

Willow Creek Reclamation Committee  
Wednesday, January 5, 2011  
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

1. Call to order, introductions and sign-in.

Call to order 1:15 p.m. In attendance Zeke Ward, Don Dustin, Gwen Nelson, Kathleen Murphy, JB Alexander, Phil Reinholtz, Rex Sheppard, Debby Roughton-Miles, and Ed Skroch.

2. Approval of November & December minutes

Don made the motion to approve the November minutes, Zeke seconded, the motion passed. JB made a motion to approve the December minutes, Don seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Additions/Corrections to agenda

4. In-kind-please fill out form if you have accumulated in-kind (not meeting attendance) in the last month(s) that you have not previously submitted.

5. Reports:

A. Coordinator's Report: The Five Mines and Watershed Plan Final Reports have been accepted by the CDPHE and will be posted for the EPA to approve. Zeke gave a brief update on the EPA and Nelson Tunnel. They are still searching for the most appropriate option to treat the Nelson Tunnel outflow. Rex asked for clarification on the workings of the Nelson Tunnel for the benefit of Mayor Roughton-Miles and Trustee Skroch.

B. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

C. VISTA Report

Kathleen stated her quarterly report is due Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, and in-kind needs to be in before than so that report can be completed. Her last day is February 15<sup>th</sup> and there needs to be a decision made about the third year VISTA.

D. Financial Report

Both accounts are in good standing. The request for RGWCD money needs to be requested for \$20,000. Gwen will request time for the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with them. Gwen will write the request letter for money from Mineral County, as the \$1500 was itemized in their budget.

6. Old Business

NONE

7. New Business

A. Technical Advisory Committee-SAP update

Surface water sample sites were identified to provide long term monitoring for the 319 grants. The grants include the Five Mines, the DALC, and the Stream Restoration Grant. As of now 25 sites will be sampled, and we will evaluate

the need for all these sample sites. We will evaluate the resource and volunteer needs as the spring sample event nears.

Research for XRF grants will continue. JB mentioned the creation of an education park along East Willow Creek that identifies local tree species. The park would also serve to discourage vehicles on the bank.

B. Upcoming Events

The Watershed Plan will be presented at one City Council meeting and on County Commissioner's meeting. Gwen requested that member attend these events when announced to the public. Also a brief update on the Hecla Property was given by Zeke. The non-profit between the City of Creede and Hecla has been formed. Eric Heil will be presenting an in depth review of the issue at the Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> City of Creede Annexation Hearing.

C. HAZWOPER

Don mentioned that his certification is about to expire and that other among the committee will be expiring. An 8 hour HAWOPER class will be in Durango, interest in the class was taken, and Don will look into date time and cost for anyone interested.

D. Ponderosa Trees/Purchase of Colorado State Forest Trees

Tree order form were received by Don, he asked the committee if they are interested in purchasing trees for projects this spring. The item will be decided on during the February meeting.

8. Adjourn

Don motioned to adjourn, JB seconded the motion and the meeting was concluded at 2:45.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Guinevere Nelson