

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Jim Lee, Dwight Crawford and Don Despain. Associate Supervisor present was Reece Price. Also present were Caleb Uerling, FW&P, Josh Schrecengost and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve the minutes from the last 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 \$159.54 and \$29,280.56 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

USPS (postage)	\$ 7.35
Pizza Hut (Annual Planning meeting)	<u>58.96</u>
Total	\$66.31

Livestock Seminar Claims:

Lickety Print (Livestock Seminar posters)	<u>\$90.00</u>
Total	\$90.00

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by John Hollenback. John informed the board that the Carcass program is back and up and running. The designer for McQueary's fish screen will fly up from Colorado to help install the screen.
2. Livestock Seminar was discussed. Everything is in place. Bar J Wrangler Concert is Friday, January 10th starting at 7:00 pm, and the seminar afternoon session will start at 12:00 at the Community Center. The afternoon speakers will be: Josh Schrecengost talking about Focus Conservation, Amy Chadwick from Great West Engineering presenting on "Low-Tech Stream Restoration: Cost Effective Way to Keep Water on the Land," Reece Price speaking on "What Does Hay Production Really Cost You?" Cooper Hibbard will talk on "Late Calving & Intensive Grazing in Montana, What We've Learned," and Cole Mannix, "Communication the Value of Ranching to the Public." John Hollenback and Josh Schrecengost will be on the radio talking about the Seminar. Jeff Janke will be the evening MC at the Rialto.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MACD Convention was reported by John Hollenback. John thought the Convention went well. The next Convention will be in Bozeman. One of the sessions that John attended was one on District rolls and what they do with their funds.

SB310:

1. Mill Creek – Caleb Uerling reported on the Mill Creek meeting. Morrison Maierle brought four design options for the diversion project. The chose for the design was the

- corrugated water screen with a rock diversion. Most of the funding will come from NRDP with other partners. The cost of the project is estimated at around \$105,000.00.
2. Seth Beck culvert project was discussed. Seth applied for a 310 permit for a culvert on Modesty Creek. It was brought to the attention of the board that there was also a bridge installed with out a permit. Jeff Janke called Seth and he was under the understanding that he didn't need a permit if it was a replacement bridge. Jeff explained that he did need to apply, and Jeff would like to look at the bridge. Jeff went out a looked and thought Seth did a good job with the bridge, but it needed rip rap to armor the bank and Seth agreed to do so. Jeff thought no further action needed to be done and Seth seemed to understand the process now.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Caleb Uerling, FW&P reported that he has been out on the Grant Kohrs Ranch clean up site with DEQ.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: December 18, 2019

