

## WRC UCF Minutes

November 1, 2022

Public Meeting

### **Those Present:**

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – WRC, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Bruce Thomas – WRC/landowner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/Landowner/MHCD, Cam Balentine – WRC/Landowner/MHCD, Heidi Brewer – WRC, Glen Green – WRC, Josh Schreengost – NRCS, Cathy Johnson – DLVCD, Alex Leone – CFC, Andy Fischer – CFC, Doug Martin – 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.
- **Minutes:**  
It was moved by Bruce Thomas seconded by Cam Ballentine 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. This grant was submitted on November 5, 2022.

**CREP Proposal:** Harrington CREP proposal delivered to landowner. No change in status. Will McDowell and Heidi Brewer met with Ward Clark to begin planning for a potential CREP project on Marshall Creek in the Pburg West Priority Terrestrial Area. Zoom meeting held with FSA to review yearly report details due in December.

**Upper Clark Fork Stream Flow Working Group:** 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. The Flow Group will be a technical advisor to WRC.

**Terrestrial Priority Areas:** Terrestrial project monitoring report still under development.

### **Garnet Terrestrial – Task Order No. 15.25**

#### **Gough Creek:**

Dutton Hereford Ranch:

No change in status since last report. No activity since sending the NRDP landowner agreement up to NRDP in March 2022. Dutton project list will include conifer encroachment removal from grasslands (keying in on areas of Antelope bitterbrush), conifer encroachment removal from the Gough Creek riparian zone, and biological weed control for Spotted knapweed.

**DNRC:**

No change in status since last report. No activity on a landowner agreement since March 2022. Landowner agreement still draft and has not been submitted to NRDP for review. Proposed projects include two spring developments (with short pipelines and stock tanks) and conifer removal from an Aspen clone.

**Brock Creek:**

**Brock Creek Ranch LLC (Cynthia Montagne):**

No change in status since last report. No activity since March 2022. Have been trying to connect with Cynthia Montagne to set up a meeting to review the draft management plan. Hope to do that in September. Property is in sections 14,23 & 24 T10N R10W in the Brock Creek drainage.

**Deer Lodge North-South – Task Order No. 16**

**Aspen Grove Ranch (Sherm Anderson):**

No change in status since last report. No activity. NRDP has not yet approved the landowner agreement. Want to get A. Chadwick to review the beaver mimicry proposed in Reese Anderson Creek. The proposed projects include a cross fence, riparian fence, beaver mimicry, stream crossings, off stream stock water system (pumping station, pipelines, & summer and winter stock tanks).

**Monitoring Activities:**

Terrestrial project monitoring report still under development.

**DNRC Landscape Scale Restoration Grant**

Final draft grant request submitted to DNRC on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. DNRC will submit the proposal to the U.S.F.S. on November 4.

**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 Projects:**

**Racetrack and Dempsey Creek Flow Project Development – Task Order No.6**

No Activity.

**Deer Lodge Landfill Compost Project:** No change in status since last report. County still waiting for the DEQ to approve the expansion of the landfill project. Ted has visited with the committee chair & the Landfill Engineer and will attend the Landfill committee meeting on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to ask the committee the status of the potential compost site. New grant request budget submitted to the Heart of the Rockies

Partners/Board Members reports were given.

Next meeting: December 6, 2022

Submitted by Susie Johnson, November 9, 2022