

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023 ~ 6:30 PM
USDA Building, Deer Lodge

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Troy McQueary. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Don Despain, Reece Price, John Thompson, Jeff McQueary, and Joleen Meshnik. Also present was Cathy Johnson.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Don Despain reported \$3,231.74 in the District checking account, \$3,225.16 in the Education account, and \$14,490.22 in the No Till account.

District Administrator Cathy Johnson reported \$461.96 in Petty Cash and \$56,388.18 in the DLV/NP Combined Account.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

MACD (2023 Convention registration)	\$630.00
Inferno Wireless (one-year internet access for District laptop)	345.00
Michael Blakeley, CPA (3 rd quarter payroll)	150.00
Petty Cash (printer toner, postage for certified letter)	48.55

It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Jeff McQueary, and motion carried to pay these claims. Reece Price noted four couples from our District are registered for the Young Ag Couples Conference in January. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to amend the sponsorship amount from the \$200 approved last month to \$400 so that all four couples will be covered.

SB310:

1. DLV-01-23-V Donald W Beck, Little Blackfoot River
Bed of river appears to have been excavated and placed on or near the banks.

The letter notifying the landowner of the possible violation was received. An inspection will be scheduled once the landowner responds and the inspection team members' schedules can be coordinated.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cathy Johnson attended the WRC meeting on November 7 and reported they are waiting for DEQ permit for the landfill to be approved before moving forward with the compost project.
2. John Thompson attended the Arrowstone Planning Meeting on October 17, 2023, and gave a report. John plans to continue attending the Arrowstone planning meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The DLVCD Annual Planning Meeting will be December 12, 2023, at 5:30pm in the USDA conference room.
2. The Yearly Employee Performance Evaluation is due in December. Cathy will email the evaluation form to the supervisors prior to the December meeting.

3. The trailer for the post pounder was discussed. Troy and John H will meet at the dealer to plan how the trailer will need to be made.
4. An update on the planning for the 2024 Livestock Seminar was given.

FW&P 124 Permits: None

AGENCY REPORTS: None

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Cathy Johnson noted that Ray Vinkey from NRDP and staff from FSA will attend the December meeting to discuss CREP.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 6:30 pm. USDA Building.

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: November 13, 2023