

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**

December 4, 2020 Noon

Free Conference Call.com: Dial: 351-888-6170

**Call to Order:** 12:21pm on December 4th by Deb Wood (President)

**Attendees:** 

Deb Wood (President) Jay Yust (VP) Justin Fosha (Sec/Treas) Brien Rose (Member) Katlin Miller (DM) Mark Volt (DCT) Stephen Jaouen (NRCS) Adam Ortega (CDA)

**Check Signing: None** 

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (July 2020): Motion to approve July 2020 Minutes made by Justin Fosha, seconded by Brien, voted on, and unanimously approved.

# **Partner Reports**

NRCS Report: Working on Fire Recovery, EQIP, RCPP. Upper CO River Basin is at 73% of normal.

<u>CSFS Report:</u> Working on Fire Recovery, Timber Sales

CSU Extension Report:

Grand: Working on Fire Recovery, Grand County Needs Report, Cattle and Forage Growers Meeting.

Summit: Working on Wildfire Prevention, STEM. 25 4-H Clubs

Colorado Dept of Ag (Adam Ortega): Adam is working closely with Katlin and the others on the ETF Fire Recovery Group regarding damage assessments and fire recovery, emphasizing recovery on ag lands.

## **MPCD Reports**

DCT & DM Report: Katlin and Mark have both been working heavily on East Troublesome Fire recovery, including managing a seed giveaway funded by the Grand Foundation for landowners impacted by the ETF. MPCD is also one of five primary partners working on the East Troublesome Fire Watershed Recovery Group and the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP).

Financial Report: Financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting and reviewed by the board. Nobody had any questions, concerns, or discussion.



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#### **Old Business**

### 2020 Budget—items to complete:

Dues to CACD (\$250) Kopy Kat (ordering of 1000 SAM Books) Pawnee Buttes Seed (more Fire seed)

#### **New Business**

2021 Budget Discussion: Board discussed proposed budget

2021 Budget Adoption: Motion to approve the 2021 Final Budget was made by Deb, seconded by Justin, voted on, and unanimously approved.

2021 Appropriation of Sums of Money: Motion to appropriate sums of money for the approved 2021 Final Budget was made by Justin, seconded by Brien, voted on, and unanimously approved.

East Troublesome Fire—seed, EWP, HPP, recovery: Katlin spoke to the Board about the efforts her and Mark had been working on related to the East Troublesome Fire. The Grand Foundation had funded over \$45,000 in seed for recovery, HPP had approved funding for seed for ag producers impacted by the fire, and NRCS was looking to potentially implement the EWP program through Grand County and Northern Water as sponsors. The Board was in full support of Mark and Katlin's work on the ETF.

2020 Exemption from Audit Authorization: Motion to have Tim Day of Day and Associates perform the District's 2020 Exemption from Audit Form was made by Justin, seconded by Brien, voted on, and unanimously approved.

2021 Annual Dinner and Conservationist of the Year: The Board decided to postpone the 2021 Annual Dinner under later in the year due to COVID restrictions limiting in-person gatherings.

<u>Granite Seed</u>: Katlin informed the Board about a letter from Granite Seed requiring a credit application to continue doing business with them. The Board asked Katlin to reach out to Granite and see if the letter was a mistake. The Board also agreed that the following businesses should be contacted for seed quotes for 2021: Granite Seed (if no credit app is needed), Pawnee Buttes, Buffalo Brand, and Arkansas Valley.

# **Closing Round Table:**

- 1) The Board asked Katlin to look into prices and availability of erosion control materials (waddles, mats, etc) in case there is a need for those items in the spring.
- 2) Brien spoke to the Board about the Lower Blue River Nutrient Mediation Project. This project plans to study and address the declining health of trout and macroinvertebrate populations in the Lower Blue River outside of Kremmling. Brien asked for the Board's support of the project by writing a letter of support. A Motion to write a letter of support from the District for the Lower Blue River Nutrient Mediation Project was made by Jay, seconded by Justin, voted on, and unanimously approved.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Deb, seconded by Brien, and unanimously approved at 2:25pm.