

WRC UCF Minutes
February 2, 2021 Board Meeting

❖ **This meeting took place through a conference call due to COVID-19**

Susie Johnson – DLVCD/WRC, John Hollenback – DLVCD/WRC, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Bruce Thomas – WRC/landowner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/landowner/Brown’s Gulch, Cam Ballentine – WRC/landowner-Brown’s Gulch, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Rem Mannix – Powell County Commissioner, Will McDowell – WRC/CFC and Ted Dodge – WRC.

The finance portion of this meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback. The board was updated on the invoices being presented for payment this month. Invoices were not initialed because of COVID-19 conference calling.

\$ 3,422.10 to Ted Dodge Salary (Jan)
\$ 144.70 to Verizon for internet card (2)
\$ 809.24 to Glen Green invoiced to WRC
\$ 365.00 to Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District for Bookkeeping
\$ 156.25 to Michael Blakeley for accounting Cottonwood Baggs
\$,760.00 to Clark Fork Coalition for Cottonwood Baggs
\$ 360.00 to Clark Fork Coalition for O’Neill Creek
\$ 2,640.00 to Clark Fork Coalition for RCPP
\$ 45.00 to Rampart Solutions for Brown’s Gulch
\$ 12,133.10 to Great West Engineering for RCPP
\$ 24,884.00 to Northern Rockies Engineering for Dan Kelley’s project - RCPP
\$ 200.00 to Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation for office rental
\$ 47,919.39

It was moved by Bruce Thomas, seconded by Dan McQueary and motion carried to pay these claims as presented. RCPP checks won’t be mailed out until receipt of funds.

- **Minutes:** It was moved by Dan McQueary, seconded by Bruce Thomas and motion carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
- **Treasurer Position:** It was moved by Pete Dallaserra, seconded by Karen Knudsen and motion carried to elect Dan McQueary as the WRC Treasurer.
- **Clark Fork Drought Plan proposal:** Ted discussed with the board the desire to limit the impact on upper Clark Fork Irrigators while improving instream flow to the Clark Fork River. WRC Board request that the NRDP and FWP coordinate their restoration and mitigation efforts in establishing a drought management project in the Warm Springs Creek to Dempsey Creek reach of the Clark Fork river by establishing temperature and flow triggers along with necessary flow monitoring stream gages to ensure the success of the project. WRC also request the NRDP and FWP work with WRC to establish and fund a Water Service agreement with Butte Silver Bow for the delivery of Silver Lake water on an on call basis activated by the flow and temperature triggers established on the Warm Spring to Dempsey Creek reach of the Clark Fork River. WRC also request that

with the successful initiation of this project that irrigators above the town of Deer Lodge be relieved of the water rights call created by the state's establishment of the Milltown water right. It was moved by Dan McQueary seconded by Rem Mannix and motion carried for the WRC to move forward with this plan.

- **NRDP contract & task orders follow up:** should be getting new task orders by the end of March.

The next WRC meeting will be March 2, 2021

Submitted by Susie Johnson, February 19, 2021