

WRC UCF Minutes
December 1, 2020
Public Meeting

Those Present:

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, John Moodry – WRC/Mile High CD/ BSB, Bruce Thomas – WRC/landowner, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/landowner/Brown's Gulch, Cam Ballentine – WRC/landowner/Brown's Gulch, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Josh Schrecengost – NRCS, Will McDowell – WRC/CFC, Glen Green – WRC, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Mark Mariano – Rampart-Solutions, Andy Fischer – CFC, Kim Johnson – People and Predators, Lewis Smith – Representing the Deer Lodge Landfill, Jamie Jonkel – FWP, Torrey Ritter – FWP, Eric Graham – Blackfoot Challenge, Seth Wilson – Blackfoot Challenge 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:

Deer Lodge Landfill Proposal – Ted reported that WRC had a compost site in Butte for two years but had to be shut down after one year since it reached its maximum tonnage due to other products from other sources, it was shut down in May 2020. Expanding the compost site throughout the year, WRC worked with Blackfoot Challenge, FWP and representative from Granite County to establish a compost project at Montana State Prison. This project did not move forward, therefore WRC began proceeding to work with the same individuals and the Deer Lodge Landfill. This project is underway with the carcass project including four counties. Powell County, Deer Lodge County, Granite County and Butte Silver Bow to be delivered to the landfill the winter of 2021. WRC would like to contract with Cora Helm to establish a compost facility at the Deer Lodge Landfill in 2021. Lewis Smith represented Powell County Landfill at this meeting.

Project Updates:

- Cottonwood Creek – was reported by Will McDowell. Aspen Grove phase I is complete and a walk-through Friday at 9:00. NRDP will pay engineering cost for phase II. There were 2 water right changes in phase II and DNRC has completed the first phase review.
- O'Neill Creek – Will coordinated with Morrison-Maierle Engineers on design approaches, design flow rate and set up field trip.
- Gold Creek – Will would like to do a small tour for the owners of the ditch and show them some other fish screens that have been installed to see what interest there is in doing projects.
- Habitat Enhancement -. Glen contacted Confluence to request a bid for revising the engineering designs for Sanders livestock water system.
- Brothers Diversion – Mark reported that the spillway is being finished and the fish ladder is being constructed.
- Gough Creek – Glen reported setting up a day (mid December) for a field tour of the Hollenback and Dutton ranch potential projects.
- North and South – Glen did a field visit of Ted Becks property to assess riparian areas for potential fencing to exclude livestock use. Looked at Sand Hollow and Orofino Creeks.
- Compost project – look at beginning of minutes.
- Partners reports were given.

Next meeting: January 5, 2020

Submitted by Susie Johnson, December 10, 2020