

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting July 14, 2015
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback. Supervisors present were Jeff Janke, Dwight Crawford, Don Despain and Jodi Pauley. Also present were Jennifer Downing (Big Hole Watershed Committee), Will McDowell, Glen Green, Jason Lindstrom, Karen Laitala, Brian Bender and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$2,117.28 in the district checking account and \$3,784.09 in the district Range Days account.

District Secretary Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$172.80 and \$25,683.95 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

WWC (contracted services, acct. 730)	\$ 609.00
WWC (contracted services, acct. 730)	796.10
Lickety Print (copy newsletter, acct. 320)	169.50
Montana Standard (ad for cement ditch, acct. 730)	199.97
Parwana Services (contracted services, acct. 730)	975.84
Petty Cash (postage, acct. 310)	93.32
<u>MACo PCT (district insurance, acct. 510)</u>	<u>3,132.00</u>
Total	\$5,975.73

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC had their meeting on July 7th and held election of officers. John Hollenback-Chairman, Bruce Thomas-Vice-Chairman, and John Moodry-Treasurer. Pete Dallasessa came on as a new member of the board replacing Don Ueland. Fred Staedler will be the new Conservation Planner starting July 20th. Ted applied for the NRCS's RCPP grant for a total of two million dollars.
2. Kohrs Manning diversion was discussed. The district has not received a design modification for the Kohrs and Manning diversion 310 permit from M-M. M-M has not supplied the district with a useable design for the diversion. The district wants to contact Don MacIntyre and see if the district has to pay M-M their full invoice since part of the invoice was to oversee construction, if the district decides to terminate their services. If the district decides to keep M-M then they need to know that they haven't provided information to the district in a timely manner. Funding will be an issue if we change Engineering services. FW&P might be able to come up with \$5,000 for a re-design.
3. No Till Drill was discussed. 223 grant is due July 31st. Susie will check into a loan program to see if the district is eligible to apply to use as match. Glen, Jodi and Susie will meet on Monday or Tuesday to fill out the 223 grant.
4. Bridger Plant Material Center tour was discussed. The board rented a suburban and went over to Bridger for the tour. The Conservation District has sponsored grants for

the Plant Material Center for over 20 years so it was great to have the opportunity to see all the research that is being done.

5. Plant Material Center agreement with the district was signed by Chairman John Hollenback. This is a renewal until December 31, 2015.
6. Surplus Property form was updated. This form needs to be updated every 3 to 4 years. This form is to allow the district to purchase surplus property from the state.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Big Hole Watershed Committee, (BHWC) Jennifer Downing informed the board that they would like to serve as project manager for DNRC funded projects within the Big Hole River watershed. BHWC hosts and implements grants for projects including hiring contractors. This allows projects with multiple funding sources and multiple partners to be managed within one locale. As Project Manager, BHWC will hold contracts for contractors and manages all procurement requirements, document all match documentation and in-kind contributions, document all billings and ensures they meet contract requirements and manage and provide financial and progress reports for the Conservation District. DNRC supports proposed work for the Mount Haggin area. The partners are interested in seeking additional DNRC Planning Grants which would fall under Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District jurisdiction and would require the districts support. The Partners are interested in requesting these funds with DLVCD with BHWC serving to manage the project and funds. BHWC would manage DLVCD grants that would include: French Gulch, Moose Creek, Muddy-Joiner Creek, Oregon Creek and French Creek. BHWC would receive 4% out of the project management fund and the district would receive 3% out of the grant for administration. It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Jodi Pauley to sign a MOU agreement with BHWC to manage these grants.
2. WWC/Racetrack/DLVCD agreement was discussed. This agreement is between WWC and the district to help the Racetrack Water Users determine if they want to become an irrigation district.
3. Cheryle's replacement was discussed. The board will give Susie until next meeting to see if the board should hire a replacement or if Susie wants to handle the work load on her own.

SB310:

1. DLV-02-15, Bill Mosier, Kohrs & Manning Ditch Company, Clark Fork River Irrigation Structure/Improvement to Existing Structure. **On Hold.**
2. DLV-10-15, Dan Fiehrer, Dave's Gulch Diversion.
It was moved by Jodi Pauley, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.
3. DLV-11-15, Sun Mountain Lumber, Mill Creek Bridge.
It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jeff Janke and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report. An inspection has been requested.
4. Tim Beck update was discussed by Brian Bender. Tim needs to obtain an engineering design for what he is doing to the bank with rock in the flood plain. Brian gave Tim two options 1) to go through the Flood Plain permitting process, 2) or remove the rock

voluntarily. Brian has given Tim 30 days to obtain the services of an Engineering Firm or the County will prosecute.

5. Digging a well along Cottonwood Creek was discussed by John Hollenback. John received a call from someone wanting to dig a well by Cottonwood creek. John wasn't sure what the intend of this was, so he is going to tell this person to fill out a 310 application so the district will have more details about this project. It does sounds more of a water rights issue.

CAMPS & WORKSHOPS:

1. Montana 2015 Youth Range Camp, July 27-31, 2015, Colstrip, MT. was noted.

FW&P: 124 permits:

1. Helena Ranger District, Little Blackfoot River, new bridge at Golden Anchor site was noted.
2. Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Warm Springs Creek, Improvement to Washoe Park and Hefner's Dam area was noted.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Glen reported that NRCS had a meeting with DEQ about the wetland determinations for areas along the Clark Fork River that have been, currently are or planned to be restored under the Superfund cleanup actions. There is an exemption in the Food Security Act that pertains to Super Fund cleanup. Glen is sending out letters to landowners that are directly affected by the Superfund cleanup to come into the FSA office to update their 1026 form to start the process of getting an updated wetland determination completed. Glen is planning a Soil Health Cover Crop tour September 9th. There will be a two hour morning session at the Community Center in Deer Lodge then a bus tour at Heggland, Hollenback and Clark Fork River Ranch to look at their cover crop sites. Glen asked the district if they would be willing to furnish lunch and transportation.

Open Mike:

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 6:30 pm., USDA Building

Submitted by _____ Date: July 21, 2015

