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Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder
By:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER DILLON MONTANA BEAVERHEAD STATE OF MONTANA

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Drought Task Force Meeting ~

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July 31st to August 6th, 2022
Dillon, Lima and Wisdom Areas

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- Road checked Dillon area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

LIMA AREA
- Bladed on the following roads: Lima Dam and South Valley.
- Watered Lima Dam Road.
- Cleaned and extended culverts on Lima Dam Road.
- Cleared rocks on Big Sheep Creek Road.
- Installed signs on Brundage Lane.
- Road checked Lima and Dell area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

WISDOM AREA
- Bladed on the following roads: Moose Creek and Twin Lakes.
- Shop and yard maintenance.
- Road checked Jackson and Wisdom area roads.
- Equipment service and repair.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 1, 2022 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Chairman McGinley seconded that the minutes of the August 1, 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- Appointment to Cemetery Board

A letter of interest was received from Stacey Reynolds, Clerk and Recorder. Chairman McGinley advised it was a three-member board and they have been without a member for a long time. Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Rice believe it will be very beneficial to have Stacey on the board.

After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded that Stacey Reynolds be appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Cemetery Board. A verbal vote was taken and the Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action ~ Resolution 2022-28: Funding Request-Dillon Public Library

Lori Cannadey was present on behalf of the Library. Reporter Casey Elliott, and Citizen Gerald Penn were also present.

Lori read some statistics regarding the use of the Dillon Public Library and advised that approximately 30,429 people walked into the library over the last year. Lori advised the requested increase in mills will help with structural damages, and promote services to Jackson, Lima, Wisdom, and Wise River. Over 2000 people within the county used the library and this number does not include the city residents. Over the last year, the Summer Reading Program logged hours that accumulated to 243 days. Lori thanks the Commissioners and appreciates what they do. Lori reiterates she would like this additional mill levy request to be on the ballot.

Commissioner Rice wants the voters to vote on this request. Chairman McGinley appreciated the term limit added to the Resolution and noted the Commissioners cannot promote or discourage this Resolution.

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Drought Task Force Meeting ~

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LOCATION: BVHD Co. Courthouse, Commissioners Room
DATE AND TIME: 08/08/2022 @ 11am

Training/Event/Meeting Sign in Sheet

Name / Title	E-mail or Phone #	Address	EMPG/Federally Funded?	Trip Miles	Total Hours	Cost p/m	2022 Hourly $ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Rochelle Hoerning, BVHD Co. DES	683-3746	/	Yes / No					
Casey Elliott, Dillon TVID			Yes / No					
Dennis Miotke	East Bench Unit		Yes / No					
Travis Wilson, LVRFD			Yes / No					
Pam Mulcahy	Commissioner		Yes / No					
Amy Walker, Commissioners Secretary			Yes / No					
John H Jackson	Commissioner		Yes / No					
Tom Rice	Commissioner		Yes / No					
Tracy Sawyer, BVHD			Yes / No					

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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 TASK FORCE
MONTHLY MEETINGS

August 8, 2022

PROGRESS REPORT

CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR:

	ELEVATION	STORAGE		
YEAR: JULY 2022	5520.08	67,518 a/f	38% Full,	71% of avg.
YEAR: JULY 2021	5519.26'	65,081 a/f	37% Full,	68% of avg.
Difference		+ 2,437 a/f		

Present Elevation: 5517.61 feet; 60,373 a/f Storage: 34% Full, 69% of avg.
Inflows (Last five (5) days Average: 199 cfs/day
Present releases: 619cfs

INFLOWS FOR: JULY 2022	13,103a/f	213 cfs/day	62% avg
INFLOWS FOR: JULY 2021	12,318 a/f	200 cfs/day	59% avg.

RELEASES FOR: JULY 2022	35,578 a/f	Storage **USED**:	22,475 a/f
RELEASES FOR: JULY 2021	44,007 a/f	Storage **USED**:	31,689 a/f

SNOW PACK: Above Beaverhead Basin
August 8, 2022 0%
August 8, 2021 0%

Above Red Rock Basin
August 8, 2022 0%
August 8, 2021 0%

Lima Dam:

August 8, 2022: Elevation: 6568.55 ft; Storage: 26,365 a/f; 31% Full; 81% of avg.
August 8, 2021: Elevation: 6565.77 ft; Storage: 20,340 a/f; 24% Full; 64 % of avg.
Difference + 6,025 a/f

Inflows last four ~~(4)~~ 5 days Average: 85 cfs/day
Present releases: 308 cfs

Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator

The Centennial Valley Association Drought Coordinator 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

Next Meeting

The next Drought Task Force Meeting will be tentatively set for **September 12, 2022** at **11:00 A.M.** in the Commissioners' Room of the Beaverhead County Courthouse. This meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Recess

At 12:00 noon, Chairman McGinley recessed the meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Michael J. McGinley reconvened the meeting with Vice Chairman Jackson, Commissioner C. Thomas Rice, and their assistants Cindy Decker and Amy Walker present.

Discussion ~ Preliminary Budget ~

At this time, Chairman McGinley reviewed the Preliminary Budget.

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 $132,270.03, beginning with check #210134 thru check #210311 and then check #210334 to check #210391 (Check #'s 210312 to 210333 were voided due to printer error. 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 pm.

Attest: _____ Approved: _____
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board