

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting October 9, 2018
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were Dwight Crawford, Jim Lee, Don Despain and Troy McQueary. Also present were Ted Dodge, Carl Hamming, Jason Lindstrom and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$1,239.02 in the district checking account and \$1,812.51 in the district range days account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$113.12 and \$55,719.71 in County Funds.

CLAMINS TO BE PAID:

Powell County (payroll processing July – Sept. 2018)	\$250.00
Heidi Fleury Lake County CD (MACD auction items)	100.00
<u>NPCD (DNRC registration for Area V mtg.)</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$430.00

It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve these claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by Ted Dodge. NRDP is revising their plan and WRC should be adding Gold Creek, Racetrack Creek and Cottonwood Creek to their task orders. WRC is also looking to add two more Contractors. Ted also gave a project update.
2. Audit is now complete and waiting for the report.
3. Livestock Seminar was discussed. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Troy McQueary to keep the Bar J Wrangler tickets at \$20.00 unless the Bar J Wranglers raise their prices. Some of the topics that were brought up for the afternoon session were pesticide for people needing re-certification credits, range topic, forest service and grazing permites and tariffs affecting farmers. Susie will talk with Jodi to get something lined up by Novembers meeting.
4. Area V meeting report was given by Dwight. Dwight told the group that the new MACD Executive Director introduced himself to the group as well as Tom Watson the new NRCS State Conservationist. Resolutions were discussed and John Tubbs head of DNRC also made an appearance and talked to the group about district funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FW&P “Clark Fork Headwaters Water Management grant was reported on by Ted Dodge. FW&P wants WRC to be the liaison in this contract to communicate with water users on the Milltown Instream Flow Water Right and explore future water management alternatives. This project will include the Deer Lodge Valley river corridor and tributaries, Little Blackfoot drainage, Gold Creek drainage and Clark Fork River valley between Garrison and Gold Creek. FW&P can only contract with Conservation

Districts. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Troy McQueary and motion carried for the Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District to sponsor this grant. WRC will develop an MOU with the district.

2. MACD Convention, November 13-15, 2018, Billings was discussed. John Hollenback and Dwight Crawford would like to attend.

SB310:

1. DLV-26-17, Mill Creek Irrigation Company, Mill Creek Irrigation Structure. **On hold waiting for final design.**
2. DLV-10-18, Jeff Janke, Little Blackfoot River Debris removal. **On hold waiting to re-evaluate when water drops.**
3. DLV-16-18, Dwight Crawford, Jack Creek Ford. **Waiting for inspection.**
The inspection will take place October 18th with Troy McQueary being the Supervisor on this project.
4. **DLV-02-18 E,** Donald R. Beck, Little Blackfoot River Ford river to get to hay ground.
Applicant agreed to work with CD and partners to fix emergency action and address future issues at the site.
5. **DLV-03-18 E,** John Rusin, Little Blackfoot River Ford river to fix fence for cattle.
Per Inspection team recommendations no further action necessary.
6. DLV-24-18, John Rusin, Little Blackfoot River Bank Stabilization.
Inspection Team recommends denial of application. Applicant was instructed that a more comprehensive and engineered design would be necessary. Design must have a woody vegetation component. Engineer should be experienced in stream restoration design. Applicant was also informed about the need for additional permits including County floodplain and Army Corp 404 permits. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve the denial of this application as written in the team member inspection report.
7. DLV-25-18, Jeff Janke, Little Blackfoot River Culvert.
Jeff Janke has withdrawn this application.
8. DLV-26-18, John Senecal, Beaver Dam Creek/Little Blackfoot River Ditch Maintenance.
It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report. Inspection will take place October 23rd.

AGENCY REPORTS: None.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: October 11, 2018

