

May 9, 2022 Regular Session of the Beaverhead County Commissioners

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

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 joined the meeting. He said that the crew plowed snow up at the byway and several other places. It will open officially next Sunday, the 15th. He commented that there is still several feet of snow up at Crystal Park.

Sheriff Paul Craft, Facilities Jim Sivils, Superintendent of Schools Mike Miller, GIS Manager Tracy Sawyer, Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds and Casey Elliott from the Tribune joined the meeting.

Tracy commented that the new Server showed up at DIS in Billings and they will begin making the switchover after the election and payroll.

He asked if anyone had heard anything from Barretts regarding the address change or from Clenera as far as the agreement. No one has heard anything from either entity.

Paul said that he had a long discussion with Tom Dunne about Ellis. There was a power outage up at Sierra which took out Dillon Central and 966 and for some unknown reason, the generator didn't kick on. Madison County will check that out.

Jim stated that the phones in the Treasurer's Office were out last week as the lines were cut by the construction that the city is doing.

Mike commented that the hiring committee made a decision as far as hiring the new Lead Maintenance/Custodian recommends hiring Austin Hoerning. A motion will be made after Austin accepts the position.

Mike Miller said that Wisdom School has decided to hire a second teacher for next year.

Stacey said that this week there will be public testing for the Express Votes machines. The Primary Election in June is not a holiday so she is asking the commissioners to pass a Resolution to close the back-research rooms on that day. This will be on the agenda next Monday.

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

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY ROAD WORK

May 1st to May 7th, 2022
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

DILLON AREA

- Plowed snow on the following roads: Scenic Byway, Carrigan, Lemhi Pass and Bannack Pass (Highway 324).
- Bladed on the following roads: Lemhi Pass, Blacktail, Sweetwater and Stone Creek.
- Moved equipment.
- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA

- Bladed on the following roads: Big Sheep Creek and Little Sheep Creek.
- Rock raked on Little Sheep Creek Road.
- Shoulder repair on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Took down signs on the following roads: North Valley, Stibal, and Lima Dam. (Road Closed & Not Maintained for winter travel)
- Shop maintenance.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA

- Culvert installation on Twin Lakes Road.
- Willow removal on the Lower North Fork Road.
- Brush removal.
- Shop maintenance and yard cleaning.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that the minutes of the May 2, 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 ~ Appoint Election Judges & Polling Places**

Clerk & Recorder Stacey Reynolds joined the meeting and began the discussion. She provided the commissioners with a list of the Judges and the Polling Places.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Election Judges and Polling Places be approved for the 2022-2023 Election cycles. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of this list can be found in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Discussion & Action ~ Foster Land & Cattle Company Inc. – Agriculture Exemption Survey

Surveyor Travis Wilson, Deputy Clerk & Recorder Tina Caron and Planner Rob Macioroski joined the meeting. Rob began the discussion. The Survey Review committee approved this last week. This parcel was split North & South. Rob reminded everyone that once this Ag Exemption is in place, it's on there forever until the next set of Commissioners decide to release it or it goes through subdivision.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Rice seconded that the Foster Land & Cattle company Inc Agriculture Exemption be approved. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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>				Training/Event/Meeting Roster			
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>05/09/2022 @ 11AM</u>							
Name/Title: <u>Cindy Decker</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Commish Assist</u>	Address:						
Name/Title: <u>John H Jackson</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>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>Tom Rice</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>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>Dennis Miotke</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>East Bench Unit</u>	Address:						
Name/Title: <u>Lacey Elliott</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>Dillon Trib</u>	Address:						
Name/Title: <u>BJ Klose</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>DVFD</u>	Address:						
Name/Title: <u>Travis Wilson</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
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LOCATION: <u>BVHD Co. Courthouse, Commissioners Room</u>							
DATE AND LENGTH OF TIME: <u>05/09/2022 @ 11AM</u>							
Name/Title: <u>Mike McGinley</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>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>Zach Owen</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>bwc</u>	Address:						
Name/Title: <u>Joe Hansen</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
Organization: <u>PH</u>	Address:						
Name/Title: <u>Tom Wagenknecht</u>	Email or Phone #: <u>—</u>	EMPG/Federally Funded? "REQUIRED" <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	Trip Miles	Total Hours	2017 IRS Mileage Rate: .535	Federal Volunteer Rate: \$24.14	Total Soft Match
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National Weather Service

Arin Peters from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association joined the meeting via speaker phone 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 MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
MONTHLY MEETING

May 9, 2022

PROGRESS REPORT

CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR:

	ELEVATION	STORAGE		
YEAR: APRIL 2022	5529.19	98,480 a/f	56% Full,	73% of avg.
YEAR: APRIL 2021	5540.18'	145,031 a/f	83% Full,	108% of avg.
Difference	-	46,551 a/f		

Present Elevation: 5529.44 feet; 99,441 a/f Storage: 57% Full, 73% of avg.
Inflows (Last five (5) days Average: 79 cfs/day
Present releases: 68.51cfs

INFLOWS FOR: APRIL 2022	4,795 a/f	81cfs/day	34% Avg
INFLOWS FOR: APRIL 2021	6,399 a/f	108 cfs/day	45% Avg.

RELEASES FOR: APRIL 2022	1,500a/f	Storage gain:	3,295 a/f
RELEASES FOR: APRIL 2021	3,074 a/f	Storage gain:	3,325 a/f

SNOW PACK: Above Beaverhead Basin	
May 9, 2022	140%
May 9, 2021	50%

Above Red Rock Basin	
May 9, 2022	91%
May 9, 2021	20%

Lima Dam:

May 3, 2022: Elevation: 6574.32 ft; Storage:	43,080 a/f;	50% Full;	73% of avg.
May 3, 2021: Elevation: 6577.35 ft; Storage:	55,539 a/f;	65% Full;	75% of avg.
Difference	-12,459 a/f		

Inflows last four (4) days Average: Not Available
Present releases: 0 cfs

Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator – Kara Maplethorpe

The Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator Kara Maplethorpe did not join 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
Zach Owens said he has been busy keeping everyone updated on the water situation.

Next Meeting

The next Drought Task Force Meeting will be tentatively set for **June 13, 2022** at 11:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse.
This meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Recess

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

Discussion & Action ~ Fox Run Canvass

Minutes for Official Canvass of
SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 TRUSTEE ELECTION AND
FOX RUN SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION
Held on May 03, 2022

The Board of Commissioners, in and for Beaverhead County, Montana, met in session as Board of Official Canvassers on May 9, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.
Present: Chairman Michael J. McGinley, Commissioner John H. Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice and Election Administrator Stacey Reynolds.
The Official Canvass of votes cast in the School District #10 Trustee Election and the Fox Run Special District Combined Election held on May 3, 2022 was completed and officially recorded in the Election Return Book in the office of the Election Administrator.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

Chairman of the Board Michael J. McGinley
Clerk of the Board Stacey Reynolds

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion

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

Payment of Invoices

The Commissioners reviewed and approved invoices for a total of \$84,249.50, beginning with check #209620 and ending with check #209699. 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 5:00 p.m.

Attest: Stacey Reynolds Clerk of the Board
Approved: John H. Jackson Vice-Chairman of the Board