

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular meeting April 13, 2021

6:30 PM

Community Center

or

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

The meeting was called or order by Chairman John Hollenback. Supervisors present were Dwight Crawford, Don Despain, Jeff Janke, Jim Lee, and Troy McQueary. Associate Supervisor present was Reece Price. Also present were Josh Schrecengost, Caleb Uerling, Bo Walker (by phone) and Susie Johnson.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$656.76 in the district checking account and \$6,503.50 in the district Range Days account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash \$256.88 and \$21,656.16 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

NACD (dues)	\$500.00
MACD (dues)	874.90
MACD (donation, Bridger Plant Material Center)	35.00
PO CO Clerk & Recorder (payroll processing Jan-March 21)	250.00
Lickety Print (ad for Fair Book)	85.00
Total	\$1,744.90

DLCD Range Days Account:

MT Envirothon (re-issue check for two teams)	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was reported by John Hollenback. The CREP project is moving along and WRC has hired a CREP Specialist, Heidi Brewer. April 16th there will be a meeting with FSA and NRCS to go over the CREP requirements, then a three-day training next week.
2. Soil Health Grant Update: Temporary Electric Fence was reported by Josh. McCone Conservation District thought everything was a go for this grant, just waiting on the official word.

3. Electric Fence Field day 2021 was discussed. Will have a tour in late summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MT Envirothon – sponsor two teams from Powell County was discussed. The \$200 registration check had to be re-issued since the first one was destroyed at the Post Office.
2. Administrative grant was discussed. The board reviewed the budget. It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jeff Janke and motion carried to approve submitting the Administrative grant application to DNRC. Chairman John Hollenback signed the application and budget. This application has to be into DNRC by April 30th.
3. Natural Resource Field Day was discussed. It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Don Despain to cancel Natural Resource Field Day again this year because of COVID.
4. Local Work Group meeting discussion. The Working Group meeting determines how the Farm Bill funds are spent. Josh thought with a ZOOM meeting we would only have Agency people attending and not very many landowners and the working group meetings are all about landowners impute. It was decided that the best option would be to send out a survey to gather information. The district would be in charge of sending out the survey.
5. MT Youth Range Camp, C Bar N, Augusta MT, July 25th – 29th, 2021 was noted.
6. Jim Lee, a 17-year Urban Board member has resigned from the board because of unpredictable circumstances.

SB310:

1. DLV-03-21, Kevin Peters, Pikes Peak Creek
Dredging.

This application is on hold waiting for more information and also an inspection before the June's meeting.

2. DLV-04-21, Clark Fork Coalition, Dry Cottonwood Creek
Irrigation Structure/Temporary Construction Access.

It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit upon Team Member inspection report. An inspection was requested

3. DLV-05-21, Clark Fork Coalition, Galen Spring Creek
Beaver dam flooding mitigation.

It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit upon Team Member inspection report. An inspection was requested.

4. DLV-06-21, Kenneth L. Withey, Little Blackfoot River Mining.

It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve this application as a project. An inspection has been requested. Since the applicant lives out of State, the district will ask the applicant to notify the board when he will be in the area so an on-site inspection can take place.

Georgetown Lake 310 permit was discussed. The Fire Chief from Georgetown Lake asked if a SB 310 permit is needed to repair an existing Dry Fire Hydrant on the shoreline of Georgetown Lake in Deer Lodge County. The Conservation District does not have jurisdiction over the shoreline at Georgetown Lake so therefore there is no permit required from the district. The district would like for Fred to contact the Fisheries Biologist, Brad Liermann who has jurisdiction in that area and get his approval of this project. The board also asked that he should contact Corp of Engineers to see if a 404 permit is required.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Josh reported for NRCS. The office is in the process of obligating contracts. There are three Confer Encroachment TIP projects in the Helmville area. Two riparian area and off stream water projects in Gough Creek. Josh have one CSP contract in Deer Lodge County. There is a potential diversion TIP project in Brown's Gulch.
2. Caleb Uerling, FWP reported that he has been electro fishing on the Clark Fork River.
3. Bo Walker, MSU Extension Agent for Powell County informed the board that Extension hired a new Forage Specialist by the name of Hayes Goosey.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: April 15, 2021

Approved By:

Chairman