

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting September 13, 2022
6:30 PM
USDA Building, Deer Lodge

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback. Supervisors present were Troy McQueary, Reece Price, Jeff McQueary, and Joleen Meshnik. Associate Supervisor present was Jeff Janke. Also in attendance were Josh Schrecengost, Caleb Uerling, Gary Chilcott, and Cathy Johnson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Don Despain was not present. Cathy reported \$852.80 in the district checking account, \$5,093.44 in the No Till account, and \$3,930.30 in the Education account.

District Administrator Cathy Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$444.71 and \$18,611.85 in the new DLVCD/NPCD combined account. The county funds account is in the process of being closed out and a current balance was not available at meeting time.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

District Administrator (Cathy Johnson) Aug 2022 Pay	\$2,508.63
Reimburse DLVCD No Till Account for July 2022 Pay	2,212.15
<u>Petty Cash (fair display materials-17.25; postage for certified letters-31.88)</u>	<u>49.13</u>
Total Claims	\$4,769.91

It was moved by Troy McQueary, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to pay these claims with the exception of the No Till reimbursement. That claim will be revisited at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chairman John Hollenback gave a report on the WRC meeting of 9-6-2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Area 5 Meeting, 10-5-2022, in Bigfork was noted. Registrations must be in by 9-28-2022. DLVCD will sponsor any staff or supervisors who wish to attend. They are looking for supervisors interested in being on the MACD board.
2. District Administrator Cathy Johnson gave information on some potential projects (a pilot tree sales project and a pollinator program). The Supervisors approved moving forward with those.
3. The 2023 Livestock Seminar will be January 7, 2023. Possible topics include direct marketing of beef, cattle reproduction, and the water compact.

SB310:

1. DLV-03-22 **E** Little Blackfoot Landowner's Assoc, Little Blackfoot Rock placed to mitigate river encroaching on road.

On hold - Caleb Uerling with FWP will meet the contractor onsite to discuss recommended modifications.

2. DLV-12-22 Brian Witt, unknown creek
Clean out waterway so water can flow.

It was moved by Troy McQueary, seconded by Joleen Meshnik, and motion carried to make this a project and issue a permit pending completion of a team inspection report. An inspection will be scheduled as soon as all parties are available to meet.

3. DLV-13-22 Gary Chilcott, Johnson Creek
Clean out waterway so water can be controlled and back in its original banks.

Mr. Chilcott was present for the meeting and described his plans. It was moved by Troy McQueary, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to make this a project and issue a permit pending completion of a team inspection report. An inspection will be scheduled as soon as all parties are available to meet. It was noted that the District cannot permit for the pond Mr. Chilcott hopes to create.

FW&P 124 Permits: None.

AGENCY REPORTS: Caleb Uerling from FWP reported small culverts are going in on Hoover Creek. Josh Schrecengost from NRCS reported the deadline for Farm Bill Programs is October 28th (EQIP or CSP).

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Cathy Johnson reported that the DNRC hired a marketing firm to do a statewide campaign to get information out about CDs. The DLV and NP CDs received \$26,825.00 in CD Administration Grant and 310 monies. She will contact DNRC for a breakdown on how much is from the admin grant and how much is for 310s in each district. The EQC voted to finalize the draft bill on CD funding so it will be introduced to the Legislature in early January. DNRC is in support. If passed, the bill would increase CD funding using tax revenue from marijuana sales, which is exceeding expectations. Input from CD staff and supervisors is suggested during the public comment period. The DLV/NP CD Facebook page is up and running. Mostly just conservation-related posts are being shared from other pages right now but more original content will be posted as it becomes available, events are scheduled, etc. The MACD convention is scheduled for 11-15-2022 through 11-17-2022 in Helena. More details will be passed along once they are received. The accountant handling the payroll for DLVCD/NPCD is having trouble getting direct deposit set up for payroll so we're still having to do paper checks. Chairman John Hollenback will set up a meeting with the bank. It was moved by Troy McQueary, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to open a new account at First Security Bank just for payroll if the issue cannot be resolved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 6:30 pm. USDA Building.