

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting June 13, 2023 ~ 6:30 PM
USDA Building, Deer Lodge

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Troy McQueary. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Reece Price, John Thompson, Don Despain, Jeff McQueary, and Associate Supervisor Jeff Janke. Also present were Bill Lombardi, Lexi Lunceford, Finn Graveley, and 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 \$431.74 in the district checking account, \$3,280.30 in the Education account, and \$7,473.62 in the No Till account.

District Administrator Cathy Johnson reported \$280.82 in Petty Cash and \$43,568.51 in the DLV/NP Combined Account.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

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| 2023 NACD Dues | \$101.00 |
| First Security Bank (2 nd half of employer-paid IRA contribution for FY23) | 1,650.00 |
| Petty Cash (Fence Supplies, Nat Res Field Day Supplies, Postage) | 402.14 |
| Lickety Print (DLVCD banners) | 72.00 |
| Silver State Post (subscription renewal) | 55.00 |

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to pay these claims with the stipulation that the fence supplies and banners be paid out of the No Till account and the Nat Res Field Day Supplies be paid out of the Education account.

SB310:

1. DLV-03-22 V Gardner Investment Properties LLC, South Fork of Dry Cottonwood Earthen dam used to collect water for mining operation is drying up the creek.

Troy will contact the landowner to arrange for an inspection now that the snow has cleared enough to allow access to the site.

2. DLV-09-23 William Mosier Jr., Freezeout Creek
Replace drain in irrigation system under creek.

It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to amend the Board's prior decision of May 9, 2023, which required an inspection prior to issuing a permit – the inspection is not needed.

3. DLV-12-23 Montana Rail Link, Little Blackfoot River
Replace railroad bridge.

It was moved by Reece Price, seconded by Don Despain, and motion carried to approve this as a project. An inspection will be scheduled for the middle of August to ensure the water is low enough.

4. DLV-13-23 Lenny Rustad, Lost Creek
Install bridge.

It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Don Despain, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit contingent upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the Team Member Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Hollenback reported on the WRC meeting of June 6, 2023.
2. The updated CD Model Rules were reviewed. It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to adopt the updated rules.
3. Troy McQueary and Cathy Johnson reported on the Natural Resource Field Day held May 17, 2023.
4. Reece Price and John Hollenback reported on the 406 Grazing Academy/GLCI Tour held June 6 – 8, 2023.
5. PCHS team members Lexi Lunceford and Finn Graveley, along with teacher Bill Lombardi, gave a report on their experience at the 2023 Envirothon competition. They thanked the District for their support in sponsoring the registration fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The budget for FY2024 was reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to approve the budget as presented.
2. A quote from Rocky Mountain Insurance Services for District insurance was discussed. The quote included the minimum coverage required by statute as well as additional coverages. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to accept the minimum coverage as well as rental equipment coverage for a total premium of \$3,636 per year.
3. Territorial Days plans were finalized.
4. Ideas for Tri-County Fair were discussed.
5. Soil Health/No Till Drill Field Day planning was put on hold until a later meeting.

FW&P 124 Permits: None

AGENCY REPORTS: None

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Cathy reported the Statewide Employee Training will be Aug 27-29, 2023, in Fort Peck and the MACD convention will be Nov 14-16, 2023, in Billings. Cathy will be on vacation from July 3-7, 2023. The District received \$1,000 in tech funding from MACD rather than the \$460 that was originally anticipated. Cathy suggested possible eligible uses for the additional funds could be internet access for the District laptop and upgrading the Quickbooks software. Cathy will get details on both of those for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm. USDA Building.

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: June 15, 2023