

Madison River Foundation

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 06/20/2016

Location: First Madison Valley Bank

Board Members in Attendance:

B. Richards
B. Barker
N. DiMeola
J. Mathews
R. Clark
E. Hageman
J. Dawson

Others Present:

Liz Davis – ED
Pamela Kimmey – EA
Ethan Kunard – Guest Speaker
Pat Byorth & Jeff Laszlo – Guest Speakers
Tim Bozorth - member

Minutes

April 18, 2016: Voted. All approved to accept.

June 1, 2016: This meeting centered on whether or not to proceed with a “feasibility study” for a fish screen at the headgate to the main ditch flowing through the Golf Course and Valley Garden Ranch. Clarifications were made before approving the minutes. No, we have not committed to the project yet.

Yes, Sarah M. will host a meeting with the property owners prior to any work being done to inform them of the study. Voted and approved to accept the minutes.

Guest Speaker

Ethan Kunard – State of the Water and Stream Team (See attachments – Moore’s Creek NRCS project)

2016 Proposed Monitoring Plan: Testing can be done to find out the source of the E.Coli issue. Four times the human health standards going through the Town of Ennis with the highest areas of concentration near the Goggin’s Ranch and Ennis Hot Springs. Any funding contributed by the MRF would be beneficial. The Board voted and approved funding in the amount of \$4000 with no restraints.

Guest

Tim Bozorth (MRF Member) – Expressed concerns about the 2016 Fishing Regulation changes which pertain to fishing year round, the tributaries and the number of fish limits to be taken. Bug species numbers changed due to increased water temps. There has been an impact since 2008. A letter should be written to NW Energy to request funding for projects in exchange for damages to bug life. The Board will set up a special meeting with Tim to further discuss a letter.

Guest Speakers

Pat Byorth (Trout Unlimited) and Jeff Laszlo (Granger Ranch) – Indian Creek update

Executive Director's Report (Refer to Agenda for additional ED notes)

- **Gala Update** – Scott Kelly will take drink orders at the VIP reception upon request otherwise wine will be available. No separate bar but wait staff will be provided.
- **Insect Study** – Board approves to move forward with Dave Stagliano's study.
- **Annual Membership Meeting** – 16 people in attendance
- **NW Energy Update** – Meeting will held June 29th @ 7:00 pm Ennis Fire Station. No plans for a meeting in West Yellowstone. Ask NW Energy to place an announcement in the Madisonian and the MRF should send out an email blast.
- **Goals** – Bruce will handle a mid-year review in July for ED, Liz Davis.

New Business

1. **Election of Officers.** President: Joe Dilschneider Secretary: Ray Clark
Treasurer: Beth Hageman – She will take on the treasurer position with the contingency that an audit takes place. Voted and approved for Beth to pursue researching costs for audits and for the 3 officers listed above to fill those positions for a one year term 2016-2017.
2. **GROWW Program.** Request for funds. The MRF donates \$2000 already for kids' scholarships to participate in camp and teacher funding. They are asking for an additional \$1000 to help fund the teacher full time. Voted and approved to donate \$3000.
3. **Committee Formation.** Finance Committee: Beth Hageman Stewardship: Jackie Mathews Outreach/Fundraising/membership: Jim Dawson. 1. One Board member on each committee
2. Each Committee reports @ each BOD meeting. Strategic Plan of Record: Jim Dawson offered to provide a template.

4. **Wild & Scenic Support.** Invite Charles Drimal to speak at the August 15th meeting. Write a letter of support for the Recreation Designation for now. Market and inform the public on the positives. Familiarize yourselves with the restrictions listed on the website.
5. **FFF Speakers.** Board voted and approved to pay \$500 for Jeff Currier to speak at the festival. Hank Patterson agreed to give us his new movie to show at the Theatre on Fri Sept 2nd.
6. **Signatures on Accounts.** Beth Hageman and Nancy will take care of this.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED