

WRC UCF Minutes

June 4, 2019

Public Meeting

Those Present:

Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, Karen Knudsen – CFC/WRC, Bret Bledsoe– NRCS, John Moodry – WRC/BSB/MHCD, John Hollenback – DLVCD/WRC, Rem Mannix – Powell County Commissioner/WRC/landowner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/Landowner/MHCD, Fred Staedler – WRC, Dan McQueary – Landowner/WRC, Erin Ryan – USFS, Shawn Johnson – U of Montana, Carl Hamming – Powell County Planner, Patrick Saffel - FW&P, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Joel Chavez - DEQ 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.

Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South** – had a meeting with Burnt Hollow ranch to go over projects. We were planning to use the Prison Crew to do Beaver Mimicry on the Cline property, but issues came up at the Prison and now can't use the prison crew, will sub-contact with Watershed out of Missoula.
- **Philipsburg West** NRDP project area – Confluence is working with Greg to put together the final design for the stock water pipeline project. Will was contacted by a landowner in this area to expand his riparian project that he is working with NRCS on.
- **Little Blackfoot River** – Ted was informed by Casey from TU about a meeting on the Little Blackfoot River, Ted was not informed of this meeting by NRDP.
- **Browns Gulch** – redesigning Brothers diversion to include a fish ladder. Working on three other small diversions and fish screens.
- **Blacktail Creek** – had a meeting to decide where the priority areas are and went over potential projects. Ted worked with Pat Cunneen on putting together new task orders.
- **Cottonwood Creek** – drafting the task order.
- **Flint Creek/Boulder Creek** – Beau from NRDP is shutting down this project until 2021.
- **CREP** – (Conservation Reserve Program) FSA – still waiting to hear back from FSA.
- **RCPP** – still on hold until we have the modification completed. There will be a meeting tomorrow with NRCS on the RCPP modification and priority of projects.
- **Garnet Terrestrial Proposal** – talking to Graveley's about potential projects. Also talked to Dean Dutton about projects. Landowner agreement and design is in front of Graveley's for their approval. Will McDowell has raised funds for the Graveley diversion on lower Brock Creek from George Grant Chapter of TU and from a private funder.

- **Basin Creek** – Ted reported that we have good baseline information on Basin Creek and Blacktail Creek. We are finished with the Beaver Mimicry work and installed around 45 structures above the reservoir.
- **Wildlife Conflict Grant** – Uelands will be at our next WRC meeting with a draft contract for the board to look at.
- **FW&P Milltown Outreach** – Pat Saffel and Shawn Johnson reported on the Water Rights meeting that took place and sponsored by WRC. There needs to be talks about the next steps and follow up meetings. Putting together people's suggestions and thought that were at the meeting. Shawn thought it would be a good idea to form a basin wide working group to keep things going.
- **O'Neal and Racetrack Creek** – Will and Brian Bartkowiak went over potential projects on O'Neal Creek. There are two diversions on Racetrack Creek.

Partner reports were given.

Next meeting July 2,2019

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, June 17, 2019