

**NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Regular meeting Monday, December 4, 2023**  
**1:30 pm, Tracy Manley Hosting**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tracy Manley. Supervisors present were Kevin Ertl, Jim Stone, and Melany Mannix. Also present were Josh Schrecengost and Cathy Johnson.

It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Treasurer Jim Stone reported \$471.43 in the District checking account and \$4,189.79 in the District savings account.

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

**CLAIMS TO BE PAID:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Josh Schrecengost gave a report on the MACD Convention held in Billings on November 14-16, 2023.
2. Certificate of Deposit rates from three local banks were considered. It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to open a CD at First Security Bank using all but \$500 from the District savings account.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. An updated draft of the 2024 Annual Plan of Operations was reviewed and discussed. The regular meetings in January and September on the 2024 calendar were rescheduled due to holidays on the first Monday of those months. It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve the changes as presented.
2. The 2024 Conservation and Livestock Seminar will be held January 13, 2024, at the Elks in Deer Lodge. Topics include estate planning, soil health, bio char, and virtual fencing.

**SB-310:**

1. NP-03-23-V            Thomas Parsells, Cottonwood Creek  
   Manipulating historic channel.

It was moved by Tracy Manley, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to accept the determination from the inspection team following the site visit on 10-17-2023. A new 310 application is needed to fix the berm and bring it to floodplain level. Letters outlining the decision and recommended course of action will be sent to the landowner and complainant.

**FWP 124 PERMIT:** None

**AGENCY REPORTS:** Josh Schrecengost from NRCS reported they have funds for programs and they are looking for applications.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Cathy Johnson reported a chance for additional CD Administrative Grant funds will open January 1, 2024.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2024, Melany Mannix hosting**

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: December 21, 2023