

WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: JB Alexander, Creede; Kathleen Murphy, WHWT; Jim Matush, Creede; Jan Crawford, Creede; Kelley Thompson, Agro/WCRC; Phil Reinholtz, USFS; Bruce Van Haveren, Volunteer; Jim McBride, Creede; Mark Rudolph, CDPHE; Rex Sheperd, Creede; Erin Minks, Repetitive Salazar; Don Dustin, Creede; Matt Skusic, Kerber Creek Project

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JB motioned to approve the minutes, Jim McBride seconds. The motion passed.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

REPORTS:

Director's Report: N/A

Chairman's Report: N/A

TAC Report: N/A

VISTA Report: Kathleen reported on some of the Western Hardrock Watershed Team training event, one of which included grant opportunities funded by the Colorado Historical Foundation. Water samples were conducted earlier in the month. Kathleen requested that the Committee reimburse her for the cost to overnight the samples to the EPA lab. Rex motioned that the Committee reimburse Kathleen for the cost, Don seconded, and the motion passed. Kathleen also had a quick update from her impromptu meeting with Gary Dupper, the ER Foreman on the EPA Project. The channelization has been completed, the grout work should be completed by November 8th, the rock work should begin around November 9th, and there are few things to finish around the Nelson Tunnel; putting the bridge back, re-grading, touchups, etc. The way things are going, it appears the ER folks will be out of town by November 20th.

Financial Report: The status reports were submitted to the Virginia Christianson Trust Fund. Since the Valley bank was closed, the CenturyTel has been switched over to the local bank.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stream Reach References: Bruce presented to the Committee results of his stream surveys in the area and recommendations based on his analysis.

RC&D : Kelley and Zeke met with RC&D. There is a discrepancy in their bookkeeping and WCRC's, a difference of about \$4,000. RC&D has agreed to

open a separate bank account for WCRC, provided they continue as the fiscal agent for the 319 monies. They will also be cutting a check in the amount of \$3,000 payable to the WCRC for reimbursement of the VISTA.

319 Grant: There was a discussion as to various fiscal agents for this grant. Suggestions included the Mineral County Fairgrounds Association, Kelley's non-profit, and the city of Creede. Kelley motioned that the WCRC request that the City of Creede become the fiscal agent for this grant. Jim McBride seconded the motion. There was further discussion pertaining to the money from the CWCB. JB added to the existing motion, that the request to the city included the CWCB money (\$250k), and that the city can make separate decisions, with the priority being the 319 money. Bruce seconded the addition of the motion, and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Status: JB motions that Kelley be paid to execute grants, act as director pro-tem. Bruce seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Good Samaritan Legislation: Kathleen wanted to inform the committee that Sen Udall had introduced Good Samaritan Legislation.

Rex motioned that the committee adjourn, Bruce seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy