

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting July 9, 2019
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Jim Lee, Don Despain and Joleen Meshnik. Also present were Brad Weltzien, Blackfoot Challenge, Travis Lemke, NRCS, Ben Montgomery, NRCS, Bret Bledsoe, NRCS, Ben LaPorte, Big Hole Watershed Committee 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 was not present. Susie reported \$1,531.01 in the district checking account and \$1,239.02 in the district Range Days account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$108.66 and \$33,003.89 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

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| Powell County Clerk & Recorder (payroll processing, April-June, 2019) | \$ 250.00 |
| MACo PCT (district insurance) | <u>\$2,836.00</u> |
| Total | \$3,086.00 |

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Joleen Meshnik, and motion carried to pay these claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by John Hollenback. Ted Dodge has been busy sending in task orders and budgets to NRDP. Mike McLane gave a draft summary report on the listening sessions that were held on the Milltown Water Rights to WRC to look over and make any comments before submitting the final report.
2. Solar Pumping System is not functional, and Jeff wanted to know if the board wants to repair it. It was moved by John Hollenback, seconded by Jim Lee to have Troy take it out to the Prison to have it looked over and give us a cost before any work is done.
3. 2018 District Annual Report was reviewed by the board. It was moved by John Hollenback, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve the District's Annual report.
4. DLVCD/Big Hole Watershed Committee agreement was discussed. It was moved by Joleen Meshnik, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Local Working Group was discussed by Ben Montgomery and Travis Lemke. Ben explained to the board about the new Focus Conservation. Focus Conservation will focus targeted areas to achieve defined natural resource outcomes as identified by NRCS, Conservation Districts and other partners. The goal of Montana focused conservation is to enhance our ability to solve high priority natural resource concerns in a focused and strategic manner. Montana Focused Conservation effort will employ Long Range Planning and a targeted approach using Targeted Implementation Plans

(TIPS). TIPS includes a detailed description of a specific natural resource issue that has been identified by locally led grass roots process at the county level. The TIP also includes locally driven solutions to address the stated resource concern coupled with a timeline and project funding needs. Each TIP should have a line of sight back to the Long-Range Plan and provides the necessary detail how a resource concern will be addressed. Local Working Groups will need the help of conservation districts to ensure it happens in an effective and timely manner. This will be the source of information for setting local priorities and developing Targeted Implementation Plans. A TIP can be from 1 to 5 years. December 2019 will be the deadline for 2020 funding.

SB310:

1. DLV-08-19, Vicky Lynn, Little Blackfoot River.
Bank Stabilization/Alteration
It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by John Hollenback and motion carried to approve this application as a project. An inspection has been requested.
2. DLV-09-21-19, Mick McGraw, Spotted Dog
Renew 10-year maintenance permits.
It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Joleen Meshnik, and motion carried to approve renewing maintenance permits for 10-more years.

CAMPS:

1. MT Range Tour, September 4th & 5th, 2019, Harlowton, MT. Hosted by Upper Musselshell CD was noted.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Travis Lemke will be Acting DC in the Deer Lodge office starting July 22nd.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: July 17, 2019

