

WRC UCF Minutes

September 3, 2019

Public Meeting

Those Present:

Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, Bruce Thomas – WRC/Landowner, Rem Mannix – Powell County Commissioner/WRC/Landowner, Dan McQueary – Landowner/WRC, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/Landowner/MHCD, Carl Hamming – Powell County Planner, Glen Green – WRC, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Valerie Kurth – DNRC, Kim Johnston- People & Carnivores, Doug Martin – NRDP, Murray Strong – Pioneer Technical, Will McDowell – CFC/WRC, Andy Fischer - CFC and Ted Dodge – WRC.

Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bruce Thomas.

Treasurer Report:

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

Minutes:

- It was moved by Dan McQueary seconded by Pete Dallaserra and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

New Business:

- Kim Johnston from People and Carnivores informed the board about her group. Their goal is to work with people to prevent human-carnivore conflicts. The group provides technical and financial funding. Some of the tools that they work with is electric fencing, livestock carcass removal and composting, range riders and livestock management, livestock guardian dogs, garbage management & security, public food storage and bear spray. WRC will start a working relationship with Kim.
- DNRC Water Planner – Valerie Kurth introduced herself to the group. Valerie is the new DNRC Water Planner for the Clark Fork Basin. She wants to meet people in the basin and learn about their issues.
- Meeting with Doug Martin. Doug thought the meeting was very beneficial and would like to meet at least quarterly. The meeting was about where we are with projects and how to implement projects and where we are going. Doug wants to slow down and work on priorities.

Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South** – Fred reported that this Thursday he will meet with Ted, Greg and Torie on the Burnt Hollow ranch to look at specific projects. Bio Control Weed project Jeff has completed the bug distribution.

- **Philipsburg West NRDP** project area – draft bid package to work on Sanders is out and landowner agreement has been signed by Sanders and DNRC. Ted would like to see the well drill this fall for this project.
- **Browns Gulch** – we have a signed task order for Brothers diversion project. Design work is done. Should have Matt and crew under contract soon.
- **Blacktail Creek** – this is on hold.
- **Compost Project** – we will have a composting contract out to Dillon today. If Dillon doesn't accept the contract, then we will have to go out for bid.
- **Cottonwood Creek** – this project received three bids. The bidders were Stream Works, M&P and George Rabel. George was the lowest bidder. There will be a kick off meeting September 16th with George, Great West, NRCS and WRC. There will be 5 different pieces to this project. Aspen Grove needs survey work done.
- **CREP** – (Conservation Reserve Program) FSA – Greg Mullen (NRDP) is going to approach the Governors staff and contact FSA to see what is going on with CREP.
- **RCPP** – Will would like to use RCPP funds to get survey work done on Aspen Grove project.
- **Garnet Terrestrial Proposal** – Fred and Glen met with Dutton's, Gilman and Graveley' s on potential projects. Working on Dutton's landowner agreement and Glen is working on cost estimates.
- **Racetrack Creek/Dempsey Creek** – need survey done on the Kelley's project.
- **Gold Creek** – Glen Green has pulled together all the assessments together. Task one for this project is about finished.

Partner reports were given.

Next meeting October 1, 2019

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, September 18, 2019