

## WRC UCF Minutes

February 5, 2019

Public Meeting

### Those Present:

Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Bret Bledsoe– NRCS, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Carl Hamming – Powell County Planner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/landowner/MHCD, Rem Mannix – Powell County Commissioner/WRC/Landowner, Terri Nichols and Ted Dodge – WRC

### Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Ted Dodge.

#### Treasurer Report:

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

#### Montana Watershed Coordination Council – Terri Nichols:

- Terri explained to the group about the Montana Watershed Coordination Council that it is a non-profit which supports Watershed groups with education, training, funding and also with support in the legislature. The Coordination Council is doing watershed articles for NRDP and wants to do a story on the Upper Clark Fork. Terri would like for WRC to put her in touch with key people and key tributaries for this article.

#### Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South** – Fred reported most of the Aspen conifer encroachment work has been completed on Lamperts. There will be a Burnt Hollow Ranch meeting this Friday with FW&P, NRDP and Ted. O’Neill creek will be added to the plan of work.
- **Philipsburg West** NRDP project area – Fred is getting a landowner’s agreement with DNRC. Confluence needs to put together a task order for a final design for the stock water projects.
- **Little Blackfoot River** – no new updates.
- **Browns Gulch** –Ted reported there will be a conference call with NRDP, Ted, Confluence and Jason Lindstrom on the Brother diversion. The proposal is to work with the existing diversion and do a fish passage with a fish ladder in the stream.
- **Blacktail Creek** – no new updates.
- **Cottonwood Creek** – working with NRCS on Aspen Grove pivot project. Waiting for 95% design on the McQueary project.
- **Flint Creek/Boulder Creek** – work has stopped in place at the request of NRDP waiting for the plan revision to get finalized.

- **CREP** – (Conservation Reserve Program) FSA – seeing if the new Farm Bill has the same conservation title as the old Farm Bill. State wants to add the entire Clark Fork River Basin.
- **RCPP** – still waiting to see if the modification to be accepted. Will have a meeting today to see how the bio funds are to be dispersed.
- **Garnet Terrestrial Proposal** – Ted met with Joe Dippold and Joe wants to hold off on doing projects.
- **WCS Basin Creek grant** – Ted has turned in the final report. Some of the funds were modified to do monitoring.
- **Wildlife Conflict Grant** – A permit was submitted to DEQ for this project.

**New Business:**

1. WCS Grant Power Point Presentation was not given. Power Point was not working.

Partner reports were given.

Next meeting March 5, 2019

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, February 19, 2019