

March 15, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session on March 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. Present: Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, Vice Chairman John H. Jackson and their Assistant Cindy Decker. Chairman Michael J. McGinley was absent on vacation.

Pledge of Allegiance

At this time, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance aloud to begin the day.

Updates on County Projects

Road Supervisor Bob Ferris did not join the meeting today as he was busy with the Corinne Trail bridge.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, GIS Coordinator Tracy Sawyer and DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht joined the meeting.

Mike stated that the State Spelling Bee was held in Bozeman last week and the Beaverhead County representative went 5 rounds. Also, the rural science fair was held last week; the Challenge kids were a huge help.

Tracy said that he has been helping out with the Detention remodel project and the cameras. He has completed the fuel tax maps and our mileage is about the same as last year. He also commented that the server is almost ready to be moved up to the mail room from the basement.

The following Road Department Report was submitted and scanned into the minutes:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

March 6th to March 12th, 2022

Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway, Horse Prairie area and local roads.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Plowed snow on all roads and lanes from Lima to Sage Creek Road.
- Bridge end marker repair on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Shop and yard maintenance.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Upper North Fork, Twin Lakes, Rock Creek, Moose Creek, Lower North Fork, Lower Bender Creek, Big Swamp Creek, Big Lake Creek, Miner Lake, Skinner Meadows, Warm Springs, and Lower Mussigbrod.
- Cleaned a culvert on the Upper North Fork Road.
- Shop cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction Not on Agenda

Discussion & Action ~ Barrett's Minerals – Addressing Issues

Beaverhead County resident Keith Hanchett, Tracy Sawyer, Tom Wagenknecht and Barrett's Minerals Plant Manager Josh Regan joined the meeting and Josh began the discussion. He thanked the commissioners for this opportunity to discuss this concerning situation. He stated that he wanted this to be on the agenda as more of an informative meeting than anything else. There is a real issue when the truckers enter the current address into their GPS, it defaults to North Hwy 91. Many trucks have gotten stuck trying to turn around. He has put in 2 requests to Google to fix this error. It has improved a bit since then but he would like the county to put in a request to Google as well.

Tracy said that the real issue is the "Hwy 91 South" itself. He said that the actual address that Barretts has is wrong (8625) should be 7225. If that could be adjusted then he can work with Google and get the naming of the highway figured out.


In 2004, Scott Marsh sent a change of address to Barrett's but never heard back and has since fallen through the cracks. Tracy presented that letter to Josh and he will do some research. It should be doable once the address is fixed; then Tracy can do his job. He mentioned also that Google is notorious for being very slow.


No action took place today.

Drought Task Force

DES Coordinator Tom Wagenknecht set up the Drought Task Force Meeting. The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m.

A copy of the sign in sheet can be viewed below:

JURISDICTION USING SOFT MATCH: <u>Beaverhead County DES</u>			<div>Training/Event/Meeting Roster</div> <div></div>				
POINT OF CONTACT OR LEAD INSTRUCTOR: <u>Tom Wagenknecht</u>							
EVENT/MEETING NAME: <u>Drought Task Force</u>							
LOCATION: <u>BVHD Co Courthouse, Commissioners Room</u>							
DATE AND LENGTH OF TIME: <u>03/15/2022 @ 11am</u>							
Name / Title: <u>Rickie Heering</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>BVHD Co DES</u>	Address: _____						
Name / Title: <u>Jessica Murray</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Extension</u>	Address: _____						
Name / Title: <u>Debbie Mittle</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>EB Unit</u>	Address: _____						
Name / Title: <u>Tom Rice</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>COMMISSIONER</u>	Address: _____						
Name / Title: <u>Travis Wilson</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>CURED</u>	Address: _____						
Name / Title: <u>Tracy Sawyer</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>BVHD Co GIS</u>	Address: _____						
Name / Title: <u>Tom Wagenknecht</u>	Email or Phone #: _____	ENP/ Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes / No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>BVHD DES</u>	Address: _____						

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DATE AND LENGTH OF TIME: <u>03/15/2022 @ 11am</u>							
Name/Title: <u>Cindy Decker</u>	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? <u>"REQUIRED"</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: <u>.525</u>	Federal Volunteer Rate: <u>\$24.56</u>	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Commissioner Assist</u>	Address:	Yes / <u>No</u>					
Name/Title: <u>John H Jackson</u>	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? <u>"REQUIRED"</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: <u>.525</u>	Federal Volunteer Rate: <u>\$24.56</u>	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Commissioner</u>	Address:	Yes / <u>No</u>					
Name/Title:	Email or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded? <u>"REQUIRED"</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: <u>.525</u>	Federal Volunteer Rate: <u>\$24.56</u>	Total Soft Match
Organization:	Address:	Yes / <u>No</u>					

National Weather Service

Ray Greely from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association joined the meeting and began his presentation. A copy of the presentation can be viewed in the DES Office.

Bureau of Rec/East Bench Irrigation/Clark Canyon Water Users – Dennis Miotke

Dennis handed out his progress report (a copy of which can be viewed below) and reviewed it aloud.

DROUGHT TASK FORCE
MONTHLY MEETING

March 15, 2022

PROGRESS REPORT

CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR:

	ELEVATION	STORAGE	
YEAR: FEBRUARY 2022	5526.38'	88,138 a/f	50% Full, 73% of avg.
YEAR: FEBRUARY 2021	5537.97'	134,964 a/f	77% Full, 114% of avg.
Difference		- 46,826 a/f	

Present Elevation: 5527.37 feet; 91,693 a/f Storage: 52 % Full, 74 % of avg.
Inflows (Last five (5) days Average: 141 cfs/day
Present releases: 25.17 cfs

INFLOWS FOR: FEBRUARY 2022	7,912 a/f	143 cfs/day	67% Avg
INFLOWS FOR: FEBRUARY 2021	8,863 a/f	160 cfs/day	75% Avg.

RELEASES FOR: FEBRUARY 2022	1,374 a/f	Storage gain: 6,538 a/f
RELEASES FOR: FEBRUARY 2021	2,768 a/f	Storage gain: 6,095 a/f

SNOW PACK: Above Beaverhead Basin

March 15, 2022	<u>86</u> %
March 15, 2021	<u>84</u> %

Above Red Rock Basin

March 15, 2022	<u>65</u> %
March 15, 2021	<u>74</u> %

Lima Dam:

March 15, 2022: Elevation: 6562.07 ft; Storage: 27,624 a/f; 32 % Full; 84 % of avg.
March 15, 2021: Elevation: 6574.08 ft; Storage: 42,154 a/f; 49 % Full; 132 % of avg.
Difference - 14,530 a/f

Inflows (Last five (5) days Average: 11 cfs/day
Present releases: 0 cfs

Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator – Kara Maplethorpe

The Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator Kara Maplethorpe joined the meeting today.

DNRC
None

Forest/BLM
None

State Lands

None

Dillon VFD

None

County Fire Warden

None

City of Dillon

None

Extension Service

None

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

None

Madison County DES Report

None

Watershed Report

None

Next Meeting

The next Drought Task Force Meeting will be tentatively set for **April 11, 2022** at 11:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. This meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Vice Chairman Jackson recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m. Vice Chairman Jackson reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Rice and their Assistant Cindy Decker present. Chairman McGinley was absent on vacation.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

Routine matters occupied the attention of the Board for the remainder of the day.

Bid Opening ~ 2022 Tandem Axle Truck for Landfill

Public Works Secretary Jamie Flynn joined the meeting. One bid was received from Floyd's Truck Center, owner Curt Owen out of Belgrade. The bid was for \$217,500 with the hook system. Commissioner Rice clarified that the bid for the vehicle was for \$142,500, which was lower than retail and the "dealer installed options" was \$75,000. Many of the Solid Waste Board members were present for this bid opening.

Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$79,688.87, beginning with check #209189 and ending with check #209246. The Invoice Payment Schedule is located in the Financial Administrator's Office.

Public Comments on Subjects Under County Jurisdiction

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. for the Solid Waste Board Meeting.

Attest: _____

Clerk of the Board

Approved: _____

Chairman of the Board