

MINUTES
Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors
March 11, 2025 – 12pm, Zoom

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:07pm by Deb Wood.

Roll Call - Board/Attendees: Quorum established with 4 of 5 voting members

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| Deb Wood, President - present | Mark Volt, DCT - present |
| Jay Yust, Vice President - not present | Stephen Jaouen, NRCS Team Lead - present |
| Justin Fosha, Sec/Treas - present | CSU Extension – Summit – Dan Schroder - not present |
| John Longhill, Board Member - present | CSU Extension – Grand – Brianna Osborn - present |
| Brien Rose, Board Member - present | Colorado State Forest Service – Ryan McNertney – not present |
| Katlin Miller, District Manager - present | |

Approval of Agenda:

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

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

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (December 2024):

MOTION: *Move to approve the December 2024 Minutes as presented.*

- **Motion By:** Deb Wood **Second By:** John Longhill **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously

Partner Reports:

NRCS:

Thirty-three applications for EQIP in Glenwood Springs Service Center. Two apps in Kremmling Service Center: one in High Mountain Flood and one in Sprinkler. 3.5 million dollars in requests, but only \$444,000 available in resource team allotted funds. 47 applications for the wolf mitigation fund. NRCS may divert some funds in in funding pool away from irrigation and into wolf mitigation due to lack of engineering resources and help. NRCS has lost some probationary employees in the area—Glenwood and Steamboat. No projects in our area have subject to the federal government spending freezes.

CSU Extension:

- **Summit:** none
- **Grand:** 4-H registration is similar in numbers to last year, but there has been a shift toward younger kids (cloverbuds). There is a new fair coordinator, Rheann Pesch. There is a composting class in Grand Lake in April. CSU Extension is looking to hire summer help on an irrigation project in Grand County.

CSFS: none

MPCD Reports:

DCT Activity:

Mark has been working on designs for next year on some existing EQIP contracts. He has also been working with landowners on possible EQIP contracts for next year. He worked on 4 wolf applications in the Middle Park area. The Upper CO River Watershed is exactly 100% of snowpack normal. Mark will do a complete report for the April 1st snow survey.

The Big Game EQIP funding pool did not receive any applications, so that fund remains open. There is also a Wild Flood for Wildlife funding pool for our area.

DM Activity:

Katlin has been working on website/document accessibility, tree sales, prep for seed season, grant reporting, and email newsletters. The Colorado River Watershed Association also had a meeting a couple weeks ago. Katlin attended virtually. One main topic of discussion (to be discussed below) was ditch inventories. Save the Frogs Day in West Grand was March 4th. Katlin presented to the 7th and 8th graders. Katlin also judged at the WG Science Fair in January.

Financials:

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

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

Old Business:

2025 Election (Justin & Brien):

Election cancelled because Justin & Brien were the only nominations received.

MOTION: *Move to formally cancel the election because there were no more candidates than positions open and elect Justin Fosha and Brien Rose for 4-year terms ending in May 2029.*

- **Motion By:** John Longhill **Second By:** Deb Wood **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously

2024 Exemption from Audit Approval:

MOTION: *Move to approve the 2024 Exemption from Audit prepared by Tim Day as presented.*

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

New Business:

Ditch Inventories:

At the CO River Watershed Association Meeting, other Districts spoke about the ditch inventories they have performed. They spoke highly of the process and recommended other Districts perform them too. The process includes hiring a consultant to walk specified ditches in the District and prepare a report on their condition and any repairs that are recommended. The reports are given to the District and to landowners. Reports may be useful in applying for future funding. The reports could also be used to determine Values At Risk in wildfire preparedness planning and post-fire risk assessments.

2025 High School Scholarship:

Applications are out and due back by April 1. Middle Park 4-H Scholarship due by March 21.

Middle Park Conservation District

Petitions for Inclusion & Withdrawal

We have received one Petition for Inclusion into the District and one Request for Withdrawal from the District. Both parcels are less than one acre in size and are in the Silver Creek/Granby Ranch area. They are both a result of lot consolidation where one parcel is in the District and the other is not. In order to consolidate, each parcel must have the same taxing districts.

MOTION: *Move to approve the “Petition for Inclusion” by Eric and Kelli Visage to transfer 649 GCR 8952 (R128550, 0.39 acres) into the boundaries of the Middle Park Conservation District.*

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

MOTION: *Move to approve the “Request for Withdrawal” by David & Josephine Asvestas of DA-JLA Enterprises, LLC to withdraw 359 GCR 8950 (R133830, 0.54 acres) from the boundaries of the Middle Park Conservation District.*

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

Closing Round Table: none

Adjourn:

MOTION: *Move to adjourn at 12:49pm. The next meeting is to be scheduled in June or July, unless a meeting is needed sooner.*

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