

WRC UCF Minutes

September 11, 2018

Public Meeting

Those Present:

John Hollenback – DLVCD/WRC, Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, John Moodry – BSB/MHCD/WRC, Bruce Thomas – WRC/Landowner, Will McDowell – WRC/CFC, Pete Dallaserra – MHCD/WRC/landowner, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Carl Hamming – Powell County Planner, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Karen Ogden – DEQ, Evan Norman - CFKRBC and Ted Dodge – WRC

Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback.

Treasurer Report:

- Invoices were reviewed and approved at the previous Board meeting.

Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South** – Ted and Fred met with landowners Troy and Terri Jo Anderson, Mike Applegate, Even Johnston on projects. Conifer encroachment and Bio Weed control work is finished. Ted informed Amy Chadwick that she needs to contract with the Prison Crew to do work by late October early November.
- **Philipsburg West** NRDP project area – Confluence design work has started. Ted is putting together a bid package for beaver mimicry work.
- **Little Blackfoot River** – no new updates.
- **Browns Gulch** – Confluence is starting the culvert project on Brothers and should be done at the end of the month.
- **Blacktail Creek** – no new updates.
- **Cottonwood Creek** – Clark Fork Coalition is paying for all the designs on Cottonwood and has now run out of funding. NRCS wants more engineering on the projects.
- **Flint Creek/Boulder Creek** – Spencer fencing project has been completed. Will did a power point presentation on projects that he completed on these two creeks.
- **CREP** – (Conservation Reserve Program) FSA – The office in DC doesn't want to modify the agreement just wants to go with the existing agreement because of the Farm Bill.
- **RCPP** – is moving along. There should be enough projects on the eastside to fill the RCPP agreement.
- **Garnet Terrestrial Proposal** – Clark Fork Coalition is overseeing the assessment.
- **WCS Basin Creek grant** – Army Corp of Engineers permit is in place. Evan Norman is doing the monitoring on Basin Creek. Evan is also reaching out to high school students to do education as part of this grant requirements.

- **Wildlife Conflict Grant** – A meeting was held with WRC, Ranchland Packing, Uelands, Butte Silver Bow, John Moodry, Pioneer Technical, Pete Dallaserra and Ted Dodge to discuss what the needs are for the composting project. Ted's wants to hire a Contractor to hold a meeting to discuss this. She is from a composting firm.
- **FW&P's SKT Committee** – there will be another meeting after the WRC meeting to see what WRC wants in the contract for outreach.

New Business:

1. Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basin Council was discussed by Evan Norman. Evan told the board that this group was started in 2001 under the Clark Fork Task Force. In 2016 it was reformed to the Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basin Council (CFKRBC). This group was designed to implement both the State and Clark Fork Kootenai River Basin Water Plan. The Council helps guide and support projects directed by the State Water Plan. This Council wants WRC's support and will not compete with any Watershed groups.
2. Karen Ogden from DEQ gave an update on the cleanup at Grant Kohrs ranch.

Partners report were given.

Next meeting October 2, 2018

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, September 27, 2018