

NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting Monday, December 2, 2019
1:30, Kevin Ertl

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tracy Manley. Supervisors present were Melany Mannix, Jim Stone, Kyle Graveley and Kevin Ertl. Also present were Josh Schrecengost, Jason Sasri, Brad Weltzien, Carl Hamming and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Kyle Graveley and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Jim Stone reported \$463.89 in the district checking account and \$3,758.01 in the district savings account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$159.54 and \$29,280.56 in County Funds.

SB-310: Ryen Neudecker emailed the district that she is involved with a small project on a side channel of the NF Blackfoot River that she has been looking at with Irene Weaver. Just downstream of her pump station, the bank is eroding and potentially after a runoff next year, it could be even closer to her riparian fence. We are proposing to treat a 50 ft section of bank by building a bankfull bench with toe-wood, willow cuttings and some transplants. Ryen has showed Patrick from FW&P some pictures of the site. It was moved by Kyle Graveley, seconded by Kevin Ertl and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit when the 310 application comes in.

2. NP-02-19V, Ryan Brown, Dry Cottonwood Creek
The violation states that the neighbor has diverted two water sources and now where the creek head use to be the water run off runs right through his pig pen and back in the creek. One culvert has been removed and flattened out the creek head. Tracy Manley went and looked at what he could of the site. He was not given permission to go on the property. Tracy said that it goes more towards Hoover Creek, but it isn't a defined creek. This violation is more of a neighbor dispute.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Livestock Seminar, January 10th Bar J Wranglers and January 11th Livestock Seminar afternoon session was discussed. The afternoon session will take place at the Powell County Community Center in Deer Lodge starting at 12:00 with registration. 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.”

1. Conifer Encroachment TIP was discussed. There was a meeting before our regular meeting with the landowners in the TIP Helmville area. The focus for the TIP will be Conifer Encroachment. December 31, 2019 the TIP must be submitted. January 31, 2020 the TIP State leadership team review, February 28, 2020 all revisions must be completed and March 2 – April 3rd is the sign up period for 2020 contracts.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

AGENCY REPORTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 6, 2020, 1:30 pm., Kyle Graveley, hosting.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: December 17, 2019