



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

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Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors 106 S. 2nd St, Kremmling, CO 80459

May 9, 2017

The May 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by President Deb Wood at 12:10pm. Other attendees included Jay Yust, Vice President; Justin Fosha, Treasurer; Katlin Miller, Executive Director; and Mark Volt, NRCS District Conservationist; and Ron Cousineau, CSFS District Forester.

First up, Deb asked for a motion to approve both the March 2017 minutes. **Justin moved and Jay seconded to approve the March minutes. Motion passed.**

Under Guest Reports, Ron reported that his office (the Granby Office of the CSFS) is still working on their Good Neighbor Agreement with BLM. His office, in collaboration with MPCD and CSU Extension in Summit, is planning 3 Firewise workshops in Summit County. His office is also looking for landowners that have standing timber that still has value.

Moving on to NRCS, Mark reported that he has been working on Jay's EQIP projects, Rusty Spur's spring development, and MPCD seed sales. He is also preparing for his retirement on June 3rd. He has spoken to his boss about getting an acting DC, and a replacement DC, as soon as possible. However, he said that a letter from the District encouraging an expedited search and hire of his replacement would help. Ron agreed to sign the letter as the CSFS District Forester and encouraged us to have Travis with CSU Extension sign it as well. **Katlin agreed to draft up a letter.**

Under MPCD Reports, Katlin told the board that she has been working on Save the Frogs Day presentations in East Grand, West Grand, and Summit County. She has also spent a lot of time on the Grand County Noxious Weed Guide, which is now ready for print. Katlin believes that the County has agreed to print the guide. We are waiting to hear conformation from Amy on that.

Katlin next asked if anyone had any questions about the financials she sent out prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

Under Other Reports, Katlin reminded the board that Hay Day is July 13th. She said that she has confirmed all speakers (Max Schmidt, Joe Brummer, Kelcey Swyers, and Zach Schwalbe). US Tractor & Supply has confirmed that they will be bringing some equipment. Tanner Matheson will also be bringing his family's new Square Bale Spinner to demonstrate. Katlin told the board that we currently have just over \$2100 in confirmed donations. However, she encouraged the board members to seek donations for door prizes from Murdoch's Silverthorne and Murdoch's Fraser. Katlin said that the donations we've received so far will go to speaker fees and hotels. She also hopes to cover the cost of lunch for attendees and be able to pay for some door prizes with the donation money. Katlin told the board that she was thinking about having BBQ sandwiches for lunch



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but has not confirmed that yet. Deb suggested we contact 4-H to set up their concession stand if the BBQ gig falls through.

Katlin next informed the board that she has been working with Ben Berlinger on the upcoming Society for Range Management (SRM) tour that will be held at Blue Valley Ranch on June 23rd. The district is co-sponsoring the event and will be taking in all registration fees. Most of the registration fees will go towards paying for Subway sandwiches. Katlin will be getting more info soon and will distribute the flyer/registration form via our newsletter and website.

Under Old Business, Katlin told the board that she advertised the DCT position in our April newsletter, on our website, at the Grand County Career Center and Connecting Colorado, and put 2 ads in both the Sky-Hi News and the Grand Gazette. Despite our efforts, we only received one application, that of Mark Volt (retiring NRCS DC for the Kremmling Field Office). The Board members looked at Mark's resume. After little discussion, **Justin moved to hire Mark for the DCT position starting on June 5th, 2017, for an average of 16 hours per week from June through December 2017. Jay seconded. Motion passed.** Katlin asked the board to vote on a wage for Mark, she mentioned that we budgeted for \$25/hr. **Jay moved to pay Mark \$25/hr. Justin seconded. Motion passed.** The board next discussed their concern that the new DC replacement may not be hired until early next year. Since the current DCT position ends on December 31st, there may not be any overlap between Mark and the new DC. The board feels that overlap would be good thing: in order to pass along history and knowledge about the office and the community. **As a result, the board decided to reevaluate the DCT position prior to the deadline for renewal (August). The board will decide at that time if they want to reapply for next year.**

There were no comments under Closing Roundtable, so the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th at NOON at Drowsy Water Ranch