

Mineral County Conservation District- May 16th, 2023 at 6p.m.
Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone
Minutes

Mineral County Conservation District Attendees: Charlee Thompson-Chair; Layne Hansen- Vice Chair- Supervisor; Tom Castles, Supervisor; Joe Hughes- Supervisor; Joe Spangler- Supervisor; Jim Lommen- Supervisor; Cathy Tsukimura, Supervisor; Ladd Knotek- Fish Wildlife and Parks;

Additional Attendees: Theresa Peterson- Landowner, Trenton Croteam; Paul Hengel; Glenn Jones- landowner

Absent: County Commissioner- Duane Simmons; Andy Short, County Planner; John Bowe, NRCS; Paul Parsons- Trout Unlimited

Call to Order: 5:59 pm by Charlee.

Minutes

May 3rd, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion to Accept by Jim. seconded by Joe S. Vote **Passes 7-0:**

Public Comment - Public Comment- Complaint by public of possible violation under or near the Cyr Bridge West bound, to be on next agenda; Bear aware is a new organization in Alberton and Admin will forward emails to supervisors for their participation is so wanted.

Administrative- Pollinator Pack purchase from DNRC to give away at the fair in 2023.(\$35.00 each. Motion to purchase 3 packs totalling \$105.00 by Joe H. seconded by Joe S. Vote Passes 4-0.) Admin Clarified that no packets were purchased as the kits were live plants not seeds as previously thought. Insurance update RMIS- Motion to approve the quote from Rocky Mountain Insurance Services in the amount of \$4036.00 annual Premium. Motion by Jim, second by Tom **Vote Passes 7-0.** Administrative Grant- in progress due May 31, 2023. Budget reviewed by Charlee and Motion by Joe H. Seconded by Tom: to move \$10,000.00 from Checking to Savings for balanced budgeting for FY 2023 for investments, perpetuity and education. **Vote Passes 7-0.** Motion by Joe H. seconded by Jim to purchase a New PC for the Administrator with a max limit of \$1800.00 to be purchased at Costco. **Vote Passes 7-0.** Board requests a packet to be provided to each board member and a brief description and location to be included for viewers.

310 Permit

54-12-2023-Glenn Jones- Clark Fork, Accept Application-Tabled until previous violation and remediation plan is closed. Landowner states- the construction dimensions include a railing system. Motion by Joe H. seconded by Joe S. **Vote Passes 7-0**

54-20-2022V-Glenn Jones- Clark Fork- Follow-up to Violation- Site Visit completed by Joe S and Joe H. and Ladd K. decision was the remediation was not complete and direction to spread out the casted soil back onto the trail was given by supervisors to the present landowner who agreed to do exactly what was recommended in form “310 Permit Follow-up”. Landowner states” Thats easy, it's like 2 hours of work”.

54-8-2023V- Peterson, Theresa- Clark Fork River- Cease and Desist Discussion- Landowner was Present. Board gave direction to the Landowner to submit a 310 application to remediate the violation of the placement of stairs and removal of vegetation of the bank and must include a diagram. Landowner state the reason for the stairs from the top of the bank to below the high water mark was to plant shrubs. Tom commented that the board has set a fine in the past for similar violations. A site inspection will be scheduled for the next meeting and the landowner is to submit a 310 application for remediation to the MCCD by then.

54-1-2022- Larry Moore-Follow-Clark Fork-up Site Visit-Retaining Wall-Site team member were Ladd K., Joe S. and Joe H. They found the site to be in violation of the 310 permit that the landowner had had to execute the project. Details to be described on form “ 310 Permit Follow-up”. The Landowner was told to submit another 310 application to address the violations. Decision to move forward as a violation. Motion by Jim seconded by Charlee for the landowner to remediate the bank to what is in the 310 permit and a fine of \$1500.00 be assessed. **Vote Passes 7-0.**

54-10-2023V- Clark Fork River- Donald & Patricia Davis- Cease and Desist letter sent-awaiting reply

54-11-2023V- Clark Fork River- Sloway- Drive cut to the river- Discussion- Closed out to combine with Larry Moore 54-1-2022. Motion by Jim. Seconded by Joe H. **Vote passes 7-0**

54-7-2021- Clark Fork River- Delisle site visit in Spring 2023- Schedule site visit- decided the second meeting in June to schedule site visit.

Business of the Board- Lease Renewal for the office- Discussion Monthly lease to increase to \$250.00 Effective July 1 2023 motion by Jim seconded by Joe H Charlee abstained **Vote passes 6-0**, Fire Chief meetings Recap.- Admin to attend meetings regarding semi rollovers. Booth at the County Fair All in Agreeance to participate in the County Fair. Stewardship as the theme. Use the printery for the banner, and Choices will provide the tables and Canopy.

Financial Report- Financial report- Add to packets; Certificate of deposits maturity-TBD June 20th meeting.

Reports

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Absent**
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Present-** reported 3 complaints
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep- **Absent - email update-** would like to do a field trip to Packer Creek
- d. County Commissioner, -**Absent**
- e. Paul Parsons- Trout Unlimited- **Absent-** Needs MOU signed by Charlee, put on agenda

310 Follow-Ups - Request for follow-up Glen Jones at the next meeting

54-41-2023 Fuujin Investments- Clark Fork River-Continual follow-up thru completion

54-17-2022V: Montana Rail Link- Clark Fork Remediation- **Final Follow-Up,**

UPDATE-awaiting berm to be taken down, Waiting on parts for the machine to finish this project

54-15-2022: Jason Nordberg- **Current; Follow-up with photos when completed additional amendment**

54-18-2022: Michael Keast- Clark Fork River- Maintenance on stairway, **Follow-up June 2023**

54-29-2022V- Gretchen Webb- Clark Fork River-**Spring 2023 follow-up**

54-8-2022: Arrow Construction: Steve & Julie Prater- Ready Rock retaining wall, Superior
54-7-2021:Delisle site visit in Spring 2023
Larry Moore-Sloway Retaining Wall site visit Spring 2023

ADJOURN- 8:05pm Motion to Adjourn by Jim. and Seconded by Joe S. **Vote Passes7-0**

Next Meeting - June 7th at 6pm.