

MINUTES
Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors
June 2, 2026– 12pm, Zoom

Call to Order: 12:04pm by Deb Wood

Roll Call - Board/Attendees: Quorum established with 5 of 5 voting members

Deb Wood, President - **yes**

Jay Yust, Vice President - **yes**

Justin Fosha, Sec/Treas - **yes**

John Longhill, Board Member - **yes**

Brien Rose, Board Member - **yes**

Katlin Miller, District Manager - **yes**

Mark Volt, DCT - **yes**

Maria Bumgarner, Interim NRCS Team Lead - **yes**

CSU Extension – Summit – Dan Schroder - **no**

CSU Extension – Grand – Sydney Pryor - **yes**

Colorado State Forest Service – Ryan McNertney - **no**

Members of the Public – **Courtney Bennett, Colorado Open Lands Land Trust**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: *Move to approve the agenda as presented.*

• **Motion By:** Brien

Second By: Deb

Vote Outcome: Approved Unanimously

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Minutes can be found on the MPCD website: Top Menu Bar → About Us → Board Meetings → Click on the Minutes link under the meeting date that you want to look at.

MOTION: *Move to approve March minutes as presented.*

• **Motion By:** Deb

Second By: Brien

Vote Outcome: Approved Unanimously

Public Comment / Guest Presentations: Courtney Bennett of Colorado Open Lands was present to introduce herself and find out more about MPCD. Colorado Open Lands took over Colorado Headwaters Land Trust formerly located in Granby. According to Courtney, Colorado Open Lands will help Grand County by bringing the support of a statewide conservation organization.

Partner Reports:

NRCS: Maria will be transitioning out of her 120-day appointment and Gerald (from Fort Collins) will be taking over for the next 120 days. As such, Maria is trying to get a plan together for all the conservation projects needed for the next 120 days. Maria has approved our Local Working Group worksheet and our Targeted Conservation Project Proposal. She is hopeful that we will get some more help soon, and she has put in a good word for us.

CSU Extension: Sydney reported for Grand County Extension. The Middle Park Fair and Rodeo is planned for August 1-9. The Grand County Extension Office is hosting two interns this year: one for the 4-H Day Camp and the other for the 4-H Hall of Fame and the Community Gardens. Sydney is planning a canning class for the end of August.

Other: none

MPCD Reports:

DCT Activity: Mark has been helping Maria with applications, answering noxious weed questions, selling seed, and helping landowners with irrigation projects.

DM Activity: Katlin has been working on various Youth Education initiatives with the local school (save the frogs, honeybees, ecological collapse, soil tent). See the [June Newsletter](#) for more details on my youth education projects. Our spring tree sale is complete; we sold 3,775 seedlings this spring (\$). Seed sales are underway but are slow this year (presumably due to the drought). Otherwise, I have been working with the Grand County Drought Committee, Grand County Wildfire Council, Lower Blue River Stakeholder Group, the June Newsletter, and our upcoming webinars (more on that in new business).

Financials: Katlin presented the financials to the board for 3/1/26 to 6/1/26.

MOTION: *Move to approve the financials, including Budget v. Actual, Balance Sheet, Checks and Open Invoices as presented*

- **Motion By:** Justin **Second By:** John **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously

Old Business:

Matching Grant: Per our discussion at the last meeting, Katlin submitted a Matching Grant application to CSCB for an Irrigation Cost-Share Program (with emphasis on headgate and measuring device repair/replacement). I wrote in the grant that I would like TCP funds (if we get them) to hopefully assist with landowner match.

TCP Proposal: Per our discussion at the last meeting, Katlin is in the process of submitting a TCP proposal for High Mountain Flood Irrigation improvements (with emphasis on headgate and measuring device repair/replacement). I wrote in the proposal that I would like TCP to complement the CSCB Matching Grant (if we get it) as landowner match.

DCT Grant: Per our discussion at the last meeting, Katlin is in the process of submitting our DCT application for 2027.

PAM: Katlin is working with Junior at Frontier Station on getting PAM; however, so far, he has not been able to source the right kind of pam.

MPCD Scholarship:

MOTION: *Move to confirm the decision Addy Salyards is the 2026 MPCD Scholarship Recipient of \$500.*

- **Motion By:** John **Second By:** Justin **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously

Local Working Group Survey: We had 9 respondents. LWG results will be submitted to the state and included with our TCP proposal.

Webinars: As discussed at our last meeting, I am hosting a series of webinars this summer. So far, I have 4 scheduled for June. Go to www.middleparkcd.com/webinars for zoom links.

- **6/5 – Preparing for Wildfire Season in Grand County** (with Grand County Wildfire Council)
- **6/16 – Preparing for Wildfire Season in Summit County** (with Summit County Wildfire Council/Summit CSU Extension)

Middle Park Conservation District

- **6/22 – Noxious Weeds in Summit County** (with Summit Weed Control)
- **6/29 – Drought in Summit County** (with Troy Wineland, Summit Water Commissioner)
- **6/30 – Noxious Weeds in Grand County** (with Grand County DNR)

New Business:

Office Nominations and Election:

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT: *Nominate Deb for the office of President.*

- **Motion By:** Brien **Second By:** John
Vote Outcome: After Deb accepted the nomination, motion was Approved Unanimously.

OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT: *Nominate Jay for the office of Vice President.*

- **Motion By:** Deb **Second By:** Brien
Vote Outcome: After Jay accepted the nomination, motion was Approved Unanimously.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY/TREASURER: *Nominate Justin for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.*

- **Motion By:** Brien **Second By:** John
Vote Outcome: After Jay accepted the nomination, motion was Approved Unanimously.

As no other nominations were made for any of the officer positions, the above candidates won by acclamation.

Closing Round Table:

Scholarship Application Process Moving Forward: Justin expressed concerns with the scholarship application process this year. His concerns related to:

- Applicants not going into the fields of conservation, natural resource management and agriculture
- Ensuring that applicants are not getting our scholarship if they have already been awarded full-ride scholarships
- Feeling that it is okay to not award the scholarship in any given year if there is no “right candidate”
- Believing that we should open up the scholarship to students from Grand and Summit Counties that are a couple years in and just now figuring out that they want to go into conservation, natural resource management, or agriculture.

The whole Board agreed with Justins comments/ concerns. They asked Katlin to revise the Scholarship Application and present the revisions at the next Board Meeting for approval.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting was rescheduled for August 14th at noon because August 7th is during the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo.

Adjourn:

MOTION: *Move to adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:53pm.*

- **Motion By:** Brien **Second By:** Justin **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously