

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting September 8, 2015
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hollenback. Supervisors present were Jeff Janke, Dwight Crawford and Jim Lee. Also present were Will McDowell, Jason Lindstrom, Glen Green and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$2,167.28 in the District checking account and \$3,545.91 in the District Range Days account.

District Secretary Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$152.45 and \$47,839.77 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

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| <u>Western Water Consultants, Inc. (contracted services, acct. 730)</u> | <u>\$1,960.50</u> |
| Total | \$1,960.50 |

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DLVCD/TU agreement Lilly Orphan Boy was discussed. Chairman John Hollenback signed the agreement.
2. WRC was updated by Will McDowell. Jefferson River Watershed Council and Mile High Conservation District will be sponsoring a Conifer Encroachment Tour October 7th at 9:00 am. People interested will meet at Pipestone exit 1-90 west of Whitehall. WRC has heard back that their RCPP grant proposal has been selected for the National full proposal.
3. Kohrs Manning diversion was discussed by Will. There was a meeting today with the ditch company, FW&P and Morrison Maierle to discuss the changing of the design of the diversion to comply with the 310 permit. FW&P had encountered problems recently with several projects with this grouted rock design feature and wanted to see significant modifications. The process of getting these changes to the design from the engineer continued to be very slow. The district was contacted two weeks ago by the Morrison Maierle section supervisor, and both District and partners had meetings in Deer Lodge with the MM Vice President Nancy Cormier and section supervisor Mark Brooke. They wanted to find a way to move the project forward, and now seeing responsiveness from the engineer and significant forward progress using Mark Brooke as principal contact. MM should have a final design and cost by the middle or end of October.
4. No Till Drill was discussed. The 223 grant deadline is the middle of October and it was also brought up to see about applying for the SARA grant through Extension. John will also talk to the bank about a lone and use the district CD's as collateral.
5. Tour on Cover Crops is still on for October 14th.
6. District Administrator Job Description was discussed. It was moved by Jeff Janke, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to approve the District Administrator's updated job description and give Susie a \$3.00/hr. raise.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MACD Area V meeting, September 30, 2015, Lincoln Conservation District, Libby Dam Visitor's Center was noted.
2. Livestock Seminar was discussed. The Bar J Wranglers will perform for us again on Friday, January 8, 2016. The cost will be the same as last time \$5,000. The board needs to bring ideas to the next meeting for the afternoon session.

SB310:

1. DLV-02-15, Bill Mosier, Kohrs & Manning Ditch Company, Clark Fork River Irrigation Structure/Improvement to Existing Structure. **On Hold.**
2. DLV-12-15, Perkins Ranch, LLC, Dempsey Creek Irrigation Structure/Improvement to existing structure. **On Hold for inspection.**
3. DLV-13-15, Jeff Janke, Little Blackfoot River
It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit based upon the team member inspection report.
4. DLV-14-15, Mary Johnson, Little Blackfoot River
It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit based upon the team member inspection report.
5. Tim Beck update by Jason Lindstrom. Brian Bender was contacted by Robert Flesher a Geologist for some Firm that Jason couldn't remember the name. This Firm was retained by Tim to see what needed to be done to get a Flood Plain permit for the dike Tim built. Brian Bender had a meeting with a Hydrologist from this same Firm and John Connors from DNRC to work out this problem.

CAMPS & WORKSHOPS:

1. 2015 Montana Range Tour, Ennis, Montana, Wednesday, September 16th and 17th was noted.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Glen Green explained to the board about a new program that NRCS has. It is called Conservation Client Gateway. This program will allow landowners to track payments, view their conservation plans, submit requests for assistance and sign documents. This will save producers time in coming into the office for administrative tasks. The Board needs to be thinking about their Local Working Group meeting to set their priorities for FY2016.

Open Mike:

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:30 pm., USDA Building

Submitted by _____ Date: September 14, 2015

