

## WRC UCF Minutes

December 3, 2019

Public Meeting

### Those Present:

Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Dan McQueary – Landowner/WRC, John Moodry – WRC/BSB/MHCD, Cam Balentine – WRC/MHCD/Brown's Gulch, Bruce Thomas – WRC/Landowner, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Pete Dallaserra – MHCD/Landowner/WRC, Carl Hamming – Powell County Planner, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Will McDowell – CFC/WRC, Stephen Begley – FW&P, Glen Green – WRC, Mark Mariamo – Rampart Solutions, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Doug Martin – NRDP, Josh Schrecengost and Ted Dodge – WRC.

### Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback.

### Treasurer Report:

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

### Minutes:

- It was moved by Pete Dallaserra seconded by Dan McQueary and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
- **New Business:**
- High Divide Partner Implementation/RCP: Ted was contacted by the Heart of the Rockies about partnering on a RCP grant. Heart of the Rockies will write the proposal and handle the fund reporting. Other partners involved will be Nature Conservancy, Big Hole Watershed Committee and Jefferson Watershed. There will be 8 projects over a 5-year span. NRDP will provide match.
- DNRC Watershed application: This grant will be promoting Beaver Dam Analog monitoring.

### Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South –**
  - **Bio Weed Control-** has been completed
  - **Cline Beaver Mimicry-** has been completed
  - **Vegetative Management –** has been completed
  - **Burnt Hollow Ranch –** putting together a draft landowner agreement.
  - **Aspen Grove –** putting together a draft landowner agreement.
- **Garnet:**
  - **Graveley' –** planning has been completed. Draft task order & budget has been sent to NRDP.

- **Dippold** – Draft task order and landowner agreement sent to NRDP on hold due to landowner request.
- **DNRC/Dutton** – draft task order and landowner agreement sent to NRDP.
- **Dutton Ranch** – draft task order and landowner agreement sent to NRDP.
- **Gilman Ranch** – on hold due to landowner request.
- **Hollenback Ranch** – underway.
- **P-Burg West:**
  - **DNRC/Sanders** – no project planning task order.
  - **Marshall Creek Ranch** – landowner has asked for assistance. A draft landowner agreement is being developed for NRDP consideration. Landowner asked for this to be put on hold.
- **RCPP:**
  - Waiting for modification approval from NRCS. Task order completed with Great West for tech assistance on Racetrack and Racetrack/Dempsey and Cottonwood. Field work completed on Aspen Grove and Applegate’s project.
- **CREP:**
  - No progress on FSA, State has approved the match and the CREP is included in the revised Upper Clark Fork Restoration Plan. John Hollenback would like to take a couple of people to the State FSA office to talk about CREP. John Hollenback, Dan McQueary and Bruce Thomas will go to Bozeman.
- **Compost Project:**
  - Contract is being signed today with Dillon Dallaserra and WRC. Letters will go out next week to area landowners. Ted and Susie will put together a year end report for the remainder of the funds. 2020 we can ask for another \$8,000.00.
- **Blacktail:**
  - Submitted task order 6-19, not approved.
- **Brown’s Gulch:**
  - Task order was approved 11/14/19.
  - **Brothers-Planning** – Diversion project. Confluence will put together a bid package then NRDP will develop a landowner agreement.
- **Cottonwood Creek:**
  - McQueary’s project is still ongoing. The diversion is being built and finishing with the fish screen. The designer of the fish screen will come up next week to help install it. Contractor has finished all 3 aspects of Baggs Creek. WRC is in a contract with Great West Engineering to do a conceptual design on Aspen Grove 1 and Aspen Grove 2 and the third is Applegate’s lower diversion.
- **Flint Creek/Boulder Creek:**
  - No task order.
- **Gold Creek:**
  - Will is now assigned to Gold Creek. A draft planning strategy memo has been sent to NRDP for comments.
- **Little Blackfoot & Trib:**
  - No task order.
- **O’Neil Creek:** No task order.

- **Racetrack Creek:**
  - Glen Green is talking to landowners and introducing them to the program.
- **Racetrack/Dempsey Creek:**
  - Glen is talking to landowners and introducing them to the program.

Partner reports were given.

Next meeting: January 7, 2020

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, December 17, 2019