

# WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 1, 2009  
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: Zeke Ward, Creede; Erin Minks, Rep. Salazar; Ed Innerurity, Wason Ranch; Diann Gese, FS/BLM; Laura Archuleta, FWS; Erik Sandvik, Creede; Mark Rudolph, CDPHE; JB Alexander, Creede; Kathleen Murphy, WHWT; Jan Crawford, Creede; Jim Loud, Creede; Kathleen Reilly, CDPHE; Lucia Machado, CDPHE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Laura motioned to approve the minutes, Mark seconds. The motion passed.

## ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

- Change spelling to Stuart

## REPORTS:

Director's Report: nothing to report

Chairman's Report: nothing to report

TAC Report: JB presented the May 2009 water sample data. Due to the current EPA activity, the focus was shifted to the lower floodplain; therefore there were new sample points this year. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Wason Ditch and the zinc levels.

When we clean up the creek, we should start north and move south. We need to find out what ER is going to do; will they be adding more fill or extracting any of the fill? Zeke will talk with Steve Way and Hays Griswold. We will also need a loader with a clam shell. Kathleen will confirm that AmeriCorps can send a crew to help for a week with the creek clean-up.

VISTA Report: Kathleen reported that she submitted a grant to El Pomar which would cover the equipment needed for BLM data points which would be used to evaluate the re-veg work that's been completed. The Colorado Foundation for Water Education toured the Creede area, Zeke and Kathleen gave brief presentations. Kathleen also attended a workshop sponsored by the BLM: Assessing Riparian Conditions. It was a bang for the non-buck. The Duck Race will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Community Center was available September 25<sup>th</sup> so it was reserved for our Annual Meeting. July 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a public comment period at the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the adoption of the Sub-Area plan that would amend the City of Creede Comprehensive Plan. July 13<sup>th</sup> GoCO and CHAFA and Hecla will be at the Trustees work session to discuss lower floodplain and affordable housing. Kathleen also announced that she has moved out of the USFS Bunk House. She was appreciative of the Committee helping her with her rent while living at the Bunk

House and asked if the Committee would still help with rent. Erik made a motion that the Committee continue to help Kathleen with her rent in the amount of \$4.50/day, which would be \$135/month. Ed seconded the motion, and it passed.

Financial Report: JB motioned that we increase the amount to be spent on water sample supplies to \$500. Erik seconded. Everyone agreed. Kathleen will apply for a mini-grant to cover the cost of supplies.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Stuart Jennings: Mr. Jennings came to us from Montana and gave a presentation about soil remediation. He recommends that the soil be treated. A copy of the presentation is available for review.

Upper Rio Grande Resource Advisory Committee Membership Interest: We received notice that the advisory committee is seeking interested parties to join. Anyone interested? Let Kathleen know and she'll forward the email to you.

Kathleen Riley announced that she is retiring the end of July. She will be working two days a week. Lucia Machado was introduced. She will be working with us.

Zeke motioned that we adjourn, Laura seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy