



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

May 5, 2015

The May 2015 meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by President Deb Wood at 6:25pm. Other attendees included Jay Yust; Vice President; Justin Fosha, Treasurer; Katlin Miller, Executive Director; and Mark Volt, NRCS.

**It was moved and seconded to approve the March 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 her time card and the financials from March and April.

Katlin also reported that she attended the April Grand County Wildfire Council Meeting and will be helping with bi-weekly articles for the Sky-Hi News on Wildfire issues. She also reports that she was elected Secretary for the Council.

Under Old Business, Katlin reported that the Water Law Class in Summit was a huge success with 70 participants. This is 20 more than either of the previous classes. When asked if we made any money on the workshop, Katlin told the board it was a draw. We did get some sponsorship, but those contributions and the income from the participants went to pay for the food, paper for printing, hotel for Aaron, and the cost that Aaron charges per person. It was suggested that if we do the class again, we request that Aaron give us a discount above and beyond a specific number of attendees. Katlin will work on that if we decide to do another class in the future. Katlin suggested that we wait for at least another year before we do it again.

Katlin and Mark also reported that the 2015 Cost-Share Program is moving along. Since approving the projects at the Special Meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, Katlin has notified all the participants of their pending approval. Mark has subsequently been doing site visits and approvals. Wes Palmer of Skylark Ranch is the only landowner to have completed his project so far. Justin Fosha of Drowsy Water Ranch has also started construction on his project. Katlin and Mark will continue to work on approving these projects over the coming months.

Under New Business, Katlin notified the board that the trees are coming on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Pickup in Summit will be on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and pickup in Granby is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Katlin, her family, and the forest service guys have it under control so no board help is needed.



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Next up, Katlin asked the board to consider updating the Quickbooks from 2007 to 2015. It was initially suggested by Tim Day during our Exemption from Audit Review as a good financial practice to stay up with new software. Katlin also said that she has had many requests to pay with credit cards. The new software would have that ability. The board agreed that accepting credit cards is the new trend and would be beneficial to the district's business. The board would increase the cost of goods by the amount it costs to swipe a credit card and then give discounts for cash or check. The board asked Katlin to come back in June with the cost of updating and charges for credit cards.

Katlin then told the board that she created a facebook page for the district and encouraged the board to "like" the page. She also told them that there are opportunities for a charge to get your page seen by more people. She did not have costs for that service at the meeting but will report back at the June meeting.

Also under New Business, Katlin asked the board to start thinking about changes they would want to make on the 2016-2018 Long Range Plan or the 2016 Annual Plan if Work. The board felt that our current goals and objectives are meeting the needs of our constituents are still relevant. They felt we should stay the course until new needs arise. With regard to the 2016 Matching Grant application, the board directed Katlin to send out a survey asking our landowners their preference for cost-share dollars to go to a) irrigation, b) cross fencing and water developments (springs and wells), c) seed, d) electric fencing, or e) small acreage herbicide for the west end of the county. **The board agreed to apply for whichever one was considered the highest preference by our constituents.**

Finally, Mark (NRCS) reported that has been working on EQIP applications, on the MPCD Irrigation Program, and the HPP clover seeding program. He has not finished the April Snow Report yet, but reports that it is below normal.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at the MPCD/NRCS Office.