

## WRC UCF Minutes

September 5, 2023

Public Meeting

### **Those Present:**

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – WRC, Bruce Thomas WRC/Landowner, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Cam Ballentine – WRC/MHCD/landowner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/MHCD/landowner, Andy Fischer – CFC, Ray Vinkey – NRDP, Will McDowell - CFC, Scott Perkins – Dempsey Creek landowner, 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.
- **Scott Perkins project Proposal:** Scott presented to the board an irrigation project that he would like to get financial help on Dempsey Creek. At this time NRDP will not put any funds into Dempsey Creek. Scott said that he has applied for EQIP dollars through NRCS but at this time hasn't heard back. John Hollenback would like for Scott to attend a Deer Lodge Conservation District meeting and present his project there.

### **Project Updates:**

**CREP:** No activity.

**Upper Clark Fork Stream Flow Working Group:** Next meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Pen Convention Center in Deer Lodge.

**DNRC Landscape Scale Restoration Grant:** Work continued for developing proposed bid packages with discussion with Graveley, Montange and Dutton. Continued. The proposed WRC financial procurement policy document sent to DNRC for review and a few changes need to be made.

### **Terrestrial Priority Areas:**

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

**Van Diest (Gilman Ranch):** Draft project proposal to NRDP under development. Glen was not present to give an update.

**DNRC/Brock Creek:** Draft bid package for Conifer removal under development.

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

Continue to discuss potential EQIP project. Drafted bid package for conifer removal and sought help from DNRC forester for other forestry activities on the property. No new activity.

**Hollenback:** Stock water bid package completed and submitted to NRDP. Draft Conifer removal bid package under development. Stock water project out for bid. Final bid due this Thursday.

**Gravelly Ranch:** No new update.

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

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

Project Proposal completed and submitted to NRDP.

**Habitat Enhancement:** No activity.

**Aquatic:**

**Blacktail Creek Riparian Restoration Planning Project:**

Project proposal completed and submitted to NRDP.

**Browns Gulch:**

Ballentine projects Contractor selected. Projects expected to be completed in the fall of 2023.

**Cottonwood Creek – Aspen Grove:**

No activity.

**O&M Task Order –**

Work is under way with scheduled field reviews of the established fish screen. Fabrication work completed on one screen.

**O’Neill Creek** –No activity.

**Gold Creek –**

No change in status since the May report.

**Racetrack Aquatics Project Development TO: 5.14:**

Field work ongoing for the required report to NRDP.

**Flow Projects:**

No word from BOR on the Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Grant for Racetrack Lake which was completed and submitted to the BOR on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Deer Lodge Landfill Compost Project:**

Meeting with the Powell County landfill committee is set for August 1<sup>st</sup>. Wait to hear about the latest grant submission with Heart of the Rockies.

Partners/Board Members reports were given.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Submitted by Susie Johnson, September 19, 2023