

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting April 10, 2018
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were Don Despain, Troy McQueary and Joleen Meshnik. Also present were Carl Hamming, Powell County Planner, Jason Lindstrom, MT FW&P, Jim Olsen, MT FW&P, Travis Horton, MT FW&P, and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Troy McQueary and motion carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer was not present to give a report. Susie reported \$5,185.44 in the district checking account and \$1,439.02 in the district's Range Day's account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$155.73 and \$60,409.80 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

WRC (drought grant)	\$ 1,426.81
Lickety Print (copy newsletter)	240.24
DL Preservation (sponsor table to promote Women in Ag Book)	100.00
Joleen Meshnik (registration & mileage to Dillon workshop)	86.30
Powell County (payroll processing Jan-March 2018)	250.00
Petty Cash (Postage)	87.57
Petty Cash (check order, padded envelopes, 10 books)	<u>137.45</u>
Total	\$ 2,328.37

It was moved by Troy McQueary, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to pay these claims.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Travis Horton, FW&P who covers Region 3 and is the Fisheries Manager for the Gallatin, Madison, Yellowstone and the Big Hole. Travis is getting together a group to discuss the impacts of private ponds. FW&P has the authority to regulate private ponds as far as where the pond is located to make sure it is out of the flood plain, its inlets and outlets and disease fish. In his area landowners are developing multiple ponds. The landowners are also developing ponds on exempt wells. Travis is going to do a Cumulative Effects Analysis study and wants to have the Conservation Districts input into this study. Travis would like to have a Supervisor on this group so they can make recommendations to FW&P. DNRC would also be involved in this group. Don Despain would like to be involved in this group.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC report was given by Susie. April 16th there will be a CREP training. WRC received a grant from the Blackfoot Challenge for carcass removal. This will be a pilot project for one year.
2. Rialto thank you was read to the board. This year proceeds from the Bar J Wrangler concert of \$2,650.00 will be used to replace two speakers and repaint the marquee.

3. MACD Dwight was not present to give a report. The Supervisors were given a copy of the changes to the 310 application and will look it over.
4. Natural Resource Field Day was discussed. The ice cream and milk have been ordered from the Prison. Susie is still trying to get a hold of the Bear presenter. All other presenters are on board. The field day will take place May 16 at Racetrack Campgrounds. We are getting good response from the schools.
5. Montana Women from the Ground Up was discussed. The district bought a table at the Deer Lodge Preservation group tea that will take place at the Elks Lodge May 6th. Linda Brander will be able to tell this group about the Women in Ag book.

SB310:

1. DLV-26-17, Mill Creek Irrigation Company, Mill Creek Irrigation Structure. **On hold waiting for final design.**
2. DLV-01-18, John Beck, Little Blackfoot River 10-year maintenance permit. **Waiting for inspection.**
3. DLV-02-18, John Beck, Little Blackfoot River 10-year maintenance permit. **Waiting for inspection.**
4. DLV-03-18, John Beck, Little Blackfoot River 10-year maintenance permit. **Waiting for inspection.**
5. DLV-04-18, John Beck, Little Blackfoot River 10-year maintenance permit. **Waiting for inspection.**
6. DLV-05-18, John Beck, Little Blackfoot River 10-year maintenance permit. **Waiting for inspection.**
7. DLV-06-18, Richard Cline/R Bar N Ranch, Girard Gulch Stream/Riparian Wetland Restoration.

It was moved by Troy McQueary, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this application as a project. An inspection was not requested.

CAMPS, WORKSHOPS:

1. Envirothon, April 23-24, 2018, Lewistown.
2. MT Range Days, June 18-20, 2018, Red Lodge, MT.
3. MT Youth Range Camp, July 9-12, 2018, Bloomfield, MT. Co-hosted by Richland & Dawson Conservation Districts.
4. MT Natural Resources Youth Camp, July 15-20, 2018, Lubrecht.

AGENCY REPORTS: None.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

