

## **WRC UCF Minutes**

October 3, 2023

Public Meeting

### **Those Present:**

John Hollenback – WRC/DLVCD, Susie Johnson – WRC, Bruce Thomas WRC/Landowner, Dan McQueary – WRC/landowner, Pete Dallaserra – WRC/MHCD/landowner, Karen Knudsen – WRC/CFC, Andy Fischer – CFC, Brian Bartkowiak – NRDP, Glen Green – WRC, Erica Paddock - NRCS, Cathy Johnson – DLVCD, 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.

### **Project Updates:**

**Upper Clark Fork Stream Flow Working Group:** This group had their meeting two weeks ago and so far, haven't heard back from the BOR grant.

**DNRC Landscape Scale Restoration Grant:** No activity.

### **Terrestrial Priority Areas:**

Hollenback's project is underway. Five Contractors showed up for the walk through. Out of the five, three bids were received. Red Rocks out of Gold Creek was selected.

Glen will be addressing issues on the riparian fence on Sanders DNRC lease and spring development of Dutton DNRC lease sections.

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

Maintenance on previous Beaver Mimicry projects need to be done on Sand Hollow, Clines and Lamperts.

**Habitat Enhancement:** To the field to locate/identify potential riparian monitoring sites on the N.F. Spring Creek. Long term monitoring sites will be established within the riparian areas that were fenced last year. Glen worked on and completed a monitoring proposal (with maps) for establishing permanent riparian monitoring sites on N.F. Spring Creek (DNRC/Sanders) and Brock Creek (DNRC/Dutton). Glen sent the proposal to Ray to review.

**Aquatic:**

**Blacktail Creek Riparian Restoration Planning Project:**

Follow up with Pat C. on potential 319 grant.

**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 –**

Routinely maintain and clean fish screens based on flows and debris flows.

**O’Neill Creek** –Mark has been added to this task order.

**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:** Wait to hear about the latest grant submission with Heart of the Rockies. Was told it could be six to eight months to receive a permit.

Partners/Board Members reports were given.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Submitted by Susie Johnson, October 20, 2023