



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 Supervisors

April 2018

MPCD/NRCS Office

Call to Order: 12:25pm by Deb Wood

Attendees:

Deb Wood (President)

Jay Yust (Vice President)

Justin Fosha (Sec/Treasurer)

Brien Rose (Member)

Katlin Miller (DM)

Mark Volt (DCT)

Derick Wyle (Acting NRCS DC)

Check Signing: Performed by Deb Wood

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (January 2018): Justin moved to accept the past minutes. Brien seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

Mileage/Hours: Katlin will get the timesheet to the Board Members after the meeting

Guest Intros & Reports

CSFS Report: No Report

NRCS Report:

- Should specific drought conditions exist this summer, FSA has agreed to do drought payments for ranchers who graze. It is part of the Live Forage Payment program. The grazing season for Middle Park is May 15th to Sept 30th. To get paid, there must be 8 continuous weeks of D2 drought or 1 week of D3-D4 drought. It is best to keep up-to-date records with FSA if you intend to apply for drought payments.
- We are still waiting to hear on our TCP applications we submitted earlier this year. Katlin and Derrick submitted some additional information per a request from NRCS, but we have yet to hear if our applications were approved.
- The RCPP program for the ILVK ranchers is moving forward
- Clint Evans, CO State Conservationist, is planning to write a response to us in regard to ours and Stockgrowers' letters about our office closing.
- Derrick passed around a Civil Rights Compliance contract that all of the Board Members were required to sign, per our agreement with NRCS as a partner entity. Everyone signed it but John Longhill, who was not present. Katlin agreed to scan and email it to John.



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MPCD Reports

DM Report/Timesheet:

- *Katlin showed the board her timesheet from January to April and explained what she has been working on.*

DCT Report:

- *Mark briefed the group on what he's been up to. He also explained that he will be having surgery on April 26th and will be out of the office for a couple of weeks.*

Financial Report:

- *Katlin presented the financials to the group. Brien moved to accept the financial report. Justin seconded it. MOTION PASSED.*

Other Reports: *No other reports*

Old Business

Bylaws Petition/Change:

- *After collecting more than 50 signatures and publishing the proposed bylaws change in the newspaper more than 10 days prior to the meeting, the Board called for a vote on the bylaws change of: "Regular meetings of the Board shall be held **at least 4 times a year**" rather than "Regular meetings of the Board shall be held **monthly**".*
- *Jay made a motion to accept the bylaws change. Brien seconded the motion. All eligible voters unanimously voted to accept the bylaws change, and the MOTION PASSED.*

Roadway Signs—Vanessa

- *Katlin will take pictures of the new signs and email them out to the Board. The Board will then decide what to do about ordering more of the cover up signs (signs to cover up the "Entering" and "Leaving").*

Annual Dinner Review

- *Overall, the Board was happy with the YMCA. However, next year the dinner is supposed to be in Kremmling. The Board suggested to Katlin that she speak with Latigo Ranch and Grand Old West.*

High School Scholarship

- *After discussion on the 3 scholarship applications, Brien moved to award the 2018 MPCD scholarship to Emma Enebo in the amount of \$500. Justin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED*

New Business

CORA Policy (Open Records Policy)

- *As a result of a CORA request given to the Eagle County Conservation District, it has been recommended that all Conservation District develop CORA policies. Katlin drafted a policy and provided it to the Board Members to review prior to the next meeting.*



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Update Policy Book—4% sales increase, seed sales discounts

- *This topic was postponed until the next meeting. However, Katlin was asked to write up a contract for Dave Hammer to sign regarding tire tank storage behind the Kremmling Mercantile.*

BOW vs. QuickBooks Credit Card Processing

- *Katlin told the group that QuickBooks is requiring an update to the 2018 version if we wish to continue using the Credit Card Payments feature. The cost for updating is over \$200. However, Bank of the West can also accept credit cards for the same transactional fee with no startup cost. Accordingly, Katlin asked the Board if they preferred to update QuickBooks or switch to Bank of the West.*
- *Jay made a motion to switch to Bank of the West for our credit card processing activities. Justin seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED*

Watershed Meeting in September w/ tour

- *A Colorado River Watershed Association meeting was held on March 15th. Brien and Katlin attended via conference call. At the meeting, the group decided that they wanted the Fall Watershed meeting to be held in Middle Park.*
- *As a result, the Fall Watershed Meeting will be held on October 5th. Lunch and the meeting will be held at Blue Valley Ranch. We will also look to do tours of Blue Valley Ranch, Yust Ranch, and one of the ILVK projects.*

Water Law Workshop-GL, August 24th

- *Katlin has scheduled the next Water Law workshop for August 24th in Grand Lake. Outstanding Grand Lake will be co-hosting it.*
- *Katlin has also applied to the Department of Real Estate to get accredited for Continuing Education credits. We are waiting to hear back from the State, but we believe it will be accepted because Mt. Sopris CD got approved for the same class and credits.*

Long Range Plan

- *Katlin informed the group that we need to do our 2019-2021 Long Range Plan this year. Thus, she asked the Board to think about what they would like to change, add, or delete from our current LRP over the next few months.*

Closing Round Table: *No comments*

Adjourn: *1:55pm*

Next Meeting: *TBD*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katlin Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.