

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting December 11, 2018
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Dwight Crawford, Troy McQueary, Don Despain, Jim Lee and Joleen Meshnik. Also present were Jason Lindstrom, Pat Burt, Newland & Co. CPA, Carl Hamming, Reece Price, Glen Green and Susie Johnson.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$944.77 in the Range Days account and \$1,812.51 in the district checking account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$132.77 and \$46,884.67 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

Powell County Weed District (from 223 grant weed signs)	\$186.95
Petty Cash (supplies and dinner for planning meeting)	156.13
<u>Lickety Print (Bar J posters)</u>	<u>90.00</u>
Total	\$433.08

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Audit report for the district was presented by Pat Burt, CPA from Newland and Company. A draft copy of the audit report was given to the board. It was moved by John Hollenback, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to accept the audit as presented.
2. WRC was discussed. Project updates were given.
3. Livestock Seminar was discussed. Bar J Wrangler concert will be Friday, January 11, 2019 at the Rialto Theater in Deer Lodge starting at 7:00 pm. The Livestock Seminar's afternoon session will be Saturday, January 12, 2019, starting at 12:30 with registration at the Community Center in Deer Lodge. Presenters for the afternoon will be Dr. Jeff Mosley, MSU Extension Range Management Specialist will speak on "Working with Agencies When You Have a Grazing Permit." Missy Merrill-Davies, Farm Service Agency will present "Farm Agency's Livestock Programs and How to Prepare Your Records for Success." Steve Saunders, Consultant for Bayer Environmental Science will talk on "The Value of Managing Invasive Winter Annual Grasses." Ian Foley, Hemp Program Coordinator- MT Department of Agriculture will speak on "Montana Industrial Hemp Pilot Program." Jackie Beck, Local Grower, will talk on "Growing Hemp in the Deer Lodge Valley. Troy McQueary and Jim Lee will be the MC for the afternoon session and Jim Lee for the evening of the Bar J Wrangler Concert. Don Despain will take the tickets for the concert and Dwight Crawford and Susie will be in

the ticket booth. Reece will sponsor the afternoon break. Ron Scharf will provide the dinner for the Bar J Wranglers.

4. Solar pump was discussed. Jeff said that a person in Elliston would like to use the solar pump in 2019 if it is available. Glen told the board that the last person using this system had a problem with the pump. This will have to be checked out before we can loan it out.
5. MACD Convention report was given by John Hollenback.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Glen's retirement lunch, Thursday, January 3rd, Community Center, noon was discussed. The board will provide the meat and a cake for the luncheon. It was decided to give Glen 2 tickets to the Bar J Wrangle Concert and \$200 for a gift card to Ace Hardware. Susie was sure North Powell Conservation District would give \$100 also for the gift card make it \$300.00.
2. 310 funds were discussed. DNRC received 310 funding and districts had to request and state a need for this funding. The district received notice that they will receive around \$2,898.00 out of the 310 funds.
3. Local Working Group was discussed. The priority for the district is water resources. Glen told the board that if a need arises to change the priority then a meeting will have to be called.
4. 2019 Western MT Grazing & Agriculture Conference, January 17th & 18th, DoubleTree Inn, Missoula was noted.

SB310: None.

MT FW&P 124 permits:

1. USFS Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest, Paul Hooper, SF Dry Cottonwood Cr., Weir installation below culvert was noted.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Glen reported that the office is finishing up payments on EQIP and CSP.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: December 31, 2018