

MILE HIGH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

January 27, 2020

Business Development Center, Second Floor Conference Room

BUTTE, MT

Supervisors Present:

Jack Kambich – Chair, John Moodry – Sec/Treas., Pete Dallaserra – Supervisor, Cam Balentine – Supervisor, Don Ueland – Supervisor

Others:

Kris Hugulet – District Administrator, Ted Dodge – WRC, Joshua Schrecengost – NRCS, Chris & Rachel - CWEB

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

Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cam. Pete seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

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

Business:

310's:

223 Funding:

This grant application is on hold until the ODF can be scheduled. John will talk with Bill at the Civic Center to see if the event can happen at the end of April.

Supervisor Position:

John informed the Board that Kellee has moved out of state and therefore can no longer be a member of the conservation district board. It was noted that correspondence submitted to Kellee in writing, by phone and by e-mail have all gone unanswered. John made a motion to terminate Kellee's position on the board so that the board can begin the effort of finding a new member. Pete seconded the motion and the motion carried. Discussion occurred about who could replace Kellee on the board.

WRC Updates:

Ted updated the Board on the status of projects:

Browns Gulch: Brothers diversion project has been updated to Confluence putting together a bid package and then NRDP will develop a landowner agreement;

Blacktail Project: needs task order;

Compost Project: this project is up and running;

CREP: John Hollenback and several others are meeting with the State FSA Office personnel;
RCPP: Modification has been approved by NRCS. Task order completed with Great West for tech assistance on Racetrack and Racetrack/Dempsey and Cottonwood. Field work completed on Aspen Grove and Applegate's project; and
Racetrack Creek: Glen is making contacts with the local landowners.
Ted discussed funding that they are going after and possible funding that they can are looking at.

Chris and Rachel from CWEB:

Ted asked if the MHCD would support a 223 grant for a report on the state of the health on Blacktail Creek. Ted is asking the Board to support his working with CWEB and John to put a grant together. Don made a motion to approve the grant application. Pete seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Pete to retain the officers as they are. Don seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supervisors Elections:

Pete and Jack are up for election. The necessary paperwork to re-file has been submitted to them.

New Business:

Old Business:

Reports:

NRCS Update:

Joshua discussed the Farm Bill Rules and current programs that the staff are working on. Joshua asked the Board for their continued support of the local workgroup process. It was noted that a meeting will take place in the near future.

Correspondence:

MACD/DNRC/Western Governor's Report:

Updates and information from all of these organizations were copied and submitted to the Supervisors for their consideration. A discussion of information took place.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Hugulet, District Administrator