

**Haskill Basin Watershed Council
Draft Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019
Riverside Plaza Conference Room**

Attendees: Paul McKenzie, Chester Powell, Bill Cabbage, John Phelps, Joe Krezowski, Valerie Kurth, Michael Reichenberg, Glenda Gehri

John P. called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the February 13th meeting were reviewed. **Glenda G. made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, second by Chester P. Motion passed unopposed.**

Old Business

1.) Reservoir Dam Management Plan

- Not much progress yet. City is still hiring engineers to complete the plan review and implementation plan.
 - i. Still exploring alternative ground water sources
 - ii. Looks like a 5-6 yr process
- City will provide quarterly updates on progress
- Still reviewing telemetry systems. Paul M. suggested we have someone speak to us about the pro's and con's of flow variations based on current mode of operation VS more real-time adjustments to water consumption. Maybe FWP presentation on impacts to fish habitat and habitat use patterns. Topic of future meeting maybe.
- Still considering extension of the Whitefish Lake intake pipe. Timing and budget unknown.

2.) Whitefish Municipal Watershed Project USFS

- Michael shared the burn plan had been approved for next fall. Actual implementation will be weather and condition dependent. Will likely take multiple years to implement. Late September – early October burn window.

3.) Forest Plan Revision Update:

- 2 lawsuits have been filed on the new forest plan. Focus on grizzly bear, T&E and process claims.

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4.) Replacement of Culverts on Haskill Basin County Road:

- No progress. At an impasse.

5.) New Business:

- Discussion of creek fencing on Haskill Creek. Landowner has been contacted by FCD, no violations.

6.) Public Comment:

- No public comment

7.) Motion to adjourn at 6:39 pm

Next Meeting September 18, 2019 Riverside Plaza Conference Room 6pm

- Draft Agenda Items:
 - i. Review of draft minutes
 - ii. City Reservoir Management Plan - Whitefish Area Water Resource Report
 - iii. Whitefish Municipal Watershed Project update
 - iv. Forest Plan Revision
 - v. Haskill Creek County Road Bridge Replacement.
 - vi. New Business
 - vii. Public Comment