

**DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting February 13, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM**  
**USDA Building, Deer Lodge**

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

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Treasurer Don Despain reported \$3,629.74 in the District checking account, \$2,825.16 in the Education account, and \$14,651.02 in the No Till account.

District Administrator Cathy Johnson reported \$333.89 in Petty Cash and \$45,275.34 in the DLV/NP Combined Account. Mill levy monies were received from Anaconda/Deer Lodge County and Powell County and will be reflected on the next financial statement.

**CLAIMS TO BE PAID:**

DLVCD/NPCD Combined Account:

Vence (23-CS-11011500-032 Clark Canyon Virtual Fence Project)	\$5,500.00
Michael Blakeley, CPA (4 <sup>th</sup> quarter payroll and 2023 tax forms)	220.00

DLVCD Checking Account:

Deer Lodge Elks Lodge (seminar venue and food)	\$600.00
Marsha Goetting (travel reimbursement for seminar presenter)	174.31
Mullen Newspapers (ads in SSP and Pburg Mail)	168.00
Anaconda Leader (seminar ad)	157.50
Petty Cash (reimburse for seminar supplies)	128.07

It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by John Hollenback, and motion carried to pay these claims.

**SB310:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. John Hollenback gave a report on the WRC meeting of 2-6-2024.
2. The 2024 Conservation and Livestock Seminar was discussed and an income and expense report was provided. The turn out was good despite the frigid weather, the presentations were well received, and the venue worked really well.
3. Reece Price provided a report on the 2024 Young Ag Couples Conference. Reece will see if any of the local couples who went would be willing to attend a meeting and share how it went for them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A draft of the 2023 Annual Report was reviewed and discussed. It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Don Despain, and motion carried to approve the report as presented.

2. The 2024 Envirothon will be April 22 and 23 in Great Falls. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to sponsor up to three teams, including one from Anaconda.
3. The Natural Resources Youth Camp will be July 14-19 at Lubrecht. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to sponsor two local students.
4. A request to provide a local project tour during the DNRC CDB Annual Staff Retreat, April 30/May 1, 2024, was considered. Possible project sites were discussed and will be finalized closer to the event date.
5. The Montana Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Program was discussed. They will be invited to a meeting to provide more information and answer questions.

**FW&P 124 Permits:** None

**AGENCY REPORTS:** Josh Schrecengost with NRCS reported he has accepted another position out-of-state and will be leaving at the end of March. They are working on two new TIPs in the Avon area – grazing/stockwater and conifer encroachment – and have seen lots of interest in those.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Cathy Johnson reported that FSA will be hosting a public meeting on CREP at the Community Center in Deer Lodge on March 13, 2024, at 1:30pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 6:30 pm. USDA Building.**

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: February 21, 2024