

WRC UCF Minutes

December 6, 2022

Public Meeting

Those Present:

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – WRC, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Bruce Thomas – WRC/landowner, Glen Green – WRC, Cathy Johnson – DLVCD, Caleb Uerling - FWP, Carl Hamming - DL CO Planner, 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 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. This grant was submitted on November 5, 2022.

CREP Proposal: Harrington CREP proposal delivered to landowner. No change in status. Draft CREP proposal developed for Marshall Creek Ranch. Zoom meeting held with NRDP to discuss development of annual report.

Upper Clark Fork Stream Flow Working Group: Ted updated the group.

Terrestrial Priority Areas:

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 submitted to NRDP.

DNRC Landscape Scale Restoration Grant

DNRC submitted final proposal as part of a package to the U.S.F.S. in November.

Aquatic:

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

- **RCC-Vineyards Diversion:** No change in status since last report. Confluence has developed a concept plan. Currently waiting for Rock Creek Project Manager to make contact with Joe Dippold.
- **O'Neill Creek** –No activity.

- **Gold Creek** – In late November NRDP sent out a RFQ for engineering firms to develop concept plan for the proposed diversion/fish screen projects.
- **Racetrack Aquatics Project Development TO: 5.14:** No activity. Meeting scheduled on December 6th with NRDP, FWP, and CFC to discuss potential future activities.

Flow Projects:

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

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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. County contacted in November about status report on DEQ permit.

Partners/Board Members reports were given.

Next meeting: January 3, 2023

Submitted by Susie Johnson, December 12, 2022