



RAVALLI COUNTY LOCAL WORKING GROUP

(RCLWG)

Minutes

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Ravalli County Local Working Group (RCLWG) meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2015, called to order at 1:05 p.m., by Steve Vogt.

ATTENDANCE:

Heather Barber -Mullee (Bitter Root Water Forum, BRWF), Pam Gouse (RC&D), Lea Guthrie (Bitterroot Land Trust, BLT), Coral Maxwell (Farm Service Agency, FSA), Katrina Mendrey (Ravalli County Extension), Kent Myers Bitterroot Conservation District (BCD), Stacy Pease (Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS), Julie Ralston (BCD), Steve Vogt (BCD).

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES

Barber moved to approve the February 18, 2015, minutes. Maxwell seconded, motion carried.

I. OPEN ISSUES:

- A) Heather Barber asked that those who edit the RCLWG's Resources and Contact Information spreadsheet contact Matt Whithed or herself to let them know that changes have been made.
- B) Discussed how to promote for diverse representation on the RCLWG. Discussed bridging the gaps between diversified groups for the purpose of getting beneficial projects on the ground. Guthrie stated, the Clark Fork Coalition has asked to be kept in the RCLWG loop.
- C) Discussed how to develop the RCLWG's Conservation Action Plan. Myers asked that the group contact other LWGs to see if they have developed action plans, and how they went about doing it. Ralston will contact Cascade CD and DNRC. Myers suggested that a sub-committee be formed to help clarify the RCLWG's over all mission. Guthrie, Myers, and Pease will serve on the RCLWG's sub-committee.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussed steps for direction: 1) Clarify the RCLWG's mission. 2) Identify and reach out to possible partners. Possibly hold an open house. 3) Identify short and long term goals. 4) Identify a collaborative on the ground project.

2. Discussed responsibilities for action:
 - A. Sub Committee (Guthrie, Myers, and Pease) will meet the first week in April.
 - B. Ralston will contact Gayla Wortman, Chairman of the Cascade CD, to see if she would be willing to give a presentation, by teleconference, on how their LWG organized and managed to get a collaborative on the ground project going.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pam Gouse stated, the RCLWG is a diverse group with the potential to implement some great on the ground projects with real resource benefits. She encouraged the group to stay engaged and focused.

VI. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 16th of April at 1:00.

Vogt moved to adjourn the meeting. *Myers seconded, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned 2:00 p.m.

~~Steve Vogt~~
Steve Vogt
Chairman

~~Julie Ralston~~
Julie Ralston
BCD Administrator

Date: 04/16/2015