

NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting Monday, June 7, 2021
1:30 pm., Helmville Community Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tracy Manley. Supervisors present were Jim Stone, Kevin Ertl and Melany Mannix. Also present were Kristin Fischer, NRCS, Josh Schrecengost, NRCS, Tina White, NRCS, Zach Abell, Powell County, Scott Hazelten, Powell County Planner, Bo Walker, Extension and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Melany Mannix and motion carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Jim Stone reported \$463.89 in the district checking account and \$3,764.15 in the district savings account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance In Petty Cash is \$256.88 and \$25,634.29 in County funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

DLVCD-Petty Cash (refreshments for Local Work Group meeting)	\$15.26
Total	\$15.26

It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Kevin Ertl and motion carried to approve this claim.

SB-310:

1. NP-09-21, Garnet Mountain Property Owners Association, Chimney Creek Fish Habitat/Wetland restoration using native materials

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone and motion carried to approve this application as a project. Susie will check with Patrick to see if he is requesting an inspection. Jim didn't think there should be a inspection since the first phase of this project was already inspected. Jim would like to wait until the project is completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MT Youth Range Camp, July 26-29, 2021 was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. District budget FY 2022 was reviewed by the board. It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Melany Mannix and motion carried to approve the FY 2022 budget. Chairman Tracy Manley signed the budget.

2. Local Working Group meeting was discussed by Josh. The public Local Work Group meeting will take place at 3:00. Josh wanted to explain to the board how the TIP process works before the LWG meeting starts. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Long-Range Plan for NRCS in North Powell with emphasis on identifying resources concerns that may be addressed with focused conservation efforts. Out of this meeting Josh hopes to get a list of 3-8 priority resource concerns and 1-3 projects that producers are likely to participate in. Current priorities identified in the Long-Range Plan are:
 - 1) Forestry: Fuels Reduction, 2) Forestry: Forest Stand Improvement, 3) Aspen Regeneration, 4) Riparian Health, 5) Conifer Encroachment, 6) Water Quantity: Irrigation Improvements, 7) Pest Pressure: Weeds, 8) Wildlife Habitat Improvements, 9) Soil Health, 10) Pasture and Range Improvements: Grazing Management. Current NRCS EQIP projects in North Powell are Helmville Valley Conifer Encroachment and Grizzly Conflict Mitigation. Projects will not be funded if they are not listed on the Long-Range Plan.

FWP 124 PERMIT: None.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Josh reported that there will be a Soil Health meeting in October in the Helmville/Ovando area. The reason for the Soil Health meeting is to reinvigorate the Soil Health Action Plan. Josh would like to visit four properties that are doing Soil Health and properties that are not doing Soil Health.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 1:30 pm., Kyle Graveley, hosting

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: June 8, 2021