

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting April 14, 2020
6:30 PM - USDA Building
(meeting by conference call because of COVID-19)

Call in number: 888-844-9904 Access Code: 4423902

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback. Supervisors present were Dwight Crawford, Jim Lee, Joleen Meshnik, Don Despain and Jeff Janke. Also present were Josh Schrecengost, Jim Simpson and Susie Johnson.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$1,106.76 in the district checking account and \$839.02 in the Range Days account. Envirothon check to sponsor two teams was returned to the district since this event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$247.90 and \$31,522.92 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

Big Hole Watershed Committee (Upper French Gulch)	\$10,864.50
MACD (dues)	954.00
NACD (dues)	500.00
Po Co Clerk & Recorder (payroll processing Jan-March)	250.00
Total	<u>\$12,568.50</u>

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by John Hollenback. WRC has applied for the Payroll Protection Program to keep everyone working. Project updates were given.
2. MOU between DLVCD/NRCS was discussed. Josh hasn't received Deer Lodge Valley CD's agreement for signature.
3. Natural Resource Field Day was discussed. It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jeff Janke and motion carried to cancel the field day due to COVID-19.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. No-Till Drill was discussed. The drill is scheduled to go to Granite County May 1st.
2. Area V meeting (September 22, 2020) was discussed. Susie will check with Camp-Mak-A-Dream to hold the meeting.
3. DNRC Administrative grant was discussed. It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jeff Janke and motion carried for the district to apply for the DNRC Administrative grant to help with Deer Lodge Valley and North Powell Conservation District budget shortfall.
4. MACD survey was discussed. All the Supervisors agreed that number 3 would be the best option. The board felt to merge MACD and SWCDM into one organization would make it more efficient .

5. Jim Simpson reported to the board the potential of combining MACD and SWCDM. He went over the pros and cons of doing and not doing this. Jim also explained what was going on with the Bylaws. Jim also explained the letting go the new Executive Director and the steps of hiring a new Executive Director.

SB310:

1. DLV-02-20, George Pacurian, Telegraph Creek Dredging. **On hold, waiting for applicant to call.**
2. DLV-03-20, Grosuold Excavating, Warms Spring Creek Bridge. **On hold waiting for applicant to call.**

CAMPS:

1. Envirothon, April 19 – 21, 2020, Lewistown. **Cancelled**
2. 34th Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp, July 12-17, 2020, Lubrecht.
3. MT Youth Range Camp, August 3rd-6th, 2020, hosted by Lewis & Clark CD, C Bar N Ranch Augusta, MT.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Josh reported on how NRCS is handling the office since COVID-19. One NRCS personnel and conservation district employee in the office at a time. The office is busy ranking TIP applications in the Helmville area and ranking RCPP applications. New TIP proposal will be in the Gold Creek area for 2021.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 @ 6:30 pm., Conference call.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: May 6, 2020