



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

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# Minutes

## Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors

March 16, 2022, on Zoom

**Call to Order:** 12:02 by President Deb Wood

### Attendees:

Deb Wood (President)

Jay Yust (VP)

Justin Fosha (Sec/Treas)

John Longhill (Member)

Brien Rose (Member)

Katlin Miller (DM)

Mark Volt (DCT)

Stephen Jaouen (NRCS)

Kara Vigneau (NRCS)

Olivia Clark (CSU Extension Grand)

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by John, seconded by Jay, voted on and unanimously approved.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Jan 2022):** Motion to approve the minutes from January as written was made by Jay, seconded by John, voted on and unanimously approved.

### Partner Reports:

NRCS Report: Stephen gave the NRCS report on activities since January. Most notably, Stephen mentioned that funding for the RCPP ILVK program will be ending at the end of next year.

CSU Extension Report: Olivia gave the report for CSU Extension Grand County. Olivia is working on a "Vence" (virtual fencing) committee and has received a One Health Grant for vencing. CSU Extension Grand County will also be getting two Extension interns this summer: one working with the Historical Society and one working with Fitch Ranch on vencing. Blue Valley Ranch will also be getting a CSU Extension Intern through Summit County Extension that will be mostly based out of Fort Collins working on fisheries.

### MPCD Reports:

DCT Report: Mark gave a report on his activities since January...mostly EQIP and the MPCD Irrigation Cost Share Program.

DM Report: Katlin gave her report on activities since January...mostly the topics listed below in Old/New Business.

Financials: Katlin presented the financials since January. She noted that the District has not yet requested DCT Reimbursements for 2022 because she is working with Abbey (from CSCB) on additional funds to reimburse for Mark's 2022 raise. She also made note of the \$17,000 bill to CSFS for BVR's trees that will be delivered in May but were ordered in 2021. Income for that bill is currently in "Prepaid Income" and will be moved to income upon delivery in late May.



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## Old Business

**2022 Elections Cancellation Resolution:** Motion to approve the 2022 Election Cancellation Resolution and Notice of Cancellation was made by John, seconded by Jay, voted on and unanimously approved.

**2021 Exemption from Audit Approval Resolution:** Motion to approve the 2021 Exemption from Audit (completed by Tim Day CPA) was made by John, seconded by Jay, voted on and unanimously approved.

**Drought Plan Approval:** Motion to approve the Grand County Drought Preparedness Plan was made by John, seconded by Brien, voted on and unanimously approved.

**2022 Irrigation Cost-Share Program:** The twelve applications received by April 15th for the Irrigation Cost Share Program were reviewed by the Board. Seven applications were approved: Carl Wood, John Miller, Mike Ritschard, Mark Volt, Alan Wheatley, Bev Tillotson, and Justin Fosha. The Board requested that five applications receive additional on-site review by Mark and Katlin once the snow has melted: Shelby Price, Robert Cohen, Tom Hanchin, Katherine Dines, Bob Wyler. *NOTE: Justin and Deb both abstained from discussions and approvals due to their direct involvement/Conflict of Interest.* **Motion to allow Mark and Katlin to make final decisions on remaining applicants and approve additional applications, so long as funds remain, was made by John, seconded by Brien, voted on and unanimously approved by John, Jay and Brien (Deb and Justin abstained).**

**FOLBR Soils:** Katlin reported to the group that she continues to work with Friends of the Lower Blue River on their Safe Soils Initiative. Preliminary GIS work was performed over the winter, and initial site visits are scheduled for early summer.

John reported that Lord of the Mountains Church in Dillon will be hosting a two day "How to be Stewards of Creation" discussion and showing of the documentary "Need to Grow" on March 20 and March 27. Katlin will post the information on the MPCD website and Facebook as it deals with soil health and conservation.

## New Business:

**Seed, Trees, Tires, PAM:** Katlin reported that the price of seed is up this year and that she is trying to presell as much seed as she can to better gauge the demand and not purchase too much seed at such a high price.

Trees will be coming at the end of May, but, as expected, tree sales are down this year due to limited nursery supply.

With only one 13' tire tank in stock, the Board agreed to have Katlin reach out to Judd Behrens about purchasing more tires.

Like the seed, Katlin is trying to presell as much PAM and SoilFloc as possible to ensure that our inventory more closely matches demand for the products.

**Scholarships Due by Mar 31:** MPCD Scholarship applications are due on March 31.

**Closing Round Table:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm by a motion from Jay and a second by John.