

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting March 12, 2024 ~ 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, Jolene Meshnik, and John Thompson as well as Associate Supervisor Jeff Janke. Also present were Dave Torell and Cathy Johnson.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Don Despain reported \$2,501.86 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 \$461.96 in Petty Cash and \$70,130.96 in the DLV/NP Combined Account. Cathy also provided a finalized Income and Expense Report from the Livestock Seminar.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

None. Cathy noted the MACD dues invoice was received and will be placed on the agenda once the CDA-2nd Cycle grant money is received from DNRC.

SB310: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Hollenback gave a report on the WRC meeting of March 5, 2024, and reminded everyone of the public meeting on CREP presented by FSA at the Deer Lodge Community Center on March 13, 2024, at 1:30pm.
2. The tour requested by DNRC CDB for their annual staff retreat, April 30/May 1, 2024, was discussed. Cathy will contact the Big Hole Watershed Committee to see if a tour of the French Gulch project would be possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dave Torell, Powell County Natural Resources Director, provided information on his new position with the County.
2. The 2024 Natural Resource Field Day will be Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Cathy will contact presenters and send out school invites.
3. The 2025 Conservation and Livestock Seminar has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2025. Cathy will contact the Elks to reserve that date.
4. Josh Schrecengost with NRCS will be leaving the Deer Lodge field office at the end of March. It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Don Despain, and motion carried to purchase a thank you gift around \$50 for Josh.

FW&P 124 Permits: None

AGENCY REPORTS: None

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: District Administrator Cathy Johnson received a tentative job offer and will likely be moving on within the next couple of months. She will start working on the posting for the administrator position for discussion at the next meeting. She will also contact DNRC for an extension on the Pull Your Share grant to allow the new administrator time to settle in before taking on that project.

Chairman Troy McQueary reported the No Till drill is at the prison for repairs. Troy and John H will be picking up the new post pounder at the end of next week.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm. USDA Building.

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: March 13, 2024