



MOTIVATING LANDOWNERS TO PURSUE, COMMIT, AND DELIVER ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION PRACTICES

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Meeting Minutes: February 4, 2014

The February Meeting for the MPCD Board of Supervisors was Called to Order at 6:05 pm. Members present were Deb Wood (treasurer), Justin Fosha (member), Jay Yust (member) and John Longhill (secretary, on the phone). Mark Volt (NRCS), Katlin Miller (executive director), and Ron Cousineau (Colorado State Forest Service) were also present.

The February Minutes were approved as read by Jay Yust and Deb Wood.

Under Reports, Katlin presented her timesheet and DM report to the group. She worked 92 hours in January on the soil tent, water law workshop, 1099s, weed meetings, and exemption from audit. Her gross pay was \$1288 (net \$1011.47).

Under the Financial Report, Katlin reported that we currently have \$124,561.27 on hand in our checking and Colotrust accounts. This compares to \$112,205.23 on this date in 2013. Katlin also presented the Budget vs Actual Report and Profit&Loss Reports. The reports show a positive value of \$9,399.52 far in 2014 and a profit of \$9,561.19 in January alone. This is mainly due to a large tree order received from Blue Valley Ranch. Checks written this month include checks to Katlin for reimbursement of supplies, a check to Aaron Clay for the Water Law Class, a check for web hosting to John Longhill, and Katlin's January paycheck. Several deposits were made in January for the Water Law Class and Tree Orders.

Under Old Business, Katlin gave a report on the Grand County Weed Board Meeting held on January 13th. Deb Wood was also present at the meeting. Thirteen people from various agencies attended. In general, people are seeing less density of weeds in treated areas but are finding more weeds popping up outside of treated areas. Targeted species of concern include: whitetop, spotted knapweed, scotch thistle, and cheatgrass, yellow toadflax, oxeye daisy, scentless chamomile, various thistle species, hawkweed, houndstongue, black henbane, common tanzey, and kochia. Tamarisk is also problem in Wolford Reservoir. Time and money seem to be the universal limitation to control for all. All parties plan to continue spraying infested areas in 2014. Grand County DNR also plans to map infested areas with their new smart phones using the free MapIt! App. Weed workshops and an Herbicide Applicators Certification class are planned for 2014 and Grand County DNR will continue its Herbicide Giveaways on Friday mornings. **It was decided to have Grand County Weed Board Meetings consistently held on the 2ND MONDAY OF JANUARY EVERY YEAR.**

Katlin also updated the board on the Water Law Workshop held on Friday, January 17th. 46 attendees showed up and everyone seemed happy with the class. Pastries and fruit were served for snack, and Subway sandwiches were served for lunch.

Next up under Old Business, Katlin informed the Board about a Weed Workshop to be held in Summit on July 17, 2014 from 10-2 at Slate Creek Community Center. The workshop will focus on weed id, weed control, sprayer calibration, and why weed control is important. The workshop is to be co-hosted by



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MPCD, Summit Weed Department, NRCS, CSU Extension Summit County, and FOBLR. Katlin will be the primary contact for inquiries regarding the workshop. The steering committee set a registration deadline of July 1st, with a charge of \$10 per person and a minimum of 20 people needed to make it happen.

Katlin has only received two registration forms for the Annual Dinner thus far, so she encouraged everyone to fill it out and send it in. We need at least 50 people to break even.

Lastly, under Old Business, Katlin spoke with Jarrod Biggs of DOLA. He said that we technically do not have to amend our Budget at the present moment because we appropriated all our funds for expenditures. Though it would be better for a paper trail and to be totally transparent, a notification in the newspaper/budget hearing is not necessary. If we receive excess grant funds, however, a budget amendment/notification in paper will be required. That being said, Katlin has been in contact with Kyle from the tire place and is working on a tire order. **The board collaboratively decided to get tire tanks sooner rather than later and contact interested landowners to presell as many as possible.** There was also some discussion on weight of tanks and concern that Mike might not be able to handle heavier tanks with his tractor. Katlin will contact Mike about that. Katlin will also push tire tank sales at the Annual Dinner.

Under New Business, Katlin presented the board with a Call for Nominations to be put in the legal notices of the paper.

Also under New Business, Katlin asked the board to consider allowing her to do "Online Banking" so that she can check balances, electronic funds transfers, and bank statements without having to have the bank do it. The treasurer would also more easily be able to check account activity. **Jay Yust moved and Deb Wood seconded a motion to approve Katlin to setup Online Banking. Motion passed.**

Next up, Katlin told the board that about a Rural Living Workshop that the Boulder/Longmont Conservation District is hosting. It is geared towards realtors and small acreage management. She has spoken to John Rizza and could put something together if the Board is interested. Topics to be covered can be whatever we want and can get qualified speakers for. **Deb Wood moved and John Longhill seconded a motion to have Katlin organize such workshop. Motion passed.**

Additionally, under New Business, Katlin notified the board that she would be updating the Long Range Plan because we changed our Annual Plan for 2014 and added objectives that were not initially listed in the Long Range Plan. Katlin will present an updated plan in March.

Katlin then presented the Board with the Exemption from Audit she completed. Because our revenues and expenditures from 2013 were both less than \$100,000, we were able to do the short form ourselves



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(and not have to pay someone to do it for us). Katlin asked Deb to review it so that it can be signed at the March meeting and into the state by the March 31st deadline.

Lastly, under New Business, Katlin suggested to the Board that we consider adding the Colorado State Forest Service as an Ex-Officio Member to the Board of Supervisors. Ron Cousineau was present and also added input as to why the CSFS would be a valuable asset to the Board. By adding them as a non-voting Ex-Officio Member, it solidifies the relationship between the partners and will benefit both entities. The board as a whole felt it was an important partnership and valuable to have the agency on board. **Justin Fosha moved and Deb Wood seconded a motion to add the Colorado State Forest Service as a non-voting Ex-Officio Member to the Middle Park Conservation District. Motion passed unanimously.**

Under NRCS Reports, Mark presented to snow report from February 1st. The Colorado River Basin was 120% off average before the big snow storm last week. He will continue to do the manual snow course surveys the last week of every month through April.

Finally, Katlin brought up the Aerial Clover Seeding Project. She has been working on the Aerial Clover Seeding Project. She got quotes from various seed distributors and flying quotes. If we use all \$10,000 from HPP, we have currently secured \$24,000 in grant monies for this project. RMEF has yet to decide on grant funding for 2014. At a seeding rate of 4lbs/acre, we are currently able to do approximately 1538 to 1714 acres at a cost of \$14-15.6 per acre. If we get more funding, more acres will be added to the project. **The board decided to have Katlin compile a list of affected landowners and see if they would be willing to chip in on the project.**

Under Closing Roundtable, Ron Cousineau reminded the board about services he hopes to provide to the board this year. Such services include: press release on CSFS & MPCD, quarterly newsletter articles, and work on an aspen regeneration project to improve watershed health.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 6pm at the MPCD/NRCS Office.