

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular meeting May 11, 2021

6:30 PM

Community Center

or

Call in number: 1-888-575-2051 Pin: 97861

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$656.88 in the district checking account and \$6,203.50 in the districts Range Day account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$256.88 and \$27,503.68.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by John Hollenback. John reported on WRC projects.
2. Soil Health Grant Update: Temporary Electric Fence was discussed by Josh. The district was approved for this grant in the amount of \$2,893.76 and DLVCD putting in \$500.00 as match. The next step is to put out bids for the equipment. The board would like to give bids to Cow Poke, Hogan's Ranch Supply and High-Country Ag Marketing in Whitehall.
3. Electric Fence Field day 2021 was discussed. The board thought August for this tour.
4. MT Envirothon was discussed. The district sponsored 2 team for this event and only one team participated. The district received a refund check for \$100.00 for the team that did not go.
5. Local Working Group was discussed, and the survey was reviewed by the board. This year surveys will be sent out to area landowners. The board thought it would be a good idea to include a stamped self-address envelope to encourage people to send the survey back.
6. MT Youth Range Camp, C Bar N, Augusta, MT. July 25th – 29th, 2021. Bo Walker presented two letters of request to attend camp. The Board is willing to sponsor these students and any other students that turn in a request for camp.
7. Solar Pumping System. Talk about this at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mill Levy was reported by Dwight. Dwight, Troy and Susie met with the Powell County Commissioners on the districts mill levy and permissive mill. The district lost their 1.5 mill when there was a carryover issue and were dropped down to 1 mill. When the district tried to get their half a mill restored to 1.5 the Legislature froze all mills and the district was stuck at 1 mill. As of now the district is at 1.12 mills and asked the Commissioner's with the floating mill can the district go back up to 1.5 mills without going out to the public for vote? The Commissioners thought we would have to have this put on the ballot. Dwight and Susie called Chris from Lewis and Clark CD since she has gone through this in her County and she referred some of the questions to Karl

Christians to get his feed back on this. We are just waiting for his response. We found out that the district does get the Permissive mill for health insurance and this mill is separate from the regular mill.

2. Gold Creek tour and Milltown meeting was reported by John Hollenback. Those in attendance were 3 from the Tribe, 3 from Fish, Wildlife and Parks and 2 from NRDP besides a few Gold Creek landowners. The meeting was on the Milltown Water Rights and why and when the Tribe could make a call. After the meeting there was a tour on diversions and fish screens.
3. The Soil Health Bus, September 14-16, 2021, Billings was noted.

SB310:

1. DLV-03-21, Kevin Peters, Pikes Peak Creek
Dredging.
Susie will get an on-site inspection set up.
2. DLV-06-21, Kenneth L. Withey, Little Blackfoot River
Mining. **On hold until applicant lets the office know when he will be in Montana.**
3. DLV-08-21, Clark Fork Coalition, Dry Cottonwood Creek
Foot Bridge.
It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.
4. DLV-09-21, Lime Quarry Hills Subdivision, Dog Creek
Install base for seasonal bridge midspan support.
It was moved by Jeff Janke, 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 reported that we have a new Intern in the office from Wisconsin and she will be with us through the summer. We will also be getting a Soil Conservationist starting in June.

NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: May 19, 2021