

NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting Monday, September 11, 2023
1:30 pm, Ovando Fire Hall

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kevin Ertl. Supervisors present were Jim Stone and Melany Mannix. Also present were Patrick Uthe, Brad Weltzien, Laurie Page, Greg and Mary Wirth, and Cathy Johnson.

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone, 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 \$3,268.40 in the District savings account.

District Administrator Cathy Johnson reported \$448.23 in Petty Cash and \$69,757.46 in the DLVCD/NPCD Combined Account. Cathy noted the Combined Account includes the \$24,000.00 received in CDA grant funds, \$2,800.00 in CY22 310 funds for DLVCD, and \$900.00 in CY22 310 funds for NPCD. It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to move the \$900.00 in 310 funds to the District savings. The supervisors also expressed interest in moving the money in the savings account to a short-term Certificate of Deposit. Cathy will look into rates etc. for the next meeting.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cathy Johnson noted a finalized copy of the District Adopted Rules was provided in the meeting packets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Laurie Page and Greg and Mary Wirth appeared to discuss and provide additional information regarding the complaint filed in NP-01-23-V. Another on-site inspection will be performed to determine if work being done is outside the scope of the previously issued permit as soon as supervisor and FWP rep schedules can be coordinated.
2. The FY2024 District Budget was reviewed. It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone, and motion carried to approve the budget as presented. Kevin Ertl signed as acting Chair.
3. The Area V Meeting, September 26, 2023, in Philipsburg was noted. Details and the registration form were provided in the meeting packets.
4. The MACD Convention will be November 14 – 16, 2023, in Billings. Cathy will forward the agenda when received.

SB-310:

1. NP-04-23 Joshua Spatig, Arrastra Creek
Fuel reduction along stream.

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone, and motion carried to make this a project and issue a permit contingent upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the Team Member Report. The inspection will be conducted as soon as the team members' schedules can be coordinated.

2. NP-05-23 Brad Weltzien, Kleinschmidt Creek
Remove old bridge materials and install water gap.

Brad Weltzien was present to provide information and answer questions. It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit (no inspection necessary).
3. NP-06-23 Ryen Neudecker-BBCTU, Douglas Creek
Remove culvert and restore bank line.

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit (no inspection necessary).
4. NP-07-23 Malcolm Miller, North Fork of the Blackfoot River
Prune trees and remove dead trees along stream bank.

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit (no inspection necessary).
5. NP-08-23 Glenn Davidson, North Fork of the Blackfoot River
Remove materials to allow water into headgate.

It was moved by Melany Mannix, seconded by Kevin Ertl, and motion carried to make this a project and issue a permit contingent upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the Team Member Report. The inspection will be conducted as soon as the team members' schedules can be coordinated.
6. NP-09-23 Ryan Nemmers, Blackfoot River
Install concrete collection box at irrigation pump site.

It was moved by Jim Stone, seconded by Melany Mannix, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit (no inspection necessary).
7. NP-10-23 Ryen Neudecker-BBCTU, Dunham Creek
Replace rock in diversion.

It was moved by Melany Mannix, seconded by Kevin Ertl, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit (no inspection necessary).
8. NP-11-23 Brad Weltzien, Warren Creek
Install beaver dam analog.

It was moved by Kevin Ertl, seconded by Jim Stone, and motion carried to approve this as a project and issue a permit (no inspection necessary).

AGENCY REPORTS: Cathy Johnson passed along information from Josh Schrecengost with NRCS indicating that applications for this year's contracts are due by 10-27-2023. This includes all EQIP and CSP.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Cathy Johnson reported that no one filed to run against Supervisor Melany Mannix when her term expires at the end of this year so Melany wins by acclimation. Her new term will start January 1, 2024, and will expire December 31, 2027. A new Oath of Office will be given at the first meeting following January 1. Cathy also noted that she has started scanning and saving all current and historical 310s onto an external hard drive. This will make searching through files much more efficient.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 2, 2023, Kevin Ertl hosting

Submitted by Cathy Johnson

Date: September 12, 2023