

NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting Monday, February 6, 2023
1:30 pm, Melany Mannix hosting

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kevin Ertl. Supervisors present were Jim Stone and Melany Mannix. Also present were Josh Schrecengost and Cathy Johnson.

It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

District Administrator Cathy Johnson reported \$471.43 in the district checking account, \$3,266.81 in the district savings account, \$409.13 in Petty Cash, and \$38,578.50 in the DLVCD/NPCD Combined Account.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Josh Schrecengost from NRCS gave a report on the MACD Convention which was November 15 – 17, 2022, in Helena.
2. Jim Stone gave a report on the Western MT Grazing Conference which was January 19 – 20, 2023, in Missoula.
3. District Administrator Cathy Johnson and Josh Schrecengost from NRCS gave a report on the 50th Annual Livestock Seminar which was January 7, 2023, in Deer Lodge.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers was discussed. It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone, and motion carried to keep the officers the same – Tracy Manley, Chairman; Kevin Ertl, Vice Chairman; and Jim Stone, Treasurer.
2. The final drafts of the Annual Plan of Operations and Annual Report were reviewed. It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve the final drafts as presented. The APO was signed by acting chair for the meeting Kevin Ertl.
3. The NRCS Civil Rights Responsibilities and NRCS/NPCD MOA were reviewed and signed.
4. A grant opportunity with BBCTU and DEQ for work on Nevada Creek was discussed. Cathy reported that it will be Federal dollars funneling through DEQ and a SAM registration is required for that but NPCD does not have their own Tax ID; it's under DLVCD. If DLVCD agrees, NPCD is okay with the grant being under DLVCD if necessary but would like to pursue getting their own Tax ID for future projects if possible. Cathy will put this on the next DLVCD agenda and will also contact our CPA for advice on the Tax ID.
5. A request for assistance from Nevada Creek Water Users on a canal project was discussed. NPCD is willing to sponsor a grant if the Water Users locate an applicable one and submit a proposal with project details. Cathy will call Jamie Stitt with the Water Users back and relay that information.

6. The Montana Resources Youth Camp, July 16 – 21, 2023, at Lubrecht was discussed. Cathy will forward the details on the camp to Jim Stone as he has some possible candidates for sponsorship. The registration deadline is July 7th.

SB-310: None.

FWP 124 PERMIT: None.

AGENCY REPORTS: Josh Schrecengost from NRCS reported they are working on ranking applications now. They have a lot going on in North Powell – conifer encroachment, stock water, 5 grizzly projects – so he doesn't plan on starting any new projects right now but is interested in hearing what is needed next. Josh will be attending the Soil Health Symposium in Billings this week.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Cathy Johnson reported the Local Work Group will be scheduled in conjunction with the March 6th NPCD meeting. Jim Stone will arrange to have it at the Ovando Fire Hall to allow more room for public attendance. Cathy noted the CD funding bill is being considered by the Legislature and a survey was sent out to see how CDs would use the funding if the bill passes. The survey was reviewed by NPCD, needs were prioritized, and Cathy will submit the Board's responses. Cathy reported that MACo will no longer be providing insurance coverage to CDs but two carriers are working on putting packages together with plans to have something in place by June 30th when the MACo coverage expires. Cathy noted that Melany Mannix's term will expire at the end of 2023. Melany was given the Oath of Candidacy form to turn in to the County Clerk and Recorder.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 6, 2023 TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR THE OVANDO FIREHALL

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: February 9, 2023