

**DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Regular meeting September 10, 2019**  
**6:30 PM - USDA Building**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Dwight Crawford, Jim Lee, Joleen Meshnik, Don Despain and Troy McQueary. Associate Supervisor present was Reece Price. Also present were Travis Lemke and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Treasurer Dwight Crawford 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 \$46,487.76 in County Funds.

**CLAIMS TO BE PAID:**

Garrison Tire & Fabrication (diagnose district truck) \$45.00

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to pay this claim.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. WRC report was given.
2. Solar Pumping System was discussed. Troy had North West Pipe fitting check out the solar pump. The pump is shot and will cost \$2,000.00 to buy a new one. Deer Lodge Valley and North Powell CD need to decide if they want to buy the pump or sell the system as is.
3. Livestock Seminar was discussed. Ideas for the afternoon session were Cole Mannix with Western Landowners Alliance, Uelands malt plant, and John Hollenback hear a woman on his range tour talking about ranch women experience in agriculture.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Area V meeting, Bitterroot CD hosting, Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Corvallis Fire Hall was discussed. Susie needs to know by September 18<sup>th</sup> who will be attending.
2. 79<sup>th</sup> MACD Convention, November 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, Red Lion Hotel & Convention Center, Kalispell was discussed. John Hollenback and Dwight Crawford would like to attend. Susie will put in for travel scholarship through DNRC for John and the district will pay for Dwight to attend.

Jeff Janke gave a report on the inspection that took place on the below applications. Jeff also reported on the new Upper Clark Fork Fish Biologist. Caleb Uerling has been chosen for this position.

**SB310:**

1. DLV-22-19, Robert E. Bender, Goldberg Reservoir  
Decommission Water System.

This application was not recommended for inspection. US Forest Service has good detailed plans and requirements in their recommendations to the applicants

that FW&P and the CD couldn't add or change anything more to the recommendations. A permit has been issued.

2. DLV-23-19, Timothy Shane Olsen, Lower Fred Burr Diversion Dam.

This project was approved as proposed. A permit was issued.

3. DLV-24-19, Scott Graveley, Warm Springs Creek Culvert removal/Bridge/Channel Alteration.

This project was approved upon modifications. A permit was issued.

4. DLV-25-19, Jeff Janke, Little Blackfoot River Bridge.

Jason Lindstrom, FW&P signed off on this application since he did a site visit a couple of months ago. A permit was issued.

5. DLV-26-19, Cross Canyon Ranch, Spotted Dog Diversion Repair.

This project was approved upon modifications. A permit was issued

6. DLV-02-19 E, Sean Galahan, Dempsey Creek Creek flooded bridge footings.

An inspection has been requested.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

1. Travis Lemke, NRCS reported that Glen's position has been filled. Joshua Schrecengost will be the new DC in the Deer Lodge Field office starting the middle of October. Travis informed the board that the long- range plan is being worked on and should have a working plan by the end of the year. The Supervisors need to be thinking about TIPS to go along with Focus Conservation and apply for funds by May of 2020.

**NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.**

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: September 18, 2019

