

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting January 7, 2020
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Jim Lee, Joleen Meshnik, Troy McQueary and Don Despain. Also present were Caleb Uerling, Will McDowell, Will Graveley, Aubree Bohrer, Miles Graveley, Aden Thompson and Bill Lombardi.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford was not present to give a report. Susie 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 \$270.87 and \$32,730.10 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

Big Hole Watershed Committee (Contracted Services)	\$ 9,367.27
Clerk & Recorder (payroll processing Oct -Dec 2019)	250.00
Michael Blakeley (annual report FY 2018 – 2019)	250.00
Lickety Print (copy newsletter)	195.60
Petty Cash (postage for newsletter)	<u>81.72</u>
Total	\$10,144.59

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by John Hollenback. Project updates were given. McQueary's project is completed and a walk through will take place on Wednesday.
2. Livestock Seminar was discussed. We need to sell more tickets to the Bar J Wranglers Concert. Presenter's for the afternoon session are all in place. We will set up for the afternoon session at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. We will meet at the Rialto at 5:30 to get tickets ready for the concert.
3. Finalize Annual Plan 2020 was discussed. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve the Conservation District 2020 Annual Plan. Chairman Jeff Janke signed the Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FFA gave a presentation to the board on their trip to the National Convention. Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District has sponsored two teams to the State Envirothon for several years and to the National Convention.
2. Beaver Conflict Resolution Pilot project was discussed by Will McDowell. Will would like to the District to sponsor a 223 grant for this project. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Troy McQueary and motion carried for the district to sponsor this 223 grant. The grant was signed by Chairman Jeff Janke.

3. Election of Officers were held. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to elect John Hollenback as Chairman, Jeff Janke, Vice Chairman and Dwight Crawford, Treasurer.

SB310:

1. DLV-29-19, Reece Price, Six Mile Creek
 Irrigation Structure/Improvement to Existing Structure
 It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.
2. DLV-30-19, MT Rail Link, Uncle George Creek; Dog Creek
 Bridge/Road Construction/Maintenance/Channel Alteration/Wetland
 Alteration/Railroad Siding Extension/Placement of fill.
 It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Josh Schrecengost reported that last month NRCS worked hard finishing up practice certifications and payments to program participants that needed done before the end of the calendar year. The Long-Range Plan was submitted to the NRCS State Office in its final draft and will be posted on the NRCS website. As previously reported, we have a TIP in North Powell that we are seeking funding for in 2020. NRCS is exploring additional TIP projects for 2021 funding that will be decided in June of 2020. Josh and Jessie will be in Billings next week for training on the new Farm Bill rules. A sign up for the remaining funds in the 2017 RCPP will be this spring. There are interested participants on Cottonwood, Racetrack and Dempsey Creeks. Josh brought up Leo Barthelmess name for a speaker at next years Livestock Seminar. Leo is currently piloting a fenceless grazing project using GPS collars on his cattle.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: January 15, 2020