

# WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 7, 2010  
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: Kathleen Murphy; WHWT, Bruce Ban Haveren; Consultant/Volunteer, JB Alexander; Creede, Zeke Ward; Creede, Phil Reinholtz; USFS, Don Dustin; Creede, Phil Bethke; Creede, Jim McBride; Creede, JB Alexander; Creede

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JB didn't have any problems with the minutes. Don moved we second. Seriously, JB motion to approve the June minutes, Don seconded. The motion passed.

## ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Add Ponderosa Pines to Old Business

## REPORTS:

Director's Report: nothing

Chairman's Report: Zeke was contacted by a Geopolymer company. They are in early negotiations. The tailings could be used for construction projects, and may be able to extract the metals from the tailings.

VISTA Report: The trip to Gunnison went well. Loretta has been promoted and Bruce Stover was also promoted to fill her spot. Toni with the Mineral County Miner came by; she would like to write a story on Willow Creek towards the end of summer. She also provided her e-mail address and gave some good pointers for future public service descriptions. All filming for the movie will be completed by Tuesday, July 12. There have not been many calls, emails or snail mail. Most of the emails have been junk or various newsletters. Some upcoming conferences are the Western Brownfields Workshop, September 14-16 in Missoula, MT; Water Workshop, July 21-23 in Gunnison, CO; Community Matters Tenth Annual Conference, October 5-8 in Denver, CO; National Brownfields Conference, April 3-5, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA; Wetlands Capacity Building Conference, September 20-24 in Bozeman, MT. The Denver Gem & Mineral Show will be September 17-19 and the theme this year is the Creede Mining District. Kathleen asked the committee if they would be interested in an exhibit booth. The Committee agreed this would be a good idea. Kathleen will contact the Denver Gem & Minerals folks to get the ball rolling. Kathleen presented the idea of the having an exhibit at the Rhythms on the Rio music festival, August 20-21. After much discussion the group agreed to have an informative booth at the Festival. There is also the possibility that WCRC could be a beneficiary from next year's Festival. There was also discussion about the fall creek clean up. The committee gave Kathleen guidance to plan this event. There was a brief discussion about purchasing a canopy. Phil B motioned that the committee not spend more than \$500 on the canopy, Jim seconded the motion and the

motion passed. Zeke asked Kathleen to research canopies and email the committee her findings.

Financial Report: We have money.

OLD BUSINESS:

Watershed Director: Zeke reported that Gwen Nelson has accepted the position. The group agreed the starting salary will be \$30,000. JB mentioned that a contract needs to be updated. Zeke asked Kathleen to locate the contract.

Duck RACE (not rack): Zeke thanked Kathleen for her hard work putting the event together. Kathleen reported that \$541 was raised from the sale of ducks, and there was a \$1 donation (to ensure that duck 9 beat duck 10). 210 ducks were sold. About 25 volunteer hours were spent on the duck race. This year the committee sold 23 more ducks than the previous year and raised \$199 more than 2009. One of the duck race winners turned in their prize, Zeke gave the committee \$10 in exchange for the gift card. Kathleen had secured a gift card to give to Sophie (Rick & Carla's daughter) since she would be helping launch the ducks. At the last minute she was not able to help. JB motioned that the committee give Kathleen the \$25 gift certificate to the BBQ Bistro. Don seconded, and the motion passed. Kathleen had a few other rough numbers to share with the Committee. Of the ducks sold, 86 were local, 94 had a 719 area code, 31 had a 970 area code, 15 had a Denver area code, and 68 had an out-of-state area code.

Ponderosa Pines: Ten of the ponderosas will be planted on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Snow fence will be staked around the ponderosas, and the committee will reimburse Don for the use of his snow fence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Re-veg Trials: Bruce looked at all the re-veg trials, back to 1999. He focused on the 2004 trials, known as the Compost trial plots. The objective was to look at three different composts and various thicknesses. Two different seed mixes were used. The wheat grasses and fescue are doing the best. The mushroom compost plots at depths of 2-4" and the Dave West compost at the same depths showed good ground cover and distribution. In conclusion, Bruce recommends that at least 2" of compost be used in the floodplain reveg efforts. There is a need to learn more about the compost types, and Bruce will continue to evaluate previous test plots. He will report in September. He also recommends that reveg trials continue and things there should be one this year. Bruce is also working to a design for seed mix and taking the various ecological areas into consideration. Kathleen will provide Bruce with Ingrid's contact info. Ingrid is working with CRI and Casey Resources.

pH Meter Demo: Bruce gave a demonstration on how to use the pH meters. There will be more discussion of pH meters at the August TAC meeting (Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 10:00am)

Don motioned that the committee adjourn, Phil seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy