



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

MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes

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

June 3, 2014

The June 2014 meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by Interim President Dave Abbott at 6:06pm. Other attendees included John Longhill, Secretary; Deb Wood, Treasurer; Justin Fosha, Member; Katlin Miller, Executive Director; Mark Volt, NRCS District Conservationist; and Ron Cousineau, Colorado State Forest Service.

Deb Wood moved and John Longhill seconded a motion to 'Approve the April Minutes as Read'. Motion passed. Each member was also given their Mileage and Timesheet to fill out and return to Katlin at the end of the meeting.

Under District Reports, Katlin asked if there were any questions regarding the reports she emailed to the group beforehand. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS. The only question that arose was the 'Miscellaneous Income and Expense' of \$857 on the Financial Statement. Katlin said that was for the refund of Sales Tax overpayment from October 2013. Katlin also explained that in the process of amending the budget according to the April meeting's Appropriation for Supplemental Funds, Katlin discovered an accounting error in the 2013 budget regarding Sales Tax. Katlin said that she had discovered the error and corrected the budget accordingly. She also said that she had spoken with Deb about the issue prior to the meeting. However, due to the error, our previously submitted Exemption from Audit was incorrect. She has redone that Exemption Form and asked the board to sign the revised Exemption for submittal to the State Auditor. The board agreed to do so.

Also under District Reports, Dave reported that he and Katlin attended the Colorado Watershed Meeting via phone. He felt that it was good to talk with the other districts in the watershed. He also brought up the recent mudslide in Collbran and how the Debeque/Plateau Valley Conservation District will have a lot of work ahead of them doing reclamation work around that area.

Under Old Business, Katlin swore Justin Fosha and Dave Abbott into office for a 4-year term ending in 2018. Both gentlemen took the Oath of Office willingly.

Next under Old Business, Katlin told the board that the new tire tanks had arrived and are currently being stored behind the Kremmling Mercantile. We got 4 twelve-footers, 8 ten-footers, and 8 eight-footers. The costs of the tanks were \$660, \$560, and \$310, respectively (including shipping). After some discussion **John Longhill moved to charge \$895 for the 12-footers, \$750 for the 10-footers, and \$525 for the 8-footers. That cost included sales tax. Justin Fosha seconded. Motion Passed.**



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Discussion on Budget Priorities, under Old Business, was postponed to the next meeting.

Under Grants, Katlin said that she had not submitted the Grand Foundation Grant in May because had not had time to complete the application due to time requirements of the Aerial Clover Seeding and Irrigation Cost-Share Program. She has, however, been working on the 2015 CSCB Matching Grant Application. The Board had originally requested that Katlin submit two applications for the 2015 Matching Grant program (one for irrigation and one for fencing). The board thought each of the applications could be valued at \$25,000. After some research, Katlin discovered that together the applications may total \$25,000. Accordingly, Katlin felt that it would be better to go with one application for \$25,000 rather than two applications each for \$12,500. The board agreed and felt that the irrigation application was our best bet considering the large number of applicants we had this year.

Next under Old Business, Katlin presented the board with a proposed 'Plan B' Contingency Plan. The proposed plan lists Katlin's Home Address at the temporary business location as well as the temporary location of laptop and critical records. The Extension Office is listed as the temporary meeting location. Contact information lists all board members, Mark, Katlin, Ron, Travis, and Natalie (CSCB). **Justin Fosha moved and John Longhill seconded to accept the Plan B as written. Motion passed.**

Last up under Old Business, Katlin and Mark presented the board with reports on all the 2014 Irrigation Cost-Share Applications discussed at the April meeting. After much discussion, including a review of before-photos taken by Mark, the Board approved the following

John Longhill moved to accept the following cost-share applications for 2014 funding with our funds paying for half the cost of the materials up to, but not to exceed, each project's approved amount. The projects are in no particular order, with exception of Mark Volt's and John Miller's applications. These two applications were ranked at the bottom due to a potential conflict of interest. The board only funded them once all other applications had been reviewed and funded accordingly. Justin Fosha seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Justin also added that our final deadline for project completion should be set as October 15th to allow time for project verification and processing. The rest of the board concurred.



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List of Approve Projects and Amount of MPCD Matching Grant Allocation

Drew McCoy--\$1500
Dave Sammons (McElroy Ranch)--\$2000
Rafters N Ranches--\$500
Kent Whitmer (Lazy T Rocking K Ranch)--\$3000
Singer Ranch--\$1500
Troublesome Ranch--\$1500
Pebble Creek Ranch--\$500
Ruby Ranch--\$3000
Charlie Kurtz (Blue Tree Ranch)--\$3000
Devils Thumb Ranch--\$2000
Karin Byrne--\$175
Southard-Panagini--\$175
John Miller--\$2500
Mark Volt--\$600

Under New Business, Officer Elections were held. Our new President will be Deb, Vice President will be Jay, Treasurer will be Justin, and John will remain Secretary. **Justin Fosha also moved to have the President, Vice President, and Treasurer as signers on the bank account, effectively adding himself and Jay Yust as signers and removing Dave Abbott. Deb Wood will remain on the account. Deb seconded the motion and the Motion Passed.**

Last under New Business, Katlin told the Board that she recently discovered that Seed Sales to Farm Operations are Exempt from Sales Tax (FYI Sales 64, CO Department of Revenue). After some discussion, **John Longhill moved to ask seed customers if they are ag producers and if they are to sell them the seed at the tax exempt rate. He also asked that we post a sign near the seed telling people that ag producers are tax-exempt from seed sales. Justin Fosha seconded the motion. Motion Passed.** Katlin noted that tree seedlings, PAM, and Tire Tanks are NOT tax-exempt. Seed sold to non-ag producers is also subject to tax.

Under the CSFS Report, Ron presented the board with a map of areas in Grand County that the CSFS has done forest treatments on private/state land. He also reminded the Board that the CSFS/MPCD is putting on a Forest Regeneration Workshop on June 14th from 9-noon at the YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch. Katlin aid she plans to attend.



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Under NRCS Reports, Mark noted that he has mostly been working on the Aerial seeding project, irrigation cost-share program, and EQIP contracts over the last couple months.

Lastly, under Closing Roundtable, the Board discussed meeting times and dates. With summer coming and the fact that we have already missed two meeting this year due to a lack of action items to discuss, the Board decided to reassess our meeting dates and times. **John Longhill moved and Deb Wood seconded to continue having our regular board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the NRCS/MPCD Office for the following months...February, April, May, September, November, and December. The June and July meetings will be moved to 7pm, and there will be no meeting in January, March, August, or October. The one exception was for next month's meeting which will be moved to Thursday, July 10th, from Tuesday, July 1st. Motion Passed.** Accordingly, dates for the next 18 months are.

2014

Thursday, July 10th (7pm)

Tuesday, September 2nd (6pm)

Tuesday, November 4th (6pm)

Tuesday, December 2nd (6pm)

2015

Tuesday, February 3rd (6pm)

Tuesday, April 7th (6pm)

Tuesday, May 5th (6pm)

Tuesday, June 2nd (7pm)

Tuesday, July 7th (7pm)

Tuesday, September 1st (6pm)

Tuesday, November 3rd (6pm)

Tuesday, December 1st (6pm)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm.



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Special Note--

From June 11th to June 14th, a variety of email exchanges were made between board members; it was decided that the price of the 8-foot tire tanks would be reduced to \$500 from \$525 to align with the advertised price in the newsletter.

Funding amounts for the irrigation cost-share projects would also be adjusted to more accurately reflect the cost of materials determined by Katlin and Mark.

Newly Approved Adjusted Amounts based on Materials are...

Drew McCoy--\$1450
Dave Sammons (McElroy Ranch)--\$2000
Rafters N Ranches--\$1000
Kent Whitmer (Lazy T Rocking K Ranch)--\$3000
Singer Ranch--\$1500
Troublesome Ranch--\$1500
Pebble Creek Ranch--\$500
Ruby Ranch--\$3000
Charlie Kurtz (Blue Tree Ranch)--\$3000
Devils Thumb Ranch--\$2000
Karin Byrne--\$200
Southard-Panagini--\$150
John Miller--\$2250
Mark Volt--\$700