

WRC UCF Minutes

March 5, 2019

Public Meeting

Those Present:

Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, Karen Knudsen – CFC/WRC, Bret Bledsoe– NRCS, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Carl Hamming – Powell County Planner, John Moodry – WRC/BSB/MHCD, John Hollenback – DLVCD/WRC, Rem Mannix – Powell County Commissioner/WRC/Landowner, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Casey Hackathorn – TU, Stan Bradshaw – TU, Will McDowell – CFC?WRC, Ethan Mace – DNRC, Arne Wick – DNRC, Greg Mullen – NRDP, Paul Hooper – USFS, Sara Rouse – USFS, Andy Fischer - CFC and Ted Dodge – WRC

Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by John Hollenback.

Treasurer Report:

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

Silver Lake Presentation.

- Casey Hackathorn and Stan Bradshaw from TU gave an overview of what is happening with the Silver Lake project.

Discussion of the Terrestrial Expenditures in the Upper Clark Fork was given by Greg Mullen.

- Greg gave a history of the lawsuit with ARCO, NRDP land purchases and Terrestrial expenditures.
- Ted would like for the WRC board to be more vocal at the NRDP Advisory Council meetings.

Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South** – Burnt Hollow Ranch has a draft landowner agreement. Waiting for a new task order.
- **Philipsburg West** NRDP project area – Confluence is working with Greg to put together the final design for the stock water pipeline project.
- **Little Blackfoot River** – on hold waiting for new task order.
- **Browns Gulch** – The proposal is to work with the existing diversion and do a fish passage with a fish ladder in the stream.
- **Blacktail Creek** – Ted is putting together a mod to keep the ground/surface water monitoring going for the beaver mimicry projects.
- **Cottonwood Creek** – waiting for new task order.
- **Flint Creek/Boulder Creek** – waiting for new task order.

- **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.
- **RCP** – still waiting to see if the modification is accepted.
- **Garnet Terrestrial Proposal** – Ted met with Graveley' s and they are wanting to do projects.
- **WCS Basin Creek grant** – Ted has turned in the final report. Some of the funds were modified to do monitoring. Waiting to receive final payment.
- **Wildlife Conflict Grant** – DEQ permit has been accepted for the composting.

Partner reports. None

Next meeting April 2, 2019

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, March 12, 2019