

WRC UCF Minutes

March 6, 2018

Public Meeting

Those Present:

Susie Johnson-DLVCD/WRC; John Hollenback- DLVCD/WRC, Fred Staedler – WRC/NRCS, Karen Knudsen – CFC/WRC, Will McDowell – CFC/WRC, Ben Quinones – DEQ, Beau Downing – NRDP, Doug Martin – NRDP, Pete Dallaserra- MHCD/landowner/WRC, Cam Balentine – MHCD/WRC/Brown's Gulch, and Ted Dodge – WRC

Agenda:

- Treasures report

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback.

Treasurer Report:

- Invoices were reviewed and approved at the previous Board meeting.

Project Updates:

- **NRDP Deer Lodge South** – Fred reported Sand Hollow fencing project and Cline's laid down fencing project contract is written and in review with NRDP. Pete Dallaserra's pre commercial thinning and fuel break through EQIP is finished. Fred has a verbal approval from the Prison to use the Prison Crew again this year.
- **Philipsburg West** NRDP project area – Will stated that the landowner's agreements are written and need to be reviewed with the landowners.
- **Little Blackfoot River** – Will reported that he needs to put together a landowner agreement with Cross Canyon Ranch and Trout Unlimited.
- **Browns Gulch** – Ted is waiting for Jason Lindstrom to inspect the Ueland diversion project. Ted would like to extend the Ueland contract with WRC to extend the expiration date until June 30, 2018 to correct their diversion project.
- **Blacktail Creek** – Ted would like to plan a tour of the Basin Creek area sometime in August.
- **Flint Creek/Boulder Creek** – Will reported that he needs approval on landowner agreements with NRDP.
- **CREP** – (Conservation Reserve Program) Ted and Greg Mullan met with the FSA State Office in Bozeman and they want to move forward with a training on April 16th. NRDP will provide match and set aside funds for projects. They want to open up CREP to the whole basin.
- **RCPP** – Will reported on RCPP Cottonwood that McQueary's diversion design is 75% completed. Cost came in at half the price. Applegate and McQueary's change application have been approved. Will has been working with this since 2011. Ted said there has been no answer on the Westside ditch. The next Westside ditch meeting they will include the Clark Fork Coalition and NRDP.
- **Drought Resiliency Project** – Will, CFC and TU are working on this with DNRC. They would like to unify the efforts and hire one person for this project.

- **Garnet Terrestrial Proposal** – Ted reported that NRDP wants him to put together a task order and look at what needs to be done. Ted has a proposal into NRDP for review.
- **Wildlife Conflict Grant** – There is \$10,000 for WRC to get started with this project. This project to start a carcass pick up in our area.

Partners report were given.

Next meeting April 3, 2018

Submitted by: Susie Johnson, March 8, 2018