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Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Directors 106 S. 2nd St, Kremmling, CO 80459

June 9, 2016

The June 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by President Deb Wood at 7:00pm. Other attendees included Jay Yust, Vice President; John Longhill, Member (via phone); Dave Abbott, Member; Katlin Miller, Executive Director; and Dylan Eiler, Colorado Rural Water Association.

The meeting began with introductions, followed by a presentation by Dylan Eiler from Colorado Rural Water Association. Dylan is a Source Water Specialist that helps rural communities develop Source Water Protection Plans to a) prevent pollution from entering lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater that serve as sources of drinking water, and b) develop non-regulatory programs that focus on stakeholder involvement, education, and awareness. Dylan gave a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation on Source Water Protection Plans (see attached). Dylan is currently working with a variety of stakeholders in the Fraser Valley and Granby area to create a Source Water Protection Plan for the Fraser River Watershed. With regard to how the Middle Park Conservation District could get involved, it was discussed that we could assist with public education and outreach. The group agreed that we could put information on our website and in our newsletters about Source Water Protection and Colorado Rural Water Association.

After Dylan's presentation and discussion, **Dave and Jay moved and seconded to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion passed.**

There were no other guests present; however, Katlin stated on Mark's behalf, that NRCS has been working on Jay's EQIP contract, the MPCD Cost-Share program, and daily walk-in business since the last meeting.

Under the Financial Report, Katlin asked the board if they had any questions regarding the financial statements she had sent out prior to the meeting. Dave asked why there were so many outstanding invoices this month. Katlin reported that she had been on vacation for ten days, and during that time Mark and Donn had sold a bunch of seed via invoices rather than cash sales. Deb also asked about some duplicate QuickBooks line items on the 'Check Detail'. Katlin told the board that she would look into it, but she believed that it was due to some bills from the previous year that she had paid, then deleted, then repaid. Due to technical difficulties, she could not verify that at that time, though. **Update: Katlin has looked into it and believes that the duplicate entries were due to the payment, deleted payment, and repayment of that 2015 bill to the CSFS for the fall tree delivery. The duplicate entries were journal entries that cannot be deleted; however, because they are recorded \$0.00, Katlin believes they're okay.**

Moving onto Old Business, Dave reported that he called into the Colorado River Watershed Meeting on April 26th. The Watershed voted to not charge dues in 2016 due to a lack of projected expenses. However, the Watershed asked MPCD to consider paying for the 2015 dues we never paid. **After much discussion about what the dues were used for and what benefit MPCD got from paying dues, Dave moved to pay 2015 dues**



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to the Colorado River Watershed. Seeing that there was no second from either Jay or John to the motion, the motion failed. Katlin also asked Dave if he attended the State Technical Meeting. He said that he did not attend. Katlin reassured the group, though, that she did send a letter into Clint regarding High Mountain Flood Irrigation funding through EQIP (as was discussed at the April meeting...see attached).

Katlin next informed the group that the Forest and Weeds Workshop held in Granby on April 22nd was a success. There were 19 people in attendance, and everyone seemed to get a lot out of both presentations. Handouts are on the website.

Also under Old Business, Katlin told the board that we currently have 11 people signed up for the July 1st Water Law in a Nutshell workshop. We need 20 people to make it go and the deadline for registrations is July 15th. We will see if we get enough registrations or not. **Update: We now have 20 people, so the workshop will continue as planned.**

Next up, Katlin reminded the Board to work on their Certification Modules and exams. Deb brought in her completed exams and discussed with the board a few tricky questions. One such question was whether Colorado law provides partial immunity from anyone suing a District Supervisor. The board agreed that the supervisor should have partial immunity, not the person suing. The other question was whether a board member that knowing gets personal gain from their actions on the board is committing conspiracy. Deb felt it should be a felony, not conspiracy. **Update: Katlin spoke with Nikki at CSCB, and Nikki agreed that some of the questions do not make sense (or are misworded). She said to make notes on the exams with questions you have about the wording. When she grades them, she will call to clarify. She also plans to redo the exams to make them clearer. Note: Nikki also said that all members that have completed their entire certification program by the annual meeting will get some kind of award. Once ALL board members have completed their certification programs, you all get wool vests.**

Moving on to the MPCD Irrigation Cost-Share Program, Katlin shared Mark's notes with the board. Mark has check in with all of the board approved 2016 projects, except Witt Caruthers. No projects will begin work until fall due to the timing of the irrigation season. The only questionable project so far (according to Mark) is Carl Wood's application for 120' of 36" HDPE N-12 pipe. Upon inspecting the project site, Mark feels that this project does not meet the program criteria and intent. He feels that it is more of a stream stability project than an irrigation-induced erosion problem. The board discussed Mark's thoughts at length. Ultimately, **Jay moved and Dave seconded to deny Wood's project for funding this year and to postpone a decision on reallocating the funds to a different landowner until July. Motion passed.**



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Also under Old Business, Katlin reported that we received our new shipment of tire tanks on May 13th. We received 4 12' tanks and 11 10' tanks from Judd Behrens of Tuff Tanks, LLC out of Deer Trail, CO. The 12' tanks cost \$575 each, while the 10' tanks cost \$475 each. The total cost for the tanks was \$7525. Katlin and Mark both saw the tires come off the trailer and were happy with their quality. Katlin also asked the board if they wanted to thank the Hammers for allowing us to store our tanks behind the Mercantile. Seeing that they did not take a tank last time we offered one to them, the Board felt that a tank might not be appropriate. Katlin said that they had just purchased a jug of PAM and suggested that maybe we could comp them that jug. The board agreed, so **Dave moved and Jay seconded to comp the Hammers their jug of PAM in exchange for letting us store the tire tanks behind the Kremmling Mercantile. Motion passed.**

Finally under Old Business, Katlin asked the board what they wanted her to do for the fair booth this year. The board wanted general info about the district, noxious weed info, "Trees for Conservation" books, and possibly the "Grasses of Middle Park" display. Dave also asked Katlin to check with Amy at Grand County DNR to see if she may want to collaborate with us on the booth.

Moving on to New Business, Katlin told the board that CSCB has decided not to do Landowner Matching Grants in 2017. They are only doing Educational Matching Grants. Thus, Katlin asked the board if they had any ideas of educational programs they would like to apply for under the CSCB Matching Grant program for 2017. **No one had any suggestions, so the board agreed to NOT apply for a CSCB Matching Grant this year.**

Next up, Katlin asked the board if they were ready to pay dues to CACD or pay for any scholarships yet. John indicated that he was not in need of any scholarships for the Leadership with Horses program yet this year. Katlin also told the board that we have not received any inquiries from local high school students about Camp Rocky. As a result, **the board collectively decided to hold off on paying any dues or scholarships at this time.**

Lastly, Katlin informed the board that it was time to sign new "Oath of Office" forms for the reelected board members: Deb, Jay, and John. Each member signed their form (except John, who will sign and send back to Katlin via email). June is also the month that we elect Officer Positions. **The board collectively decided they were happy with their present positions, so Officer Elections were cancelled. Deb will remain President, Jay will remain Vice President, Justin will remain Secretary/Treasurer, and John and Dave will remain Members. Accordingly, Checking Account signers will remain the same: Deb, Jay, and Justin.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. **Next meeting: Thursday, July 7th, at 7pm.**