

MILE HIGH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

January 23, 2017

BLDC Building, Second Floor Conference Room

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Supervisors Present:

Jack Kambich – Chair, John Moodry – Sec/Teas., Pete Dallaserra – Supervisor, Cam Balentine - Supervisor, Kellee Anderson – Supervisor, Don Ueland - Supervisor

Others:

Kris Hugulet – District Administrator, Ted Dodge – WRC, Evan Norman – CFWC, Glen Green – NRCS, Jason Lindstrom – DFW&P, Jim Olsen – DFW&P

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Jack Kambich, Chair.

Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pete. Cam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

The Board reviewed the financial report and recent bills. John went through the current invoices and grant reimbursements. Don made a motion to approve the financial report. Cam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Business:

310's:

MH-08-16 – Wierzba – Big Hole River – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board's final decision.

Violation:

John discussed a project that was completed without any permitting. John updated the board on the status of the meeting that was held with the landowners and the contractor. A 310 permit application was received and the process to fix the situation has been started.

MH-09-16 – Randy La Beff – Basin Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board's final decision.

MH-10-16 – Ken Reap – Grove Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection needs to be scheduled.

Cam Balentine discussed the need for an extension on his proposed project. It was noted that an extension would be granted to November of 2017.

Grant Updates:

Ted updated the Board on the Browns Gulch project and meeting that has taken place regarding work needing to take place on the ground this field season.

Blacktail has a task order in place so they can hopefully begin working on the project this year. The funding requires match and Ted is working on getting this all in place.

Blacktail Creek nutrient management grant was submitted to the damage resources program. Hopefully this will be coming our way soon.

NRCS has finally gotten their directive on funding so the conifer encroachment project will be moving forward.

CREP was signed before the new administration came in so there is now funding for continuing with the stream restoration program.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> they will be meeting with the Drought Resiliency Committee. The meeting will be at the Justice Center. The agenda will include legislators so the meeting has been scheduled for the transmittal period of the legislative session. Relocation of beaver; state drought management plan; floodplain planning and funding will be discussed. Don made a motion to have the MHCD Board pay for lunch for this meeting. Pete seconded the motion and the motion carried.

WRC Update:

At this time the update is tied to the grant report.

Legislative Update:

John M. updated the board on the status of the funding for projects/grant programs for districts. At this time, things are getting cut due to the lack of tax funds. Hopefully, the funding for DNRC will remain for grant programs and staffing.

New Business:

Kris informed the Board that she was contacted by DNRC regarding hosting an urban soil health workshop for local gardeners. Kris asked the Board if they would be willing to go after an education grant to host a workshop. John made a motion to apply for the education funds to help with this workshop. Cam seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Reports:

NRCS Update:

Glen updated the Board on the current programs and signups coming up this year.

Extension Report:

Kellee updated the board on upcoming Extension events.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Hugulet, District Administrator