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Minutes

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

September 14, 2016

The September 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by President Deb Wood at 7pm. Other attendees included Jay Yust, Vice President; Justin Fosha, Treasurer; John Longhill, Member (on the phone); Katlin Miller, Executive Director; Mark Volt, NRCS District Conservationist; Ron Cousineau, CSFS District Forester; and Amy Sidener, Grand County DNR.

Under Guest Reports, Amy Sidener, from Grand County DNR, reported that the Colorado Department of Agriculture is testing a new Biological Control agent for Canada thistle. They will be releasing Canada Thistle Rust Fungus tomorrow (September 15th, 2016). Amy also mentioned that the Grand County DNR will continue the free Friday herbicide giveaways through the end of the month because it is a great time to hit Canada thistle. Lastly, Amy proposed a plan to start a new herbicide cost-share program as a partnership between MPCD and Grand County DNR. Amy wasn't sure exactly what the cost-share program would look like yet, but she thought it would be a great program to get going in Grand County (possibly starting with the Old Park subdivision). Because Amy is really busy and in the field much of the summer, she thought maybe MPCD could be the fiscal agent for the program and she could be the technical expert. Katlin commented that she felt she could handle the paperwork and fiscal aspects of the program. Katlin also suggested that we look at the Garfield County Cost-Share program as a model for our program. The only problem is that we would need to search for grants to fund such program. Katlin agreed to help seek out grant funds. **As a result, Justin moved to add the herbicide cost-share program to our 2017 Annual Plan of Work and have MPCD help facilitate the process of acquiring cost-share funds for the program. Jay seconded. Motion Passed.**

Next up, Ron Cousineau from the Colorado State Forest Service reported that he is working with the BLM on a Good Neighbor Agreement for Mountain Pine Beetle mitigation. If the agreement moves forward, Ron's office would manage some timber sales on BLM lands in order to utilize the timber before it falls down and becomes unusable. Ron also reported that he is happy the way Katlin organized the tree seedling supply orders this year and would like to continue doing that in the future. Katlin agreed that it worked out nicely for everyone.

Moving on, Mark Volt, NRCS District Conservationist, reported that signups for the 2017 EQIP program are now open. It is a continuous signup through mid-January. Projects Mark has been working on include: Yust's EQIP spring and irrigation structures, Hill's EQIP irrigation structures (66 structures in all), Coors' springs, Wood's EQIP range and fencing plan, Linke's EQIP irrigation and range projects, and the MPCD Irrigation Cost-Share Program. Mark also attended the Fall HPP meeting and has helped with MPCD seed sales.

Under MPCD Reports, Katlin asked the board if they had any questions regarding the financial statements or timesheet she sent out prior to the meeting. There were no questions.



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Moving onto Old Business, Mark reported on all Irrigation Cost-Share projects. Quad Ranch is done and inspected. All other projects are still in construction; however, Katlin noted that she has reminded all landowners of the October 15th deadline. All landowners indicated that they should be able to abide by the deadline.

Katlin next updated the group on MPCD's new ability to accept credit and debit cards. Katlin said that she is up and running. So far, we have accepted approximately \$2,224 in credit card purchases. Overall, Katlin believes it was a good investment.

Next up, Katlin informed the Board that she tried using a razor blade to remove the "Entering and Leaving" words on our roadside signs. Though it is possible to scrape them off, Katlin reported that the decals come off in small pieces. Thus, she felt it would be too labor intensive and not practical to remove the words. The board suggested we try painting over the words with a properly tinted white paint. Katlin said she would try that on one of the signs in the back of the office to make sure it looks nice. Justin also suggested we ask the town of Silverthorne if we could put a sign near the pond by the elementary school to increase our awareness in Summit County. John said he had some connections with the town and see what he could do. John also agreed to inquire with Gary Rogers at Copper to see if they would also let us put a sign up there.

Katlin next reported that she led the 4-H Mud and Much Day on July 26th at the Fairgrounds. Katlin was approached by Lacy Stover, Grand County 4-H Coordinator, to assist with a soils-related education day. Katlin agreed and came up with a full day of soils activities. Overall, Katlin said it was a good day. She had 17 students attend, ranging from 6-13 years old.

Following up on the Zeedyk Workshop discussion from the July meeting, Katlin said that she put an article and call for action in the Mid-Summer newsletter regarding the workshop. The only response she got from the call for action was two individuals (and neither of them were ag producers). Due to the cost of the workshop and apparent lack of interest, the Board voted to not put the Zeedyk Structure Workshop on our 2017 APW. Katlin said that we could still advertise the workshop at a later date, and if it works out where we do put it on, we can always add it under our "Additional" tab.

Lastly under Old Business, Katlin reminded John and Jay to work on their Certification Modules. Justin turned his in, so Jay and John are the ones left to complete them.

Moving on to New Business, Katlin told the group that the ILVK project that Paul Bruchez had approached to group about last year has made it to the application round of RCPP. Thus, they are looking for letters of support and commitment to the project. Katlin reminded the group that during the July 2015 board meeting, they voted to "to approve a \$100 guaranteed monetary contribution to the proposal, with the possibility of an



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additional \$4000 of in-kind assistance for Outreach and Education, Conservation Practices, and Administrative Costs.” Accordingly, Justin moved to write the letter of support and confirm our commitment of \$100 monetary contribution with up to \$4,000 of in-kind assistance for Outreach, Education, Conservation Practices, and Administrative Costs.” Jay seconded. Motion passed.

Next, Katlin told the Board about a workshop that Lindy Brackett (local DVM) is hosting. She is having a nutritionist come up and speak about cattle and horse nutrition. The workshop is a 2-day event (October 5-6) at Devil’s Thumb Ranch near Tabernash. The first day is all about Cattle Nutrition, but Lindy wishes to keep this one closed to the public. The second day is all about Horse Nutrition (specifically old and obese horses). This is the day that Lindy wishes to open up to the public and have MPCD help sponsor. Katlin reminded the group that education on animal nutrition is one of the line items on our 2016 APW. **After much discussion, Justin moved to donated \$300 to the horse nutrition workshop only if Lindy allows Katlin to attend both days and take notes that can then be made public through a summarizing newsletter article. John seconded. Motion passed.**

Afterwards, Katlin informed the Board that she has scheduled Board of County Commissioner meetings in both Grand and Summit Counties. The Grand County date is September 27th at 4pm. The Summit County date is October 11th at 11:30am. **Note: The Summit County has since been changed to October 25th at 11am.** Katlin quickly went through the slides for the presentations and agreed to send them out to the board for review. She noted that she is going to ask the Grand County BOCC for \$1750 this year that will go specifically to Hay Day (\$250), the Grand County Noxious Weed Guide (\$500), and the Small Acreage Management Guide (\$1000). She hopes by stating specific needs, the Grand County BOCC will be more likely to support MPCD. She will be asking the Summit BOCC for \$5000 (exactly what they gave us last year).

Moving on, Katlin confirmed that MPCD received \$7,225.89 in Direct Assistance this year and ranked 13th out of 76th districts. Reviewers commended us for our broad scope of resource concerns and goals/objectives. Criticisms included the board not doing enough and the district manager doing too much.

The Board next reviewed the 2016 projected revenues and expenditures and discussed the 2017 budget. The board went line item by line item on the 2013-2016 P&L statements to formulate the attached 2017 budget. Line items to note include: a decrease in tree sales income and expenses due to a foreseen loss of tree seedling revenue from Blue Valley Ranch, an added income and expense for a new District Conservation Technician (DCT), an added income and expense for Hay Day, and a lack of a \$25,000 Matching Grant from CSCB for our Irrigation Cost-Share Program. In addition, while reviewing the 2016 current and project numbers, the board discussed our budgeted expense for CACD dues. **After much discussion, Justin moved to only pay \$250 to CACD for this year’s dues (2016). Jay seconded. Motion passed.**



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Looking toward 2017, Katlin presented the Board with a draft 2017 APW. The Board reviewed each resource concern and made additions and deletions as needed. Changes included: adding the herbicide cost-share program proposed by Amy tonight, removing the Zeedyk structure workshop, and changing the educational booth at fair to an educational booth at Kremmling days, adding a DCT, and adding the Mud & Muck educational program. The 2017 APW will be reviewed again at the November and December meetings.

Additionally under New Business, Katlin spoke to the Board about 2017 Mountain Meadows Hay Day to be held in Middle Park. Katlin told the Board that she has spoken to Sher at Blue Valley Ranch. Sher showed interest in having Hay Day at BVR. Katlin also said that she has been thinking about possible topics, including a talk about PAM by Max, a discussion about Nutrition & Hay, info about CoAgMet, and a dialog by Joe Brummer about his research on Buy & Dry.

Also regarding Hay Day, Katlin asked the Board to consider Hay Day sponsorship levels. She said that many companies will be formulating their 2017 Budgets in the coming months and that we should get out sponsorship forms out soon in order to be considered by these companies for funding. **The Board agreed to accept the following sponsorship levels: Platinum (\$500+), Gold (\$250-499), Silver (\$100-249), and Bronze (\$1-99).** *Platinum sponsors will be allowed to hang a banner at the event, have a free booth if they so choose, and be included in all print and electronic advertising. Gold sponsors will also be permitted to have a free booth at the event and be included in all print and electronic advertising. Silver sponsors will be included in all print and electronic advertising. Bronze sponsors (in addition to Platinum, Gold, and Silver sponsors) will have their name read out loud at the event.*

Finally under New Business, Katlin told the board that she is no longer able on the first Tuesday of the month. She asked the Board to consider a new date and time for our regular business meetings. **After much discussion, Jay moved to try the second Tuesday of the month at NOON as our new business meeting time. Justin moved. Motion Passed. Furthermore, knowing that we typically don't meet every month, the board agreed to change our meeting months to January, February (Annual Meeting), March, May, July, October, and December. If it turns out that the new dates and times do not work out, the Board agreed to reconsider the time and dates.**

Thus, the new dates and times for the MPCD Board meetings will tentatively be:

- **Tuesday, November 8th, 2016, at Noon**
- **Tuesday, December 13th, 2016, at Noon**
- **Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, at Noon**
- **February (TBD)**
- **Tuesday, March 14th, 2017, at Noon**



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- *Tuesday, May 9th, 2017, at Noon*
- *Tuesday, July 11th, 2017, at Noon*
- *Tuesday, October 11th, 2017, at Noon*
- *Tuesday, December 12th, 2017, at Noon*

There were no comments under Closing Roundtable, so the meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8th at NOON at the MPCD/NRCS Office.