

**Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust**  
**Minutes from Joint State Federal Board Meeting**  
**November 8, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Jeff Baumberger Chair, (BOR) [jbaumberger@usbr.gov](mailto:jbaumberger@usbr.gov)  
Katie Stevens, BLM [kasteven@blm.gov](mailto:kasteven@blm.gov) (present at 10:00 am)  
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Deb Lane, Recorder [deb@mtoutdoorlegacy.org](mailto:deb@mtoutdoorlegacy.org)

Jeff convened the meeting at 9:03 am.

**Minutes:**

The 06/13/2022 minutes were reviewed. Verified inside versus outside funding figures. The 2022 funding included \$2,083,000 (\$1,250,000 plus \$833,000) plus \$505,000 additional funds from "carryover" levels to provide a total of \$2,588,000 for 2022 project funding. Motion to approve by Rick; Second by John; Vote 4-0 to approve

**Financials:**

The 3rd Quarter financial summary was reviewed. There is approximately \$27,438,138 in the Trust. Due to market volatility the Reynolds Ranch project is in a holding pattern. The landowners are reviewing the potential for a larger sale price. PPLT and Chuck Hahn are still pursuing the project with them as a Trust project. If the project fails the initial funding (\$317,000) would be available for reallocation and the additional approved funding of \$833,000 would be put back into the Trust to be used on a flexible basis if needed in the future.

**Mullan Pass:** Now recommending reducing the acreage to 107 acres as long as the FS is willing to accept the reduced size. That will be determined once the EA is complete. New appraisal by the landowner is almost complete.

**Williams property:** A 40 acre inholding with no public access near Radarsburg. Appraisal is approximately \$135,000. The EA is currently under review. This would be an Assets for Conservation property acquisition with sale to the FS when their reviews are complete.

A combined meeting of the 3 boards (CAB, JB, and TM) was suggested for the January or April JB meeting dates.

**CAB fisheries position update:**

The CAB will solicit for nominees, review interested individuals and make a recommendation to the JB of potential candidates. Jay will start the process with the RFP utilizing legal ads, sportsman's lists, agency referrals and fishing organizations within Montana.

**Soup Creek:**

No formal action necessary. The current Grant Agreement will be modified to acknowledge BLM as the recipient of the grant funding at closing.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next meeting date:**

Wednesday 2/1/2023 was selected. This will be an in-person meeting in Helena either at USFWS, FWP, or possible the Delta Hotel meeting room. It would be an all-day meeting with MOLF board in the morning and JB meeting in the afternoon.

**Adjourned:** 10:17 am