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Scott reported the crews are completing a lot of projects around the shops.

Scott asked if the Commissioners would designate only one person to be in charge of signing. Information from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding bridge signs that were needed was given to the Road Office and also to Jim Carpita, which caused confusion. The Commissioners decided that all bridge information be given to the Road Department.

Scott reported that two beams are broken in the travel lane of the bridge over the main East Bench Canal on Nissan Lane. An MDOT representative will be inspecting this bridge. There was some discussion as to how this bridge could be fixed. The bridge will need to be fixed before the water is put into the canal in the middle of April.

Commissioner McGinley informed Scott that there were 49 Federal Land Access Projects (FLAP) applications submitted for a total of 193 million dollars. There is 22.5 million dollars available. Each of the projects will have a site review. The monies will be awarded in September of 2013.

The Road Department's 2-door truck has been brought to the Courthouse for the Extension Office. The Road Department's new truck will be here the middle of March. Four thousand dollars will be transferred between the Extension Budget and the Road Budget.

Action: Naming of Unnamed Creek that Originates on Benson Property:

Ron and Marilyn Benson joined the meeting. In November of 2012, the Commissioners received a letter from Marilyn Benson asking for the Commissioners support in naming the unnamed creek that originates on Benson property as "Benson Creek". Marilyn was told to contact the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) with her request because the creek also runs through state land. In a letter from the DNRC dated February 6, 2013, Marilyn was informed that the DNRC does not have an issue with naming the currently unnamed creek "Benson Creek".

MOTION: Commissioner McGinley moved and Commissioner Haugland seconded that the unnamed creek that originates on Benson property be named Benson Creek. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A formal letter regarding this decision will be sent to the Bensons

Action on Minutes of the February 4, 2013 Meeting:

The minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting were read and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Commissioner Haugland moved and Commissioner McGinley seconded that the minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting be approved with changes. A verbal vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business/Other Topics of Discussion:

Katie Tackett brought in a DNRC 223 Grant application. The DNRC needs verification that the County levied the maximum mills for the Conservation District. Chairman Rice signed copies of the verification.

Commissioner Haugland brought up for discussion a large predator policy. Commissioner Haugland suggested that he take copies of Gallatin, Jefferson, and Madison Counties policies to the Big Hole Water Shed meeting this week for review.