

## **WRC UCF Minutes**

July 7, 2020

Public Meeting

### **Those Present:**

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, Cam Balentine – WRC/Brown's Gulch/landowner, Bruce Thomas – WRC/Landowner, Rem Mannix – Po Co Commissioner/WRC, John Moodry – WRC/Mile High CD/ BSB, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Glen Green – WRC, Carl Hamming – DL County Planner, Doug Martin – NRDP, Will McDowell – WRC/CFC 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 Bruce Thomas, seconded by Rem Mannix and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

### **New Business:**

- Headwaters Drought Mitigation Proposal: Ted gave a report on how Silver Lake Water can be leased and a service agreement set up to benefit Irrigators when there is a drought call. Ted would like to see flow and temperature gages from Warm Springs Creek down to Dempsey Creek. Ted would like to see a Tourism fund set up to help maintain the river. FWP believes the important stretch for the Upper Clark Fork would be from Warm Springs down to Dempsey Creek at Sager Lane. Chris from TU is under contract with the Jefferson to develop a drought management plan. Doug Martin, NRDP is working with Clark Fork Coalition, TU, FWP and DNRC on this same project and doesn't want other groups to go off on their own but to come together to coordinate with each other.
- CREP was reported by Doug Martin. June 30<sup>th</sup> Doug, Ted, John Hollenback, Heidi Brewer, Greg Mullen and FSA had a meeting to discuss where CREP is at. The amendment is at the National level. Doug will call Vergil at the National level to see where the Upper Clark Fork CREP is at.

### **Project Updates:**

- Cottonwood Creek – Brian and Will are working with Great West Engineering on projects on Cottonwood Creek. Caleb, FWP and NRDP are prioritizing those projects. Will is working with Josh (NRCS) on Aspen Grove. Will is also working on the change

for the Aspen Grove water rights. Will thinks this should be finalized by the end of the month. Great West will be working on diversions and fish screens on Upper Cottonwood and lower Cottonwood on Applegate's diversion and fish screen.

- O'Neill Creek – landowner wants to move forward. Will will do a design and send it to NRDP for approval.
- Fred updated the board on bids and contracts he is working on with DNRC and have been sent to NRDP for approval.
- Glen updated the board on the contracts he is working on. Finished up the Garnet vegetative management contract with Graveley' and DNRC section that Dutton's lease. All have been sent to NRDP for approval. Glen is also working on the solar stock water system on the Sanders Ranch in Granite County and two spring developments on the Dutton Ranch. Working on the Lampert's cost estimates for RCPP.
- Clark Fork Coalition wants to invest funds into better monitoring on the Beaver Analog projects. Will gave a tour to U of M students from O'Neill creek, Burnt Hollow to Perkins Gulch. The students want to do in-depth monitoring on small streams
- Basin Creek – Ted is working with Amy Chadwick to finish up this project.
- MT FWP hasn't heard back from the Montana State Prison about the Carcass Compost site. Rem Mannix will call the Prison Ranch Manager, Ross Wagner to see if they are still interest in pursuing the Prison ground for the composting site. WRC can still use the site at Uelands for next year.

Next meeting: August 4, 2020

Submitted by Susie Johnson, July 23, 2020