Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

August 11th, 2022

BOD members present: Dan Downey, President; Joyce Connors, Treasurer

BTC Director present: NA

BTC members and guests present: NA

Convened at 5:30 pm by Dan D.

1. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

July 21st, 2022

Reviewed.

1. **Treasurer Report**

Reviewed.

1. **Grant Updates**

* Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust received for Harold Brown land purchase
* Hydroflask, deadline Sept 9 – could be used for land corridor fence or trailhead reclamation
* Partners for Fish and Wildlife - ?, deadline Sept 30
* Steele Reese, deadline December – for land corridor fence?
* Stewardship, deadline December for new grant – for trailhead reclamation?
* Stewardship, active for Noble Avenue – awaiting reimbursement
* High Stakes Foundation - $1000 (received)
* Poker Run – Road Runner Bike Club - $1000 (received)

1. **High Trails**

* High Trails grazing lease – The grazing lease is to expire in October 2023.
* Jill Nagle, our attorney, advised that this is reliable date. Adrienne Bull has drafted letter to lessees to send further notice of our intention to not renew lease.
* Once the grazing operation is ceased there has been a general consensus to reclaim the lessee’s bull dozed area with corrals next to Ten Mile Road to make this area into a new trail head. We have met with Meghan Terry, landscape architect, to advise us on this project. First stage would be preliminary site design and first order cost estimate.

1. **McCollum property purchase**

* This is property that lies on northeastern edge of High Trails property. BTC sent a letter through Jean Bergason to McCollum family, making offer. The McCollum family accepted our offer. The cost will be $20,000. The Kendeda Fund has pledged $4000 and the Speyer Family Foundation has pledged $10,000 to support this project. Joyce advised that we have about $3800 in funds from our Sponsor An Acre program which can be used for land acquisition.

1. **Harold Brown land purchase**

* Linda Brown and BTC have been in contact. Browns wish to proceed with sale as per previous buy-sell agreement. Funds not yet received from Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust yet. We are awaiting a grant agreement from MFWCT whereupon this can be signed and a closing date set. We are also awaiting a survey from Travis Hansen.
* The MFWCT grant of $38,000 will cover the cost of the land but we will still have to raise about $10,000 to build fence at property edge and pay for survey and closing cost. We will address this in grant planning. Joyce advised that there will be $3800 available from Ernest money and $2200 from Land Acquisition.
* Joyce met with Lacey Decker, recreation specialist with BLM; they will walk on property and adjacent BLM property to discuss trails. It was agreed that BTC should have party after closing of this land purchase.

1. **Other Business**

* Pronghorn Pursuit Trail Run – scheduled Aug 13; plan reviewed. Question raised about marketing for event to attain more participants.
* Board of Directors – Adrienne Bull has resigned from BOD as of October 1 as she will be moving.

1. **Next meeting**

*Thursday September 15th – 5:30pm*