

YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD JUNE/JULY MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2016

8:00 AM

DEQ Conference Room
1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Clint Peck, Vice-Chair; Clint McFarland, Treasurer; Bob Hector;
John Pulasky; Jerry Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Sedgwick, Chair

NON-BOARD PRESENT: LaVerne Ivie, YCD Administrator; Ken Frazer, FWP; Jeff Bollman, DNRC;
Darin Swenson, Yellowstone Co. Floodplain; Phil Sandoval, NRCS; Brian Smith, ACOE;
310 applicants and/or agents: Sarah Sanderson, Terracon; Carl Peterson and
Scott Aspenlieder, Lockwood Irrigation District

Vice-Chair Peck called the Regular Board meeting to order at 8:00 AM

ROLE CALL

- Vice-Chair Peck informed attendees: All issues will be addressed to the Vice-Chair; public comments are always welcome, but ask that you wait until the issue is addressed on the agenda, and ask to be recognized by the chair and then limit comments to 3 minutes; no action will be taken on any item not on the Agenda. Attendees introduced themselves.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: McFarland made a motion to accept the May 25, 2016 regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed, second by Hector, motion passed.

AGENDA

310's

- **YE-27-16 – Phillips66 Pipeline LLC, Pryor Creek Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) –** Sarah Sanderson, Terracon Engineer provided the YCD Board with the following description of the proposed project: Horizontal distance of the HDD is approx. 939' with the directional drill pipe length approx. 959'. The proposed entry point will be located on the northwest side of the stream in an agricultural field approx. 1,300' southeast of Pryor Road. The proposed exit point will be located to the southeast in an upland grazing area with the pipe string-out area extending approx. 950' further to the southeast. The HDD will be installed approx. 29' below the minimum thalweg elevation. With the HDD, there will be no disturbance to the bed or banks of the stream. Following completion of the new HDD crossing, P66PL is proposing that the existing pipeline section in the stream be abandoned in-place as it is not exposed. All standard procedures will be followed that is consistent with other non-exposed crossings in Montana. **Board discussion and decision:** There being no questions or comments relative to the HDD project, Vice-Chair Peck called for a motion. Hector made a motion to waive the on-site inspection and approve the project as described in the 310 application, second by McFarland, motion passed.
- **YE-01-17 – Lockwood Irrigation District, Yellowstone River –** Inspection date and team: 7-01-16; Peck and Ivie.

Team Report: Peck had not been to the site in the past so before meeting with Tim Miller, Floodplain Administrator and Carl Peters, Lockwood Irrigation District representative, he wanted to view the site. Peck described the breach in the in-take canal that is dumping water back into the main YR channel before it gets to the Irrigation District's headgates. Pictures and a video of the breach were shown to meeting attendees. At the meeting following the on-site inspection, Peck asked Peters to provide a one page engineers design and/or contractor's design outlining the method and materials that will be used to repair the breach. **Board discussion:** Scott Aspenlieder and Carl Peters provided a complete description of the proposed construction, including a picture of the rock from a nearby sandstone quarry. When questioned about the date the breach occurred, Peters said it was sometime this spring, probably late May or early June. The district has 1895 water rights with 2100 acres under irrigation, 400 of which are active agriculture acres; the others being lawns and gardens. Peck stated that this has been and will continue to be a problem because the dike is built in a bad spot in the river and will continue to catch debris contributing to annual problems of erosion and breaching. **Board decision:** Pulasky made a motion to accept the 310 as submitted, second by Williams, motion carried. The Board encouraged the irrigation district to submit a 5 yr. maintenance application to cover the continual maintenance. All agencies present concurred with the YCD Board's decision.

- **YE-21-16-C – Holy Cross Cemetery** - Cemetery manager Faye Urbanski was contacted to obtain name(s) of the overseer of cemetery operations to whom she reports. Urbanski provided contact information for the dioceses in Great Falls as the responsible party. Ivie explained the process YCD is to follow by law relative to the complaint notice. Urbanski said water was too high at that point but suggested we inspect in late July to be able to see everything that has been done to the bank. Side note: very nice, polite and easy to work with and seemed more than willing to accept responsibility for whatever had been done in the past.
- **YE-25-16 -- ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. – Canyon Creek** – Inspection date and team: 6/27/16; Peck, Williams, Frazer, Swenson, Ivie and Exxon rep Mike McNally. Project description: Proposed pipeline maintenance repair. Project area is developed and there is existing vegetation in the area. Once the excavation/repair is complete, disturbed areas will be restored and returned to pre-project conditions using native species. BMP's will be installed as needed to prevent discharge of soil or sediment into Canyon Creek. **Board discussion and decision:** Team members recommended approving as proposed because most, if not all of the project construction will not impact the immediate bed or banks of Canyon Creek. Williams made a motion to approve as proposed, second by McFarland, motion passed.
- **YE-24-16 – ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. – Yegen Drain** – Pipeline maintenance. Hector made a motion to declare a non-project because the project location does not affect the immediate bed or bank of a perennial flowing stream so therefore YCD has no jurisdiction, second to the motion by Williams, motion passed.
- **YE-26-16 – ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. – Clark's Fork Ditch – Pipeline maintenance.** Hector made a motion to declare a non-project because the project location does not affect the immediate bed or bank of a perennial flowing stream so therefore YCD has no jurisdiction, second to the motion by Williams, motion passed.

Other 310 issues & Projects

- **Protocol and Procedure:** The YCD Board discussed what to do and what not to do when representing the YCD outside of a board meeting; reminding the board that they must not engage in expressing opinions but relay that they will take all information back to the next board meeting, invite whomever they are talking to attend the meeting and then make a report to the board. This discussion was not aimed at any one Supervisor, it was just to serve as a reminder how to conduct a fact finding mission.
- **Yellowstone River CD Council Report** – Hector reported the next Council meeting will be held July 21st in Miles City. Hector is going to wait until the agenda comes out to decide if he will attend or not – it makes no sense to him to spend money on travel if the meeting business can be taken care of in a conference call. Need definitive issues to address and a bona fide purpose for the meeting. He mentioned that there will be computer training for Administrators to learn to navigate the website where the study information is housed.
- **ZooMontana 223 Grant – Canyon Creek stabilization demonstration project** – Project is completed as designed. Board members will give the DNRC 223 committee a tour of the site after today's board meeting. A packet will be provided to the committee outlining the project, partners, donated work, etc.

AGENCY VERBAL REPORTS

- **Administrator's Report** – provided to board members prior to today's meeting outlining workload accomplished since the last board meeting. No questions or requests for clarification of items was received from board members.

- **Army Corps of Engineers** – Brian Smith let everyone know that he accepted a position in Billings with the BLM so will be leaving the ACOE, effective next week. Sage Joyce will still be YCD's local contact and when the new ACOE employee is hired, that person will be encouraged to attend an YCD board meeting.
- **Beartooth RC&D** – Pulasky said that he does not have any new to report from the last meeting he attended.
- **DNRC, State Lands** – Jeff Bollman is still trying to get the 5- pipeline companies to reach consensus for replacing all pipelines in the YR crossing at the same time – to no avail. He's not sure if cooperation has fallen apart because communication from them has been slow.
- **Fish Wildlife and Parks** – Ken Frazer received a phone call from Sanderson Stewart Engineering firm that an application for a project on Hogan's Slough will be forthcoming.
 - Hector had the following questions about the YR Huntley Project Fish Passage on-going maintenance: 1) Has FWP cleared the debris from the passage? Frazer said that his crews looked at it before high water and there wasn't any debris buildup. They will check now that water in the river has gone down. It will be ran on-going process by FWP and Frazer will give periodic reports to the YCD board. 2) Is FWP monitoring the fish that use the passage? Frazer said they have not done that yet. FWP is hoping to get a graduate student funded through the next round of Exxon oil spill money to accomplish that task. 3) Has any progress been made on building a path for boaters that have to carry their craft around the fish ladder and signage? Frazer recommended waiting until data is available to determine that the fish ladder is successful.
- **USDA NRCS** – Phil Sandoval
 - Yellowstone County Dryland Crop meeting will be held July 13th from 1:00 ~ 3:30 pm at Broadview farmer Mitch Auer's place. Yellowstone CD is identified as a sponsor of the meeting. YCD's speaker system will be used and Sandoval will turn in water expenses to YCD for reimbursement. YCD Supervisors able to attend will do so.
 - NCAT wants to do a video on the Chad Peterson ranch that encompasses land in Yellowstone and Stillwater counties. Peterson was recognized in Nebraska for his 'mob grazing' technique. Sandoval and others toured the Peterson ranch and was intrigued by his new way of resource management. He makes cows work for him but it is an intense labor operation.
 - CRP grasslands – New program for a rental payment to pay to producers that do not graze their pastures during nesting season.
 - Water management on the Yellowstone River workshop is scheduled for August 3-4, 2016.
- **Yellowstone County:**
 - **Billings/Yellowstone County Planning Board and City of Laurel Planning Board** – Both YCD appointments to the respective boards are up for reappointment July 1, 2016. Williams made a motion to reappoint McFarland and Peck to the planning boards since both are willing to continue representing YCD, second by Hector, motion passed.
 - **Laurel** – Peck reported:
 - The new Yellowstone River intake construction will begin within the next few weeks.
 - It appears Town and Country buried fuel tanks in the floodplain, within Laurel City limits. Since YCD has no jurisdiction, Peck asked Swenson to follow-up and report back to YCD.
 - **Yellowstone County Weed Department** – Joe Lockwood unable to attend today's meeting

BUSINESS MEETING

- **Old Business**
 - **Hanser memorial rock** – Ivie reported she met with the sign company and a draft is being prepared for YCD Board edits/approval at the next board meeting. Board discussed what should be provided to the public to sit on. Based on past purchases, a picnic bench may be too costly for the area. Hector will follow-up on costs and provide a report at the next board meeting.
- **New Business**
 - **Water Reservations** – YCD discussed beginning preparations now for putting on a Yellowstone River/Missouri River water reservations workshop in November. Agenda needs to be narrowly focused giving a short refresher course on the purpose and history of the water reservations, working with Legislators, action plan for 2017 Legislative session if needed. Peck volunteered to work with Ivie and Kim Overcast, DNRC to put together the training session.
 - **Emerald Ash Bore** – Hector asked the board to consider educating the public on the Emerald Ash Bore outbreak that is headed our way. YCD could begin the education program during the tree give-a-way spring 2017. Ivie will contact a couple of nursery's in town to see the level of enthusiasm for the program.
 - **New Board member recruitment** – Peck will make contact with Stacey Robinson and invite him to attend a couple of board meetings.
 - **DNRC sent a survey** to CD Supervisors and Administrators asking for CD priorities. Board members discussed the request and wanted DNRC to know that they do not want to fill out the survey individually; a few years ago they went through the process as requested by the same individual from DNRC and they have never seen the results of their labor. Ivie was instructed to send FY17 APO to DNRC because all priorities are identified within the work plan.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Pulasky made a motion to approve the May and June Treasurer's report as submitted, second by Williams, motion passed.
 - **Camp Scholarships** – YCD received one (1) camper scholarship request to attend the Lubrecht Camp just outside of Missoula. Hector made a motion to award a full camp scholarship to Garrett Ledger and request a camp report following his attendance, second by Pulasky, motion passed.
 - **Additional office help** – McFarland brought up the need for YCD to look at hiring outside help during extra projects that YCD takes on. **Board discussion:** YCD has a good relationship with Rocky Mountain College and Montana State University – Billings and we could possibly go to them first and offer internship(s) for students to assist with special projects. **Board decision:** McFarland made a motion to give Ivie authority as will of the board to hire additional help when the situation warrants, be it through interns or other labor, second by Williams, motion passed.
- **Board Member Meeting Absences:** Hector made a motion to approve Sedgwick's absence from today's meeting due to work commitments, second by McFarland, motion passed.
- **Travel and/or Meetings:** None
- **Standing Committees**
 - **MACD** – Board reviewed the SWCDM schematic, By-Laws, and Resolution process that was sent to each of them by email when received. Peck asked each board member to review further and thoroughly by taking home the copies provided today. Any concerns will be compiled and forwarded as a district to MACD and SWCDM.
 - **Future Fisheries meeting in Hamilton, MT** – Peck reported on the meeting: The group toured projects in the Bitterroot area with emphasis on how to keep fish entrained in irrigation ditches; 22 projects were funded, mostly in the western part of the state.
- **UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**
 - **Yellowstone River tour** – should YCD take one this year or not to view 310 projects? Board members were in agreement that the flow of the river will dictate whether we tour or not and to wait to see what water levels are late July.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- **FY17 ANNUAL PLAN** – All Board member comments/edits/additional programs were added to the APO for further review. Peck made a motion to accept and adopt the draft as FY17 Work Plan, second by McFarland, motion passed. Approved APO is included in these Minutes.
- **FY17 BUDGET** – Williams and Ivie presented the draft annual budget to the Yellowstone County Commissioners June 15, 2016 which followed the same format as FY16's. Board was provided copies of FY16 Expenditures, balance sheet and draft FY17 Budget. Pulasky made a motion to approve and adopt FY17's draft budget, second by McFarland, motion passed.
- **Next YCD Board Meeting** tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2016
- **Vice-Chair Peck adjourned the YCD monthly board meeting at 11:12am.**

Clint Peck, Vice-Chair

LaVerne Ivie, YCD Administrator

YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY17 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Conservation Districts are:

- Locally elected volunteers whose role is to oversee and positively affect natural resource management.
- The conduit for accessing federal dollars and technical assistance to make state dollars go farther.
- The voice for private lands that benefit our environment and our economy.
- Educate our state's youth in understanding plant, animal, soil, and water resources and their relationships to each other and our communities.

This annual work plan was developed to provide financial, technical, and educational assistance to landusers in the district and to promote the proper management of soil and water resources. It is for helping the Yellowstone Conservation District meet its obligations in a timely manner, and will serve as a major guide through fiscal year 2017.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITY AREAS:

EDUCATION

NATURAL RESOURCES

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

CHAD SEDGWICK, CHAIR, SUPERVISOR
CLINT PECK, VICE-CHAIR, URBAN SUPERVISOR
CLINT McFARLAND, TREASURER, SUPERVISOR
BOB HECTOR, SUPERVISOR
JOHN PULASKY, SUPERVISOR
JERRY WILLIAMS, URBAN SUPERVISOR

LEE LANE, ASSOCIATE SUPERVISOR FOR MT SALINITY CONTROL ASSOCIATION

LaVERNE IVIE, ADMINISTRATOR

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE IN MONTANA (Schools and General Public)

- Plan an agricultural public awareness campaign as issues arise by printing articles in the area media outlets
- Share and promote stewardship activities around 2017's theme with individual schools

4th GRADE EDUCATION PROGRAM at the NILE

- General sponsorship of the 4th grade Agriculture Education portion of the NILE program with emphasis on conservation/agriculture for 2200 4th graders during the 3-day event
- Partner with Rocky Mountain College, DNRC, NRCS to assist with stream table demonstrations
- Provide space in YCD's demonstration area for Yellowstone County Weed Department presentation
- Provide Conservation District recyclable bags to teachers filled with educational materials from each demonstration booth

CONSERVATION CORPS DAY(S)

- Partner with Conservation Corps senior crews to accomplish:
 - Living Snow Fence maintenance
 - Identify areas where CC donated days can be utilized (if available)
- IF another natural disaster happens in Yellowstone County, YCD will act as the liaison between landowners and government entities by providing educational materials and/or sponsoring grants to hire senior CC crews to rehabilitate lost natural resources.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER

- "Adopt a Reach" -- Look for ways to develop a joint education program with Conservation Education Center, McCall Subdivision and Grey Eagle Irrigation Ditch Company

CONSERVATION AT THE ZOO

- Administer 223 grant for stream bank stabilization projects
 - Assist with setting up the demonstration portion of the grant
 - Organize and promote tours
- Explore ways to cooperate with Zoo officials on conservation projects
- Explore ways to assist the new ZooMT Foundation as opportunities develop

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Provide assistance to City, County, and Home schools with resource programs
- Continue encouraging and helping sponsor conservation education scholarships to natural resource camps as deemed worthy
- Promote the Montana Envirothon program at the county level and continue to offer sponsorship of one team per county high school
- Continue sponsoring DNRC mini-grants
- Cooperate with city and county schools, surrounding counties' conservation field days by providing stream tables Maintain YCD stream table and provide service to other districts helping train volunteers in the process
- Offer natural resource scholarships as budget allows
- Partner with Rock Mountain College to provide stream table training, presentations at schools and YCD outreach events
- Evaluate the feasibility of an additional conservation day in the spring possibly at ZooMontana

YCD GOES GREEN

- Promote the following projects:
 1. Provide potential users of the services available for agriculture energy audits for irrigators by providing a news release to local media outlets informing of MACD's service
 2. Promote MACD's Irrigation Water Management Service program by providing a news release to local media outlets informing of MACD's service
 3. Promote the use of YCD's grocery bags by distributing at educational events
 4. As electrical coops transition to solar and wind power look for opportunities in Yellowstone County to partner up with worthwhile projects

NATURAL RESOURCES

EROSION

- **WATER**
 - Administer the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310 Law)
 - Monitor incomplete permits and repeated violators

- Post project inspection by conducting a Yellowstone River tour
- Work with state mitigation committee for potential sites in Yellowstone County
- Mass educational stream permitting mailing to landowners adjacent to perennial stream in county
- **WIND**
 - Address and work with parties concerned with erosion problems as needed
 - Encourage wind energy development possibly by cooperating with developers/partners

FOSSIL FUELS

- Support coal industry in Colstrip and the State of Montana
- Encourage maintaining current levels and/or increased production of Montana's fossil fuels

LOCAL WORK GROUP

- Continue convening and chairing the Local Work Group for the NRCS EQIP program
- Work on getting the Russian Olive Initiative reinstated in the NRCS cost/share program

RANGE

- Inform cooperators of Rangeland Resource Loan Program
- Sponsor workshop with emphasis on overgrazing and poisonous weeds in partnership with Yellowstone County Weed Department and Yellowstone County
- Inform cooperators through the Extension and NRCS offices of the following:
 - Total range acres in Yellowstone County, condition of the acres and trend for range management

SMALL TRACT LAND OWNERSHIP

- **Land Management**
 - Identify and educate the public on the following: Yellowstone River Recommended Practices and available equipment
 - Continue to look for opportunities to educate small landowners living in urban settings how to manage their private working lands and care for their resources
 - Inform cooperators through the Extension and NRCS offices of various levels of land management available
- **Backyard and Urban Conservation**
 - Continue promoting the program through media outlets, public meetings
 - Promote native landscape information by acting as a conduit/liason for the general public to access information with agencies and other entities on specific problems

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 1. YELLOWSTONE RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS COUNCIL**
 - 100% involvement with Yellowstone River Conservation Districts Council
 - Provide technical and related support within available capability and established priorities
 - Continue to support Council activities in Russian Olive & Salt Cedar eradication
 - Assist with reorganization of YRCDC
- 3. URBAN CONSERVATION ISSUES**
 - Cooperate with various agencies concerning problems in City or County
 - Look for sites to install urban conservation projects in Billings, Laurel and Broadview
- 4. HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT FISH PASSAGE**
 - Follow-up to completion of fish passage construction:
 1. Construct a sign recognizing contributing entities
 2. Work with FWP to construct a portage path for river users on island
 3. Help facilitate clearing the fish passage of debris buildup in conjunction with FWP

NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

- 5. LANDOWNER WORKSHOPS – possible topics:**
 1. Conservation Planning and Soils
 2. Water Rights, Wells/Septic, 310 Permits
 3. Noxious Weeds, Shelterbelts, and Trees
 4. Wildlife/Pests, Animals/Livestock, and Grazing Rangeland
 5. Alternative Energy
- 6. LOWER PRYOR CREEK STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT**

- Follow-up to completion of project:
 1. Monitor Phase I's success
 2. Continue to promote shelf-ready design for Phase II
 3. Look for other fish passage opportunities utilizing information learned from Phase I and II and how a Future Fisheries grant could possibly assist with the funding

SOIL HEALTH

- Support and continue to provide soil health information to Yellowstone County landowners
- Work with and support NRCS Soil Health program
 - Sponsor one or more demonstration sites through 223 grant funding
 - Work with NRCS for summer/fall tour of crops in Yellowstone County
 - Sponsor soil health workshop in the fall in cooperation with NRCS

TREES

- **LIVING SNOW FENCE**
 - Ensure total maintenance of the Rehberg Living Snowfence site by replacing trees in spring, mechanically tilling site, needed fence repair, and working with Yellowstone County Weed Department on weed control.
 - Continue to work with the Hanser family to landscape Marianne's memorial area
 - Schedule work day(s) for Conservation Corps if needed
- **TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**
 - Work closely with the County Extension office for expansion of tree plantings possibly through landowner workshops and/or schools
 - Develop an urban tree give-a-way program in conjunction with Yellowstone County Extension by designating a day in spring for a tree planting education workshop with emphasis on the upcoming emerald ash borer and what steps can be taken to protect mature ash trees. Offer a choice of 5 trees to each participant, up to 500 trees.

WATER QUALITY/ QUANTITY

- **NITRATES IN WEST BILLINGS**
 - Work with DEQ and Yellowstone County entities to further the MBMG Groundwater Investigation Program project grant
 - Appoint YCD Supervisor to serve on committee if grant is successful
- **SALINITY CONTROL**
 - Continue support of the Montana Salinity Control Association
- **WATER QUANTITY**
 - Promote irrigation water management in Yellowstone County thru water measuring device
 - Aggressively promote off-stream storage in potential sites in the County

WATER RESERVATIONS

- If issues arise - Continue cooperation with and maintain membership with the Yellowstone River Basin Water Reservation Council
- Promote off-stream storage utilizing a portion of YCD reserved water right
- Continue to promote YCD's reserved water to eligible irrigation projects

NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

WEED CONTROL

- Cooperate with the Weed Board
- Administer 223 Salt Cedar pass-thru grant
- Look for opportunities to involve weed department in various projects
- Develop cost/share program for landowners in Salt Cedar project area in conjunction with weed district
- Promote usage of Yellowstone County Weed Districts rental equipment

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

BUDGET

- YCD budgets for the following dues as funds become available and at the discretion of the Board:
 - MACD: 7% of discretionary funds after YCD fixed costs are deducted
 - Organizations: NACD; Ag in Montana Schools ; Soil & Water Conservation Society; Plant Materials Center; Beartooth RC&D; Chamber of Commerce; Employees Association; NILE; Yellowstone River Parks Assoc.
- YCD administers the following pass-thru grants
 - DNRC - Mini Grants
 - DNRC – 223 ; Renewable Resource Grant ; Resource and Development Grants
 - Yellowstone County PILT grants

COOPERATING AGENCIES and/or ORGANIZATIONS

- Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
- National Association of Conservation Districts and Montana Association of Conservation Districts
- USDA Natural Resources & Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency
- Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- Yellowstone County Offices: Commissioners, , Weed Board, Floodplain, City/County Planning, Extension
- Billings Chamber of Commerce
- Beartooth RC&D
- Bureau of Mines & Geology
- All County Schools
- FFA, 4-H Chapters
- Ag in Montana Schools
- US Forest Service
- Montana Salinity Control Association
- Rocky Mountain College
- Montana State University - Billings
- Yellowstone River Parks Association
- Yellowstone River Basin Water Reservation Council
- Review MOU's with above agencies when applicable and check on updating to current status

STATE COMMITTEES

- Support Future Fisheries Panel appointee Clint Peck with special emphasis on Yellowstone County projects

PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Increase public relations efforts
 - Post all Board meeting notices for public review
 - Annual Plan distributed to all cooperating agencies
 - Radio and television spots, news releases for special projects/tours
 - YCD information posted on the YRCDC website and City of Billings
 - YCD Stream Table available for educational training – promote/highlight public awareness

TRAVEL of SUPERVISORS and/or ADMINISTRATOR

- Board members and Administrator attend Area, State, Regional, and National meetings as budget allows