

**Haskill Basin Watershed Council Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 6:00 PM**

**Riverside Plaza Conference Room**

**Meeting is Open to the Public**

**Attendees:** Chester Powell, Joe Krezowski, John Phelps, Valerie Kurth, Glenda Gehri, Cynthia Ingelfinger, and Michael Reichenberg

John P. called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. Review of draft minutes from 11/27/18. **Glenda G. moved to approve as presented. Chester P. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. City Reservoir Management Plan. John P. reported that he had contacted Craig Workman, Public Works Director about the water conservation issues we discussed last fall. The City has contracted an engineering firm, AE2S, to conduct a groundwater study of existing information to address the idea of expanding water storage and utilizing groundwater south of Whitefish.
3. Whitefish Municipal Watershed Project. No update.
4. Forest Plan Revision. Michael R. reported that the plan has been signed and can be implemented. It includes fuels reduction projects in Haskill Basin.
5. Haskill Creek County Road Culvert Replacement. John P. reported that he had spoken with Ryan Mitchell, the engineer who had completed the preliminary report, to ask him about alternatives that would not require work on the Fagan property. Ryan told him there really are not any feasible alternatives. Valerie K. explored several options for state grand funding, but, given the high estimated cost, it would probably require at least 2-3 grants. She also felt that we need to be confident of landowner support before seriously pursuing grants.
6. New Business:
  - a. Cynthia I. reported that there is a beaver dam on Haskill Creek near the WLI sampling location. WLI has permission to remove the dam, but it will not happen until spring because it is frozen.
  - b. Cynthia I. also reported that Montana Aquatic Resources (MARS) is interested in doing a project on Viking Creek to create more wetland area.
  - c. Cynthia I. also reported the WLI is going to meet with representatives from the City of Whitefish about AIS and fireworks.

Next meeting: April 17, 2019

John P. adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM