
March 9th, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
1075 South Avenue West, Missoula, MT 59801 – with virtual option**

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

Additional Attendees: John Hart (Senior Deputy County Attorney), Travis Lemke* (NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist), Ladd Knotek (FWP), Carrie Olson* (MS-03-26), Jeffrey Dalton* (MS-04-26), Gretchen Watkins (CFC and MS-07-26), Dale Frey (MS-07-26), Lindsay Monzo (Sentinel High School Envirothon)

*Denotes virtual participation via Zoom

Call Meeting to Order – Chair Hall started the meeting at 5:31 pm.

Oath of Office – Chair Hall announced that on February 23rd, 2026 the Missoula City Council appointed Martin Oakland to fill the Urban Supervisor position previously held by Paul Parson. Hall issued the oath of office to Oakland. His term begins immediately and runs through December 31, 2028.

Watkins reported that the Missoula County Elections Office notified the CD via letter that Supervisors Art Pencek, Bart Morris, and Robert Schroeder had all filed for re-election, and that as they were the only candidates to file for their respective positions, they were elected by acclamation. Their new terms will run from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.

February 9th, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Chair Hall moved to amend the February 9th, 2026 meeting minutes to correctly associate Tim Worley and Patrick Swart with the Missoula County Department of Planning, Development, and Sustainability and to approve the minutes with these modifications. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Travis Greenwalt presented the account balances from the District’s QuickBooks Balance Sheet dated March 6th, 2026 included in the Supervisors’ meeting packets. Also included was the year-to-date Profit and Loss report, dated March 6th, 2026.

First Security Bank – Checking	\$2,757.74
First Security Bank – Petty Checking	\$737.11
First Security Bank – Savings	\$58,593.29
DADCO Savings	\$214,889.91
Tax Mill Levy Account at County	\$260,863.68
Total Bank Accounts	\$537,841.73

Quarterly county mill levy transfer – Treasurer Greenwalt noted that under new fiscal procedures, a \$37,500 transfer from the MCD’s county mill levy account to the First Security Bank checking account was included on the monthly claims sheet. No action is required as this will be considered for approval when the vote to pay monthly bills occurs.



Public Comment – No public comment was offered.

Reports

NRCS Report – Travis Lemke reported that March 27th is the annual ranking and assessment deadline for funding applications submitted over the past year. He noted that this year’s funding cycle will be larger than that of last year. Josh Schroeder asked whether the ranking process will focus on forestry or irrigation. Lemke responded that projects are still ranked through existing TIPs, many of which are forestry-related. He mentioned that the new Regenerative Ag Pilot Program and the Migratory Big Game Initiative could open new opportunities for funding. Lemke informed the Board of personnel changes. Ben Crystal, who served as forester in the Missoula field office, resigned. An Area Office forester can assist the field office as needed. The field office gained an ACES employee, Jay Brooker, who formerly worked in the Area Office as a soil scientist. Brooker will help with field assessments, concentrating on soils, for the next several months.

County Attorney Report – John Hart reported that there was nothing happening in the County Attorney’s office that pertained to the CD. The Board inquired about the proposed gravel pit in the Blackfoot River corridor. Hart replied that the owners have not submitted an application to DEQ to his knowledge.

Montana FWP – Ladd Knotek reported on SP124 Permits he has been working on. These include work on the Owl Creek Bridge near Placid Lake, culvert removal and cutthroat trout habitat enhancement on Marshall Creek (between Marshall Mountain and Randall Moy’s property), and removal of aerial crossing in East Missoula and drilling under the Clark Fork River. He reported that he has been working to develop the Western District cutthroat Plan that MCD and CFC have been involved with, and that the statewide fish management plan is up for review, as it is every four years.

DNRC Conservation District Bureau – Catey Bauer’s written report was included in the Supervisor’s meeting packets for review. Watkins displayed a slide showing highlights from the report, noting the CDB’s audit of county jurisdictions.

MACD – Watkins presented a slide of highlights from the MACD District Dispatch.

Bitter Root RC&D – Libby Maclay reported that there had been no activity this past month.

County Departments – No reports were provided.

Watershed Groups

Clark Fork Coalition Update – Gretchen Watkins with CFC updated the Board on current partnership activities:

Video Project for the Miller Creek watershed: G. Watkins reported that interviews have been conducted with landowners and resource managers, footage has been shot, and a rough draft of the video is in progress. A short video clip was presented of the Treece Diversion Restoration Project. She reiterated that an MCD Innovation Conservation Grant funded the production of this video and stated that CFC intends to host a viewing of the final version in coming months.



Lower Grant Creek Phase 1: This project is located on Dale Frey and Lisa Scott's property. Throughout G. Watkins' discussion of this phase, R. Watkins displayed slides of the site location and other slides relevant to the project. G. Watkins explained that CFC has been working to obtain several sources of grant funding to implement the project, split into two phases. Both phases will include permanent fencing with hardened crossings to keep cattle out of the restored riparian area but still allow access to water and movement between pastures. E-collars have been considered as a cost-savings alternative, but they do not work with calves, so a hard fence is needed. CFC is planning to apply for a Ranching For Rivers Grant through MACD, although they are waiting to find out if MACD will release the request for proposals. R. Watkins mentioned that this project could be considered for an MCD Legacy Conservation Grant if CFC is still in need of funding.

Lower Grant Creek Phase 2: R. Watkins showed a slide identifying the project area. G. Watkins stated that the goal of this phase is to complete the channel restoration all the way through the remainder of the Frey-Scott property and the adjacent property owned by Cory Miller down to the mouth of Grant Creek where there is state land that FWP manages. She mentioned that CFC is considering funding sources for this project. One possible source could be through the new NRCS Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program in 2027. G. Watkins requested MCD to write a letter of support for this approach for their RAPP application, due Friday, March 13th.

G. Watkins addressed a question regarding treatment of reed canary grass present throughout the entirety of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 project areas. She explained that reed canary grass will be scalped with machinery during construction of the restored channel. Intensive willow planting combined with a lowered floodplain would both change the site hydrology and increase shading that will disfavor reed canary grass.

Central Clark Fork Watershed Restoration Plan: G. Watkins reported that a draft of the plan was completed last summer. FWP and DNRC have conducted extensive reviews of the draft plan. G. Watkins stated that Mineral CD is hosting an open house with CFC to review and discuss the draft plan and potential projects. She said that CFC would also like to host an open house in Missoula in partnership with MCD this summer. The Board did not express interest in being sent the draft plan to read.

Planning Board Update – R. Watkins displayed relevant slides while Josh Schroeder reviewed the report he had submitted to staff regarding the results from meetings he attended for the Missoula County Consolidated Land Use Board. J. Schroeder reported that at the March meeting the Board reviewed a suggested zoning amendment to categorically ban new billboards in Missoula County, and that the second sign variance request came from Town Pump in Bonner. J. Schroeder stated how he voted, offering explanations. John Hart clarified that the vote involving the request from Town Pump will not advance to a vote by the county commissioners, since the consolidated land use board also serves as the County Board of Adjustments, and its votes are final.

Water Quality District – Chair Hall stated he did not have a report, other than to share that a meeting of the Principal Responsible Parties regarding Smurfit-Stone had taken place. He said he plans to invite Elena Evans to present to the Board at an upcoming meeting.



District Committees – Chair Hall noted that that he and the new members of the personnel committee – Bart Morris and Art Pencek – met on March 6th and will meet again on March 17th. They plan to conduct R. Watkins’ annual evaluation in the coming weeks.

Missoula CD Employees – Written reports were included in the Supervisor’s packets. Chair Hall mentioned the Personnel Committee had requested shorter employee reports. R. Watkins reported that he composed a shorter report that emphasized monthly work highlights. Timing of the Personnel Committee’s request prevented Vogt and Skovlin from composing a report with this revised format. R. Watkins requested the Supervisors provide feedback on what they prefer. R. Watkins mentioned that he had inadvertently left off his report that he presented a webinar to the Ecology Project Internation’ s Alumni Series called: *Lessons from the River: Why Riparian Forests Matter More Than We Think*.

Other Reports – None were offered.

New Business

Sponsorship of DNRC Pollinator Grant for Clearwater Resource Council – R. Watkins and Vogt discussed correspondence with CRC regarding their request to be sponsored for a DNRC CDB Pollinator Grant. They both stressed to CRC that this grant requires the CD to be the recipient and active manager of the project and that applications compete statewide against all other proposals. Staff provided CRC information about the MCD’s Grant Program as an alternative to consider. CRC has responded that they are not going to request DNRC pollinator grant sponsorship currently, but they do want to discuss their project ideas further with staff. The Board directed staff to pursue these conversations with CRC.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Technical Advisory Committee – R. Watkins reported that this technical advisory committee (TAC) invited the MCD to participate in the four meetings they hold each year regarding the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. R. Watkins responded on behalf of the CD and will participate unless a Supervisor wishes to represent the CD at these meetings. He extended the invitation for any Supervisor to participate with him in the TAC meetings.

Community Project Funding Request – R. Watkins reported on corresponding with J. Schroeder regarding this opportunity with an idea about piping the Lolo Maclay Ditch, an endeavor that would have to be supported by the water right holders. R. Watkins suggested that it would be more prudent to wait until the Lolo Creek Watershed Drought Management Plan is developed before seeking funding mechanisms for project implementation.

He stated that the Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) approached him about writing a letter of support to provide funding to allow them to continue pre-development and planning efforts for irrigation modernization projects in Montana. R. Watkins discussed that MCD’s worked with FCA through the NRCS PL-566 program. FCA was the firm that NRCS hired through the grant they awarded to MCD to develop the PIFR for the PL-566. The Board discussed this matter and directed staff not to develop a letter of support for FCA in this matter.

Additional discussion followed regarding MCD’s involvement in the development of the Lolo Creek Watershed Drought Management Plan and potential projects that may get identified to assist with basin-wide water savings. There was agreement that the final plan needs to address all water users and not rely solely on irrigators. Responsibilities should be shared with municipal and exempt water users.



2026 Envirothon – Lindsay Manzo introduced herself as the Sentinel HS Science teacher and Envirothon coach for the two Sentinel Envirothon teams. She expressed appreciation of the support MCD has provided for the Envirothon teams as she’s witnessed the lasting impact Envirothon has had for her students. She credited Brandon Honzel for coordinating efforts so that all five of the MCPS Envirothon teams could travel and stay together. Vogt stated appreciation that the five-team coordination meant receiving only one support request instead of several from the individual schools.

Honzel, on behalf of the five teams, submitted a request that the MCD provide an additional \$3,210 to cover the lodging for these teams. The cost to cover the team registration expenses of \$750 was approved at the February meeting.

Travis Greenwalt moved to approve providing \$3,210.00 to the Missoula County Envirothon Teams to assist with lodging expenses as they attend the 2026 competition in Great Falls.

Art Pencek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

DNRC-CDB Accountability Assessment – The Board agreed to add this item to the upcoming special board meeting and will work on it at that time.

Employee Cost of Living Adjustment – R. Watkins presented his discussion with the Personnel Committee regarding the 2.5% cost-of-living (COLA) increase to staff wages that was included in the now approved fiscal year 2026 budget that began 7/1/2025.

Chair Hall moved to approve a 2.5% cost of living increase for all three current Missoula CD employees with the increase made retroactive to the beginning of 2026. Bart Morris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence and Upcoming Events – Information was included in Supervisor Packets. R. Watkins pointed out the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Forest Resources Committee talk, co-hosted by the CD, on March 11.

Site Inspections Scheduling – Watkins reported that the next site inspection will occur on Tuesday, April 7th. Supervisor Greenwalt has volunteered to serve on the site inspection team, as has Associate Supervisor Williams. This will be the first site inspection she has served on with the CD.

Programs

Grants Program – Vogt had included a grant report in the Supervisor Packets. He had no new information to present.

MCD Grants – No report was offered.

Outside Grants – No report was offered.

Soil Health/Equipment Program – Vogt mentioned that he will be presenting on the CD’s drill program at the Bitterroot CD/Teller Wildlife Refuge’s No-Till Drill Workshop on March 17 at Teller WLR. He stated that he will conduct maintenance soon and will be working with fairgrounds personnel to load the drill back on the trailer.

Toyota 4-Runner Maintenance – The Board directed staff to take the 4-Runner in for a 60,000-miles service maintenance, to include flushing coolant system, changing of all fluids,



and checking the transmission system. A new battery was recently purchased and installed, and the staff is ensuring that the rig is equipped with pertinent emergency equipment.

2026 No-Till Drill Rental Policy – Vogt discussed use of the Bitterroot CD drill only in Ravalli County and posed the idea about revising the MCD drill rental policy to specify that the CD's drill only be used in Missoula County or adjacent counties that do not have a drill. In general, the Board expressed that the policy should be that the drill should largely be used in Missoula County and not rented in Counties that have their own drill. The Board agreed to keep the rental rates and fees the same to encourage use. Board asked staff to determine a repair cost per time of use as a metric to help determine if rental rates should be increased in the future.

Pollinator Program – Vogt reported that the public has been calling and emailing to inquire about availability of wildflower seeds. The CD still has seed from 2025 and is distributing that. Staff will meet with Area 5 CD colleagues in April and at that time they anticipate receiving 2026 wildflower seed mix. Staff will table at the Rocky Mountain Garden's Phlox Fest on Saturday, April 25th.

Other New Business – The Board discussed the order of items on the meeting agenda and agreed that going forward, they would like to hear 310 Permit Applications and Complaints following Reports, and then move onto new and old business, to better facilitate participation of John Hart and Ladd Knotek and other FWP personnel.

Old Business

310 Civil Penalty Working Group Meeting – R. Watkins stated that at the next meeting this group will discuss potential partners to review the new rules. He stated that it is likely that the Montana Logging Association will be one. The Board did not mention any other entities that they would like to review the proposed rules. R. Watkins will report outcomes of the meeting. He iterated that the proposed rules focus on structure of fines. There is language in the proposal for Boards to work with landowner, and the fines are not automatic.

MCD Scholarship – R. Watkins reported that the MCD is now accepting applications for the scholarship. Tim Hall mentioned that 3 Supervisors are needed to review scholarship applications. Skovlin stated that MACD staff reviewed all their applications to filter it down to a reasonable number that the MACD Scholarship Committee reviewed and recommended to the MACD Board. She will communicate with Madi Larson at MACD to learn how the staff conducted the initial review and filtering of applications. Skovlin posed that MCD staff could do something similar, so these three Supervisors didn't need to review an especially large number of applications. Supervisors Maclay, Greenwalt, and Oakland volunteered to serve on this committee. Skovlin will communicate with them in a timely manner to arrange reviews and a potential meeting to select recipients.

Other Old Business – No other old business was discussed.

310 Emergency Notices – None were presented.

Existing 310 Permits



MS-19-25 – George Neumunz c/o Howard Anderson – Six Mile Creek – Crossings/Roads
Geocode: 04-2427-23-2-01-02-0000

The Board took no action while awaiting additional information from the Missoula County Floodplain Administrator.

APO Applications – None to discuss at this meeting.

310 Permit Applications

MS-03-26 (Tabled 2/9/2026) – Grant Creek Crossing-Missoula, LLC – Grant Creek – Crossings/Roads
Geocode: 04-2200-06-1-01-25-0000

Hall reported that this application had been reviewed at the prior meeting with additional information requested from the applicant. R. Watkins presented site location slides, details of the project, and recently submitted documents from WGM depicting OHW, a 30-ft buffer, and the location of the proposed trail. Olson discussed what was included in the new plans and mentioned that dry utilities that run north of Shramm Road were included in the original application, but all these are located 50-ft from OHW of Grant Creek.

Hall reiterated that the easement will be given to the City, and that MCD would like the City to adopt the buffer width expectations and maintain it to the standards the CD would approve of. Trail standards will meet those that the City has outlined. Ladd Knotek reviewed his TMR, stating that he had written it before modifications were received, and that many conditions have been addressed. Art Pencek stated that his TMR agreed with Ladd's.

Art Pencek moved to approve Application No. MS-03-26 with modifications incorporating recommendations from team member reports, and to waive the 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Robert Schroeder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

MS-04-26 – Jeffrey Dalton – Pierce Creek – Vegetation Removal
Geocode: 04-2873-21-1-02-01-0000

Watkins showed a site location slide. Watkins displayed photos from a 2018 site inspection for a similar project approved on the Dalton's property. In the application, Mr. Dalton stated that he wanted to remove downfall from the last major windstorm. No site inspection took place as Watkins and FWP Fisheries Biologist, Leo Rosenthal did not coordinate a feasible time, however, he displayed a slide showing email communication with Rosenthal, who stated he did not feel a site inspection was needed, and that he and Watkins had determined a recommended amendment to the project with conditions in place to prevent work within 10 feet of either side of the creek, and no wheeled or tracked equipment to be used within these boundaries. Supervisor Morris asked if it wasn't common for MDC to do a site inspection of all permit application projects. Watkins replied that most projects are visited by the Site Inspection Team prior to review, however, the MCD Administrative Rules for the 310 Law states that FWP is specified as the agency to request a site inspection, and that occasionally, he and the FWP Fisheries Biologist determine that a site inspection



is not needed, but the Board is always welcome to mandate a site inspection. Supervisor Pencek stated he felt a site inspection was needed. The Board voiced concern that the window for doing work may have passed, given conditions this year may have already thawed the ground, and directed staff to schedule a site inspection before they would further review the application.

MS-05-26 – Jacob Moran obo Janice Dersham – Ninemile Creek – Crossings/Roads
Geocode: 04-2528-17-4-01-01-0000

Watkins showed the site location slide, and plans for the utility boring from the application, and site photos. Ladd Knotek offered his TMR, which included modifications to the project. Art Pencek's TMR concurred. The Site Inspection Team mentioned that there were signs of mowing in the riparian buffer where the project work will be done and recommended that the landowner be asked to cease mowing in the future.

Art Pencek moved to make 310 Application No. MS-05-26 a project for consideration under the 310 Law; to approve the project with modifications incorporating recommendations from team member reports; and to waive 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Bart Morris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

MS-06-26 – Jacob Moran obo Janice Dersham – No Name Creek – Crossings/Roads
Geocode: 04-2528-17-4-01-01-0000

Watkins showed plans for a utility boring from the application, and site photos. Both Knotek and Pencek recommended approval with modifications, including keeping the bore depth 2 feet below the culvert, or choosing an alternative path under the creek if the landowner desired.

Art Pencek moved to make 310 Application No. MS-06-26 a project for consideration under the 310 Law, to approve the project with modifications incorporating recommendations from team member reports, and to waive 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-07-26 – Clark Fork Coalition obo Dale Frey & Lisa Scott – Grant Creek – Stream/Floodplain Restoration
Geocode: 04-2199-14-3-08-06-0000

R. Watkins displayed a site location slide, photos of the project site and of current stream conditions at the site. The project includes narrowing the channel, fencing for the whole length, which G. Watkins specified as 1,600 feet, and planting up to 38,000 willows with the intended goal that they increase shading and decrease temperature of the water. Hall asked how long before results can be seen in vegetation restoration in exclusion area. Asked about the duration of the fence, Knotek stated that the Future Fisheries program requires that it be in place for up to 20 years. R. Watkins clarified that the fencing would exclude cattle but not wildlife such as deer or elk. In a discussion about reed canary grass, G. Watkins stated that it will be excavated, and that over time, the willows will out succeed the grass. Knotek read from his TMR, specifying conditions to be met, and recommended approval with modifications. Pencek's TMR concurred with Knotek's.

Art Pencek moved to make Application MS-07-26 a project for consideration under the 310 Law, to approve the project with modifications incorporating recommendations from team member reports, and to waive the 30-day waiting period following the Board's decision. Morris seconded the motion.



The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

310 Complaints

CM-15-25 – Kim Kinsman – Clark Fork River – Vegetation Removal and Unpermitted Structures
Geocode: 04-2427-34-3-02-11-0000

Watkins reported that he has communicated with the landowner, and he will schedule a site visit with him.

Existing Violations Needing Action

There were no updates on these violations, and the Board took no action.

CM-01-24 – Glen and Rhonda Brownlee – Donovan Creek – Crossings/Roads
Geocode: 04-2095-08-3-01-05-0000

CM-05-25 – Trevor Thornburg and Rick Thornburg – McCormick Creek – Excavation of Creek Banks
Geocode: 04-2429-27-4-01-06-0000

CM-11-25 – Wild Country Enterprises LLC – Sin-tin-tin-em-ska Creek – Unpermitted Culvert Installation
Geocode: 04-1975-26-4-02-02-0000

CM-12-25 – Michael and Shirley Mitchell – O'Brien Creek – Vegetation Removal
Geocode: 04-2199-27-1-02-26-0000

R. Watkins showed a slide of site location and photos from the site inspection. He informed the Board that he had obtained the names of the current tenants of the property, and that he had conversed with them about the violation. Knotek stated that significant streambank restoration efforts have occurred on this property with the help of public money, and that this subdivision has specific covenants in place to protect the riparian area. The Board discussed who to ultimately hold accountable for the clearing of riparian vegetation that has been a reoccurring issue at this site. John Hart suggested that the landowners should be subject to any actions of the Board, and that he would look at the covenants for the subdivision.

Robert Schroeder moved to fine the Mitchell's \$1,000 for the 310 Violation and send it in care of the current renters of the property and to require an onsite meeting with a CD site inspection team to discuss development of a plan to revegetate the site to resolve the violation. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion carried.

CM-16-25 – Kenneth Brewington – Butler Creek – Vegetation Removal
Geocode: 04-2326-19-2-03-03-0000

Watkins will send letters to John Hart to follow up with this landowner.



Existing Violations Pending Follow-up Inspection

Watkins mentioned that the following 310 violations would not be revisited until spring or later.

CM-03-23 (Re: MS-17-23) – Tyler and Tracy Deeds – Clearwater River – Vegetation Removal
Geocode: 04-2540-14-2-02-05-0000

CM-05-23 (Re: MS-41-23) – David and Lori Rath – Lolo Creek – Stream Excavation
Geocode: 04-1972-05-1-01-03-0000

CM-10-23 – Patricia Coolidge/Dianne Nagy – Clearwater River – Construction in a Riparian Area
Geocode: 04-2540-10-1-02-05-0000

CM-14-23 – Joan Mulligan – Clark Fork River – Vegetation Removal
Geocode: 04-2095-21-2-02-01-0000

CM-03-24 – Nathan Woronik – Clearwater River – Vegetation Removal and Heavy Equipment Operation
Geocode: 04-2540-10-3-01-13-0000

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

CM-06-25 – Marc and Tonya Davidson – Clark Fork River – Vegetation Removal
Geocode: 04-2201-18-3-05-13-0000

CM-10-25 – Richard Orizotti – Clark Fork River – Vegetation Removal and Building of Structure
Geocode: 04-2201-18-3-05-12-0000

CM-14-25 – Karl and Nancy Grenager – Clark Fork River – Vegetation Removal and Bank Excavation
Geocode: 04-2427-33-1-02-01-0000

310 Inquiries & Issues – Watkins discussed a boring project that will occur on an intermittent stream near the Republic landfill in the North Hills of Missoula and reported that he had told the project manager that their project would not need a 310 permit. Watkins reported that he had a discussion with the Missoula County Health Department and they wanted to know if the Board was interested in taking jurisdiction on an intermittent stream near O’Keefe Creek, where a landowner had filled part of the historic channel. The Board stated they did not think that work would be jurisdictional. Watkins told the Board that BNSF would be doing some work on a previously determined non-jurisdictional part of Grant Creek, and he told them they will not need a 310 permit. Watkins showed a slide from Blackfoot Communications, illustrating a boring related to bringing



fiber from Hwy 83 near Salmon Lake up Woodworth Road to Big Sky Lake, where they will bore under a wetland that Fish Creek runs through. The illustration showed that the bore will start 200 feet away from the wetland and come out 70 feet away from the water's edge on the other side. Watkins told the Blackfoot Communications representative they will not need a 310 permit.

Payment of Bills and Claims

Chair Hall moved to pay the Missoula Conservation District bills and to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Travis Greenwalt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the motion passed.

The next regular Missoula Conservation District meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 13th, 2026 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	9	-	-
Libby Maclay	9	-	-
Travis Greenwalt	9	-	-
Art Pencek	9	-	-
Robert Schroeder	9	-	-
Bart Morris	7	-	-
Martin Oakland	9	-	-

<i>Timothy Hall</i>	4/13/2026
Minutes approved by	Date
<i>Sonja Skovlin</i>	3/25/2026
Minutes prepared by	Date