

**WRC UCF Minutes**  
**March 3, 2020**  
**Public Meeting**

**Those Present:**

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, John Moodry – WRC/MHCD/BSB, Dan McQueary – Landowner/WRC, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Pete Dallaserra – MHCD/Landowner/WRC, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Glen Green – WRC, Mark Mariamo – Rampart Solutions, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Morgan Case – TU, Caleb Uerling – FW&P, Erin Ryan – USFS, Mark Thompson – MT Resources, Holly Franz – Franz & Driscoll/Helena, Andy Fischer – CFC, Mark Neay – BSB, Pat Cunneen – BSB Public Works, Jon Sesso – BSB, Karen Laitala – PC Weed Board, Doug Martin – NRDP, Josh Schrecengost – NRCS, Matt Vincent – Rampart Solutions, Ryan McLane – Franz & Driscoll/Helena, Karen Byrnes – BSB, Kristen Rosa – BSB, 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 Dan McQueary, seconded by Karen Knudsen and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**New Business:**

- Silver Lake Update: Jon Sesso and Pat Cunneen gave an update on Butte/Silver Bow's plan for the use of Silver Lake water.

**Project Updates:**

- **NRDP Deer Lodge North & South**
  - **Burnt Hollow Ranch** – Ted is putting together a task order for NRDP.
  - **Aspen Grove** – putting together a draft landowner agreement.
  - **Lambert Ranch** – waiting for NRCS to provide tech planning assistance for proposed livestock pipeline and lay down fencing.
  - **Watershed Grant application** – underway This grant is to increase the Beaver Mimicry monitoring.
  - **Heart of the Rockies RCPP application** - underway
- **Garnet:**
  - **Graveley'** --planning has been completed. Draft task order & budget has been sent to NRDP.
  - **Dippold** – Draft task order and landowner agreement sent to NRDP on hold due to landowner request.
  - **DNRC/Dutton** – Completed

- **Dutton Ranch** – underway
- **Gilman Ranch** – on hold due to landowner request.
- **Hollenback Ranch** – underway.
- **P-Burg West:**
  - **DNRC/Sanders** – no project planning task order.
  - **Marshall Creek Ranch** – landowner has asked for assistance. A draft landowner agreement is being developed for NRDP consideration. Landowner asked for this to be put on hold.
- **RCPP:**
  - Planning now underway on new potential projects on Aspen Grove, Applegate's, Kelley, and Brothers. Meetings held with NRCS in February to refine planning process based on lessons learned from McQueary project.
- **CREP:**
  - Conference call held with NRDP and Heidi Brewer on February 28<sup>th</sup>. A planning call will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> to develop a scope of work for Heidi to research the status of the National CREP and the Montana proposal prior to a May meeting with FSA.
- **Compost Project:**
  - First carcass pick up completed in December. Meeting being scheduled with state Grizzly Bear Specialist and Montana State Prison to explore the proposal for a compost facility at the prison to service the Upper Clark Fork.
- **Brown's Gulch:**
  - Fred and Mark began meeting with Brown Gulch landowners in February to develop potential TIP project with NRCS.
  - **Brothers:** Final design received 2/28/2020. Randy Brothers is going to sign up for a RCPP EQIP contract.
- **Cottonwood Creek:**
  - Great West Engineering is under way for Aspen Grove and Applegate's. Conceptual plan received Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Will is now developing proposals to NRDP.
- **Gold Creek:**
  - Will submitted edited planning memo to NRDP on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **O'Neil Creek:** Task order submitted to NRDP on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Racetrack Creek:**
  - Glen met with landowners on the Morrison Ditch about a fish screen on the diversion. Great West will be working on the Kelley project.
- **Racetrack/Dempsey Creek:**
  - Meeting with Glen Green and FW&P on January 22 to identify priority projects. Contract signed with Great West to begin conceptual designs

Next meeting: April 7, 2020

Submitted by Susie Johnson, March 11, 2020