



**RAVALLI COUNTY LOCAL WORKING GROUP
(RCLWG)**

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Minutes

1709 North First Street

Hamilton, Montana 59840

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Ravalli County Local Working Group (RCLWG) meeting Thursday, December 10, 2015, called to order at 2:07 p.m., by Kent Myers.

ATTENDANCE:

Heather Barber (Bitter Root Water Forum, BRWF), Lea Guthrie (Bitter Root Land Trust, BRLT), Kent Myers (Bitterroot Conservation District, BCD), Al Pernichele (Bitter Root Water Forum, BRWF), Julie Ralston (BCD), Kendal Siler (Lakeland Feeds), Matt Whithed (Natural Resource Conservation Service).

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES

Ralston moved to accept the October 29, 2015, minutes. Whithed seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussed the up coming AG Expo on January 9th, 2016, and the RCLWG's Seminar Synopsis.
- 1) Whithed gave a brief report on previous NRCS presentations at the Stock Growers Annual fund raiser function/banquet and how poorly those presentations were attended. Whithed will not be available on January 9th, but he will see if someone else from NRCS would be able to attend and give a brief report on the programs NRCS has available for producers.
 - 2) Myers reported, the RCLWG has been given what he believed was two different 50 minute time slots one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There was some concern that several of the RCLWG members would not be able to commit to a full day at the Expo.
 - 3) Discussed putting together a single power point presentation that represents the RCLWG agency/partners and what each member has to offer. RCLWG members will bring a flash drive to the next meeting so Myers can organize the presentation.

- 4) Barber asked that a few details of the event be solidified prior to the next RCLWG meeting on January 7th, 2015. Items needing clarified would include times and whether or not the RCLWG will need to bring its own projector. Myers will contact Brian Rouse to work out the details.
- B. RCLWG discussed modifying its draft Public Survey regarding natural resource issues and concerns in Ravalli County. Myers will make the suggested changes and e-mail it out prior to the next RCLWG meeting. Siler asked how the RCLWG plans to promote the survey? RCLWG would like to use it as a hand out at the AG EXPO, in newsletters, web-pages, and possible mass mailings. Siler offered to hand the survey out at Lake Land Feeds and the local 4-H groups.
 - C. Discussed the online positing of the RCLWG Resource Spreadsheet on the Bitterroot Conservation District (BCD) web-page. Barber stated, the Bitter Root Water Forum will receive its new Ameria Corp Member in January and that this may be something she could help the BCD set up. RCLWG reviewed the Montana Watershed Corps detailed resource spreadsheet and discussed combining the two spreadsheets.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed the Montana Bureau of Mine’s Ground Water presentation to be held at the next RCLWG meeting.
 - 1) Invite landowners/irrigators
 - 2) Barber will ask the Forest Service (FS) if the RCLWG could hold its next meeting in the FS conference room.
 - 3) Pernichele will contact the Montana Bureau of Mines to let it know where the presentation will be held and that it will be held at 2:30 p.m., on January 7, 2016.

NEXT RCLWG MEETING SCHEDULED

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Kent Myers

Julie Ralston

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Chairmen

BCD Administrator

Date: **01/07/16**