

WRC UCF Minutes

October 4, 2022

Public Meeting

Those Present:

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Bruce Thomas – WRC/landowner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/Landowner/MHCD, Cathy Johnson – DLVCD, Will McDowell – WRC/CFC, Josh Schrecengost – NRCS, Stephen Begley – FWP, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, 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. Dan reported on the current financial problems due to slow NRDP payments. Brian asked for clarification on what the hold up is. Ted explained its both time it takes to find out about corrections needed as well as getting the payments sent. Brian said maybe Doug and Ray should attend the next WRC meeting. Brian also said that Susie should be sending a copy of the invoices to the Project Managers when invoices are submitted. Brian said the invoices are professional documents and need to be good quality.
- **Minutes:**
It was moved by Dan McQueary, seconded by Pete Bruce Thomas and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
- **New Business:** None.

Project Updates:

DNRC Forestry Grant: Ted submitted a Forestry grant to DNRC in the amount of \$300,000.00. Out of that amount DNRC will receive \$45,000.00 and WRC will receive \$75,000.00. This grant will be for conifer encroachment from Gough creek to Rock Creek.

CREP Proposal: A revised draft project proposal has been developed on the potential Harrington CREP and submitted to NRDP for review. Glen and Will will contact the Marshall Creek ranch on what they are proposing.

Upper Clark Fork Stream Flow Working Group: Brian reported a meeting was held with this group around two weeks ago. The Water Smart grant was talked about and this grant proposal looks promising for grant funding. We should know about this grant around November or December.

Terrestrial Priority Areas: Ted reported that terrestrial projects are on hold until monitoring report is completed.

Aquatic:

Cottonwood Creek – Aspen Grove: Will reported Aspen Grove pipeline is a third completed.

- **O’Neill Creek** –Will reported that the O’Neil Creek project could be finished with the estate/probate by the end of the year. The fish screen will have to wait until then.
- **Gold Creek** – Will reported NRDP ran into some engineering contracting issues so the Wall City diversions aren’t going to happen or on hold. Will offered his services to help with the scope of work but the offer was not taken.

Flow: Brian thought that now would be a good time to start looking at diversion projects on Racetrack Creek.

Deer Lodge Landfill Compost Project: No report.

Partners/Board Members reports were given.

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Submitted by Susie Johnson, September 9, 2022