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Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Directors

106 S. 2nd St, Kremmling, CO 80459

March 3, 2015

The March 2015 meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by President Deb Wood at 6:10pm. Other attendees included Jay Yust; Vice President; John Longhill, Secretary; Justin Fosha, Treasurer; Dave Abbott, Member; Katlin Miller, Executive Director; and Ron Cousineau, CSFS; and Mark Volt, NRCS.

It was moved by Justin and seconded by Dave to approve the January Minutes as Read. Members were also given their Mileage and Timesheets to fill out and return to Katlin at the end of the meeting.

Under District Reports, Katlin presented the financial from January and February. She noted some changes in the way reports were presented due to knowledge gained from discussions with Tim Day about proper accounting methods.

Katlin also reported that she attended the January Grand County Wildfire Council Meeting and that the Council is looking to do a lot of education on wildfire in the coming year, not only on prevention but mitigation as well. She will continue to attend quarterly meetings and keep the board apprised of council activities. She will also talk to Schelly about advertising Council meetings in our newsletter.

Mark and Katlin both attended the recent Ranching for Sage Grouse meeting hosted by the CPW in Steamboat and Craig. Overall, it was a good review of basic sage grouse biology and habitat. However, the two felt that it lacked in providing a clear direction for landowners to employ habitat management for sage grouse. Katlin will likely write at least one newsletter article on what she learned.

Katlin reported that the Annual Dinner was success with 74 of 78 individuals attending. Everyone seemed pleased with the night and thought the food was delicious. Looking forward to 2016, Katlin asked the board for ideas on locations for next year and if they thought entertainment was necessary or not. The board suggested Katlin looking to Pole Creek, Sol Vista (Granby Ranch Grille), and Mustachios. They said no on the entertainment.

The 2015 Annual Grand County Weed Board meeting was held on January 13th. There was a good turnout of town and agency personnel. All parties gave a review of 2014 successes and 2015 goals. The attendees also discussed the Weed Board composition and possibly changing it from strictly landowners to including town representatives and agency personnel. The group felt this suggested composition would enhance county-wide collaboration and communication. Katlin and Jennifer were going to meet



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and discuss options. Since the meeting, Katlin and Jennifer have met and are working on drafting documents that will resemble those of the Summit County Weed Board.

Katlin attended the Certified Burner Class hosted by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on February 27-March 1 in Granby. Approximately 15 students partook in the class. Over the 2 ½ day class, students learned about basic fire behavior, pile construction, fire plan formulation, and risk management considerations. Katlin plans to write articles about the knowledge she gained.

Under Old Business, Katlin presented the Exemption from Audit that Tim Day did. Tim and Katlin met a couple times to discuss the exemption and general accounting practices. She learned a lot and has since made some changes to her QuickBooks accounting. **The Exemption from Audit was approved and the resolutions was signed.**

Katlin also mentioned that she has now met her minimum number for the upcoming Water Law in a Nutshell Workshop on April 10th. Blue River Watershed Group also contributed \$200 to the workshop to over Aaron's travel and hotel. Katlin is also going to ask Denver Water Board to contribute to the workshop to help cover food.

Next up, Katlin reminded the Board Members to please write articles for the upcoming April newsletter. Dave agreed to write an article on Ag Statistics (already received); Deb on Water; Justin on Range, Hay, or Pasture; John on his Horse Program; and Jay on Weeds.

Under New Business, Katlin told the group that our 2015 Cost-Share Program had been approved and that the contracts were ready for Deb to sign. Initial applications are out and due back to the office on April 15th. The board will then discuss applications at the May Board Meeting.

Katlin told the board that she received a Membership from CACD and asked the board if they wanted to proceed with payment now or later. **Dave moved and Justin seconded a motion to pay \$250 to CACD. Motion Passed.**

Katlin then asked the board if they wanted to run a couple ads in the Sky-Hi and Summit Daily Paper advertising the Water Law Workshop and Tree Seedling Sales. After some discussion, **Dave moved and Jay seconded a motion to place 1 tree seedling ad in the Summit Daily and one tree seedling ad in the Sky-Hi News for a total of \$101.86. Motion Passed.**



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Katlin also reported that she spoke to Deb Heeney today and North Park Conservation District will be hosting Hay Day this year on July 8th at Grizzly Creek Ranch near Coalmont. Rachel will coordinate with Katlin on how she needs our help.

Finally, Katlin told the board she will be gone on vacation from March 4th to March 24th. Mark will be handling all district business during that time.

Under Partner Reports, Ron reported that he will be going to a Colorado Big Thompson Headwaters Project meeting tomorrow. The timber market here is also high, and the CSFS is thinking about doing a Spruce Beetle Workshop meeting in Summit County this year.

Mark (NRCS) reported that has been working on 5 EQIP applications, on the MPCD Irrigation Program, and the HPP clover seeding program. He also reported that the Snow Totals suggested Middle Park is at 102% of normal. Some of the sites are below average while others are above normal. He also reported that interviews for Noah's replacement will be held on March 16th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 6pm at the MPCD/NRCS Office.