

Jefferson Valley Conservation District Minutes

March 14, 2016

Supervisors Present: John Heide, Mark Gornick, Tom Carey, Jerry Keogh

Others: Glen Green – NRCS, Nancy Sweeney – NRCS, Ron Spoon – FWP

Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mark. Jerry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

The Board reviewed the financial report and recent bills. There were no invoices or grant reimbursements. Mark mentioned an \$8 service charge to the JVCD bank account. Kris is aware of the charge. The charge is for the bank to submit account information to the IRS. Jerry made a motion to accept the financial report. Tom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jefferson Watershed Council Update by John Kountz:

They are working on Big Pipestone Creek due to the flooding in Whitehall. The majority of the work deals with CAP and Smith ranches and continues on through Whitehall to Cardwell. A lot of the work has to do with irrigation on the lower end of Pipestone. They are trying to design systems that will reduce flooding and help with the milfoil situation. On the CAP ranch they are working on a system that will reduce sediment into Pipestone Creek. They are also planning to replace the culvert on Kountz Road with a bridge.

Mark asked about the progress of projects so far:

1. A headgate has been installed that will improve control of water into the Jefferson Valley ditch
2. They replaced the dam structure with a check structure behind Casagrandes which will help flush sediment in the Jefferson Slough.
3. Dave Smith had a headgate that has been replaced with a pump system which will help eliminate sediment build up behind the headgate

Ongoing Projects:

Conifer Encroachment involving Tebay's, the BLM and Forest Service and a sediment reduction project

310's:

JV-24-15 – Anthony Charter – Antelope Creek - need to schedule a site visit when he returns. He would like to be done by May 31, 2016. Kris needs to find out when they will be available then schedule a site visit. Mark would like to schedule it for the morning of **May 25, 2016** with Ron Spoon if possible.

JV-25-5 – Anthony Charter – Antelope Creek – same as above

JV-03-16 – Kip Klein – Big Pipestone Creek – Declared a project and will need an inspection at some point. John Kountz explained that Kip is working for Kay Wanke. The pipe is settling and in the process of

washing out. The pipe is backing up water and there is a big washout behind the pipe. John Kountz suggested putting rock below and behind the existing pipe in order to reinforce it.

JV-04-16 – Farrell Madsen – Lump Gulch – Ron Spoon said to declare a project and then will decide at the April meeting if an inspection is needed

JV-05-16 – Carlson Ranch – Boulder River – Do an inspection sometime the week of March 28, 2016.

Rusty Graff – JV-09-16 – Boulder River (a new one John Heide brought in) also want to do an inspection on this one the week of **March 28, 2016**.

JV-06-16 – Pat Sampson/NEW – Prickly Pear Creek – Ron Spoon said to declare a project and decide at the April meeting if an inspection is needed. (Ron feels an inspection is probably not needed)

JV-07-16 – Mark Wilfore – Little Pipestone Creek – Mark wants to replace a dilapidated bridge with a culvert. Ron said an inspection is needed. John Kountz pointed out that Mark is a new landowner so will need some discussion.

Larry Smith – JV-08-16 – (a new one that John Heide brought in) – Pipestone Creek – removal of a rotten culvert and replace with a new one – needs an inspection. NOTE: Ron spoon would like to schedule this 310 and the two Boulder River 310's the week of March 28, 2016.

Agency Reports:

Nancy Sweeney – NRCS – updated the district on the number of and status of the 2016 EQIP and CSP applications for the Whitehall NRCS office. She also talked about the EQIP and CSP budgets for 2016. Reported on the Jefferson Valley Local Work Group and the Ten-Mile Fuel Reduction outreach meetings that were both held in February.

Glen Green – NRCS – talked about the conifer encroachment meetings that Ted Dodge has been holding at the Forest Service in Butte.

At the end of the meeting, John Kountz brought up the letter the district sent him requesting that he be the replacement for Gary as the Jefferson Watershed Council representative at the monthly JVCD meetings. John accepted this request.