

WRC UCF Minutes

June 2, 2020
Public Meeting

Those Present:

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, Cam Balentine – WRC/Brown's Gulch/landowner, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Mark Mariamo – Rampart Solutions, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Josh Schrecengost – NRCS, Kevin Bossert – NRCS, Stephen Begley – FW&P, Carl Hamming – DL County Planner, Casey Hackathorn – TU, Valerie Kurth - DNRC 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 Karen Knudsen, seconded by Cam Balentine and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

New Business:

- Milltown Water Right Follow-up: Stephen Begley reported what the next steps will be in sending landowner/water users follow up letter out. Ted said that if WRC was to send out the information that we would have to be compensated for our time and supplies. Stephen will check with FWP to see if they have funds to do this. This letter was from the meetings that took place in May and June of 2019 on the Milltown Water Rights. Attached with the letter are excerpts of the report that documents the proceedings and outcomes.
- 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.

Project Updates: Ted gave an overview of some of the projects. Aquatics are on hold for the time being.

- Cottonwood Creek – Brian said NRDP is still complying information and are identifying an upper diversion on Aspen Grove. NRCS through RCPP is working with Aspen Grove on fish passage and irrigation efficiency.
- Browns Gulch – there will be a meeting June 9th on the Brother project.
- CREP – Heidi Brewer is a part time employee of WRC and is researching the CREP proposal. There will be a meeting on Friday with NRDP to discuss her findings.

Next meeting: July 7, 2020

Submitted by Susie Johnson, June 18, 2020