



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

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## Minutes

### Monthly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Directors 106 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Kremmling, CO 80459

January 5, 2016

The January 2016 meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by President Deb Wood at 6:15pm. Other attendees included Jay Yust, Vice President; Justin Fosha, Secretary/Treasurer; John Longhill, Member (on the phone); Katlin Miller, Executive Director; and Mark Volt, NRCS.

The minutes of the December Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved as read. Mileage/Hours sheets were also passed out for them members to complete.

Mark Volt, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that the deadline for 2016 EQIP signups is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, Mark said that high mountain flood irrigation funding through EQIP will not be separated this year, as it has been in the past. As a result, our producers will have to compete against all other high-efficiency irrigators in the Colorado River Watershed this year.

Over the last month, Mark has been working on Wood's Conservation Stewardship Plan, Pinto Valley's and Matheson EQIP projects, MPCD's Irrigation Cost-Share Program, and attended the Middle Park HPP Winter meeting. Mark also reported that he will start the annual Manual Snow Course surveys at the end of January and continue them through the end of April.

Moving on to District Reports, Katlin presented the board with the yearend financials and Katlin's Hours. There were no questions.

Under Old Business, Katlin told the board that she had submitted the 2016-2018 Long Range Plan, 2015 Completed Annual Plan of Work, 2016 Annual Plan of Work, and the 2016 Budget to CSCB through the DOLA electronic filing website. She showed the board how they could view those files on our website under our "District Transparency" page.

Also, under Old Business, Katlin told the board that Smokin Moes (BBQ-style) got the most votes for Annual Dinner catering. Accordingly, she asked the board which meats and sides they wanted. They agreed on ribs, briskets, and chicken for the meats. For the sides, they asked for garlic red potatoes and salad if possible. Katlin said she would contact Smokin Moes and see what she could do.

Under New Business, Katlin told the board that 2016 is an Election Year, and Deb, Jay, and John are up for election. She then presented the board with Election Resolutions. Deb and Justin signed them in appropriate spots.



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Also under New Business, Katlin reminded the board of two upcoming meetings and a conference call. The Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Extension Office. The Grand County of Weed Board will be on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Grand County BOCC Meeting Room. The Colorado River Watershed will be having a conference call on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am to vote in a new CACD representative. The board agreed that Dave would be the best one to call in if possible. Katlin said she would get in touch with Dave to see if he could do it.

Next up, Katlin told the board that she has contacted Kim Cameron, at the Grand Gazette, about doing a new series called 'Conservation Conversations' to educate the public on various conservation topics. Katlin thought it would be a good way to reach more people. Kim agreed to publish the monthly article, starting in January. Katlin said her first article is going to be a "History of Conservation" Article.

Finally, Katlin told the board that our tree sales in Summit County are not doing well. So far, we have only sold 400 trees (compared to last year's 3,666 trees). She asked for suggestions from the board to increase sales. John agreed to hang flyers, and the board mutually agreed that we should run an ad in the paper towards the end of the month. This would give people time to see the flyers. Katlin also said she would contact the radio stations to renew the free ads. Katlin also decided to contact the Summit County Extension Office to see if they had other avenues through which she could advertise.

There were no comments under Closing Roundtable, so the **meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.**

*The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6pm at the Conservation Office. The Annual Dinner Meeting will be Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the Inn at Silver Creek.*