

Minutes
Mineral County Conservation District
February 16, 2021

Mineral County Conservation District- February 16, 2021 at 6:00pm
Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone

Approved Minutes

Mineral County Conservation District Attendees: Jim Lommen, Chair; Layne Hansen, Vice Chair; Joe Hughes, Treasurer; Tom Castles, Supervisor; Joseph Spangler, Supervisor; Cathy Tsukimura, Supervisor; Charlee Thompson, District Administrator.

Additional Attendees: Andy Short, County Planner; Mike Day WGM Group; Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife & Parks, via Electronic; Laurie Johnson, Mineral County Commissioner.

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman, Jim Lommen called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Update on Vacant Appointment from the City: The City contacted the CD and informed the administrator that they have appointed Stephanie Todd to the City placement.

III. Public Comment: No Public Comment at this time.

IV. 310 Permit Applications:

54-5-2021V: Michael Keast- Clark Fork River – Excavation on Creek Banks and placement of stairs to the river below high-water mark. Ladd would like to remind people that what he is proposing is strictly prohibited on the riverbank. The homeowner is permitted to keep the current staircase but should refer to his covenants. Gravel is to be used to fill the stairs no concrete. The permit includes removal of the fire pit. Replanting of native vegetation at 2 plants for every one plant cut down. Native plants off of the list that were provided to the applicant. The landowner should also be reminded to refer back to his covenants for any future projects. In your accepting of the permit from the CD please notify the district of native plants and bushes that you will use. A follow up in August of 2021 is required. Please provide pictures for the file as your project goes forward. A motion was made by Joe Hughes to approve the 310 application with said modifications. Seconded by Tom Castles. All in favor. Motion Carries 6-0.

54-4-2020: Don Kotschevar -Clark Fork River - Tree Removal- Geocode:

54-2744-19-3-09-07-0000. Mr Kotschevar submitted a 310 application to remove three cotton wood trees that were located on his property at the river bank. Mr. Kotschevar states on his application “safely remove three dead cottonwood trees from the riverbank.” Applicant submitted a second 310 permit to remove another tree due to the fact he feels it is a hazard. The board is in agreement that he can remove the tree however it should be noted that anything that falls onto the riverbank **MUST STAY IN PLACE no clean-up of the river bank!** Stump removal can take place if it is within the lawn area. Larch trees will be planted in place. A motion was made by Joe Hughes to approve the 310 application with said modifications. Seconded by Tom Castles. All in favor. Motion Carries. 6-0

54-8-2021: Andrew Short- Clark Fork River- Bank Rehab and provide pedestrian access to the river. Geocode 54-2631-35-22-03-26-0000. The board would like to inspect this site. An inspection will be set for March 3rd. Andy reports that there is a lot of left-over debris from previous landowners including sewer pipes and grass clippings.

54-7-2021: WGM Group / Steven Delisle – Clark Fork River – Installation of Private River Access Facility.- Geocode: 54-2322-06-3-03-02-0000. WGM group on behalf of Steven Delisle submitted an application to install a private boat ramp on his property that would not be used by the general public. Members of the board along with staff from Fish Wildlife and Parks would like to inspect this prior to making a decision. An inspection time of Wednesday March 3, 2021 at 11:00am will take place.

V. New 310 Applications Received:

54-11-2021: Wheeler, Yvonne – Nemote Creek – Prevent blowout of soils and shifting culvert bridge. Geocode: 54-2423-23-4-01-02-0000. The board is in receipt of a new 310 application from Yvonne Wheeler. The board agreed to complete an inspection on Wednesday March 3, 2021 at 12:00pm.

VI. 310 Complaints:

At this time, the district is not in receipt of any complaints.

VII. 310 Follow-Ups : The permits appear on the agenda as a reminder to the board that we are awaiting follow-up questions regarding a permit previously approved. When a permit is due for a re-inspection the name will move up to one of the other categories. When the permit is in this category NO ACTION IS TAKEN UNLESS VOTED ON TO MOVE.

54-32-2019: Shannon Wagner – Oregon Gulch – Mining Claim: No action taken.

54-5-2017: Brett Telford – Clark Fork River – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

Permit Number: Don Kotschevar – Clark Fork River – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

Permit Number: Matt Durand – Clark Fork River: No action taken.

54-3-2016: Lee & Deena Dexter – Fish Creek – Bridge Installation: No action taken.

54-2-2016: Norman Welch – Clark Fork River – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

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54-23-2018: Patricia Springer – Clark Fork River – Greens at Cedar Creek – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

54-20-2018: Ed Loewen – Clark Fork River – Greens at Cedar Creek – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

Permit Number: Steven Kline - Clark Fork River – Greens at Cedar Creek – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

54-22-2018: John Savage - Clark Fork River – Greens at Cedar Creek – Violation Follow Up: No action taken.

54-26-2017: Danny & Gail Ausherman – Clark Fork River - Repair original wall to stabilize bank and removal of dead trees to stabilize bank: No action taken.

VIII. Reports

- Andy was present but no report was given.
- Ladd was present but no report was given.
- John Bowe was not present, and no report given.
- Laurie Johnston was present and discussed the commissioners concerns with the Delisle application. The commissioner's concerns were addressed by Mike Day from WGM group at a separate meeting held February 12th, 2021 before the board of Commissioners. Specific concerns include having to use law enforcement to enforce the no use policy of a private take out on the river and the small road that leads to the take out that might create traffic hazards for that road.

IX. New Business

2021 Election of Board Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer: Layne Hansen made motion to appoint James Lommen a board chair. Seconded by Joe Spangler. All in favor. Motion Carries. 6-0 Joe Spangler made a motion to appoint Layne Hansen as vice chair. Seconded by Joe Hughes. All in favor. Motion Carries. 6-0. A motion by Tom Castles to appoint Joe Hughes as Treasurer. Seconded by Layne Hansen. All in favor. Motion Carries. 6-0
Computer Purchase: The district is in need of a new computer. Charlee would like to see another iMac/Apple product and a desktop as there is feeling that it might be a better fit for the district. There is not a need to purchase another laptop.

Box Holder Mailing: Charlee would like to see a box holder mailing go out to the community talking about the 310 processes as there are a lot of new community members that are moving in.

310 Processes- Ladd Knotek & Charlee: This topic was postponed until after the new supervisor training.

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X. Old Business

Letter to USFS re: Maynard Loge Trail: there was a previous discussion regarding the districts involvement in the Maynard :oge trail. Some feel that the district doesn't have any ties to the Maynard Loge trail and is out of the scope of practice for the district. Some feel that it is in the best interest of the district to contact Carole Johnson and let her know that the district wants to take no part in the maintenance of the trail. Charlee is instructed to reach out to Carole and Commissioner Johnston has offered to speak with Carole on behalf of the district. The supervisors are in agreement with that taking place at the next commissioner's meeting.

Paul Parsons: DNRC Grant Application to Remove Tailings and restoration on Flat Creek. Paul wasn't in attendance of the meeting so this agenda item is postponed until next month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm