

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting May 14, 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, Joleen Meshnik, Reece Price, John Thompson, and Jeff McQueary, as well as Associate Supervisor, Jeff Janke. Also present were Caleb Uerling, Cathy Johnson, and Madi Chuhlantseff.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Don Despain reported \$2,405.86 in the District Checking account, \$2,825.16 in the Education account, and \$11,151.02 in the No Till account.

District Administrator Cathy Johnson reported \$461.96 in Petty Cash and \$69,509.51 in the DLV/NP Combined account.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

MACD (2024 Dues)	\$4,000.00
Michael Blakeley (1 st quarter payroll and related forms)	165.00
NACD (2024 Dues)	101.00
Anaconda Leader (job ad)	75.10

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Hollenback gave a report on the WRC meeting of May 7, 2024. Projects on the Little Blackfoot were discussed.
2. Joleen Meshnik gave a report on the tour for DNRC CDB Annual Staff Retreat of May 1, 2024. The district received a letter from the DNRC thanking them for organizing the tour of the French Gulch Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Madi Chuhlantseff has been hired as the new District Administrator. She will start May 17, 2024, at a rate of \$20/hour for the first 6 months, then \$21/hour after with benefits of \$275/month retirement, and \$608.33/month into a health savings account.
2. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to update access to the bank accounts to remove Cathy Johnson and add Madi Chuhlantseff.
3. The FY2025 Budget was discussed. It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to approve the FY2025 Budget as presented.
4. The USFS would like the District to sponsor another permittee for the Virtual Fence Project. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to sponsor another permittee.
5. Post Pounder Rental details were discussed. It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried that the rental price will be \$125/day with a

\$1/mile added outside the District area. Additionally, no contractors are allowed, and the drill can be rented for no more than 5 days at a time.

SB310:

1. DLV-03-24 Kohrs Manning Ditch Co (Bill Mosier), Clark Fork River
Renew maintenance permit (DLV-24-10)

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Reece Price, and motion carried to renew the maintenance permit (DLV-24-10). No inspection is required. Jeff McQueary abstained from the vote.

2. DLV-04-24 Stephen Catts, Little Blackfoot River
Expand existing pond

It was moved by John Thompson, seconded by John Hollenback, and motion carried to accept this as a project and issue a permit based on the time frame listed in the application. No inspection is required.

3. DLV-05-24 Antila Construction (Parker), Dog Creek
Stabilize bridge

It was moved by Reece Price, seconded by John Thompson, and motion carried to accept this as a project and issue a permit contingent upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the inspection report. The inspection will be scheduled when the team members' schedules can be coordinated.

4. DLV-06-24 John Hollenback, Gough Creek
Replace culvert

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Jeff McQueary, and motion carried to accept this as a project and issue a permit contingent upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the inspection report. The inspection will be scheduled when the team members' schedules can be coordinated.

5. DLV-07-24 John Hollenback, Gough Creek
Replace culvert

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Jeff McQueary, and motion carried to accept this as a project and issue a permit contingent upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the inspection report. The inspection will be scheduled when the team members' schedules can be coordinated.

6. DLV-08-24 John Hollenback, Gough Creek
Replace culvert

It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Jeff McQueary, and motion carried to accept this as a project and issue a permit contingent

upon a positive inspection and subject to any conditions outlined in the inspection report. The inspection will be scheduled when the team members' schedules can be coordinated.

FW&P 124 Permits: FWP is investigating a possible violation on ARCO ground on Warm Springs Creek.

AGENCY REPORTS: None.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Outgoing District Administrator, Cathy Johnson, reported the CDA grant application is almost done, and the District Insurance is being renewed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 6:30 pm. USDA Building.

Submitted by Madi Chuhlantseff

Date: May 17, 2024