

Jefferson Valley Conservation District

Minutes

August 16, 2016

Whitehall USDA Building

Supervisors Present: John Heide – Chair, Tom Carey, Jr., Gerry Keogh

Others: Kris Hugulet – District Administrator, John Kountz – Associate Supervisor, Nancy Sweeney - NRCS, Ron Spoon – DFW&P, Wayne Turner – Landowner, Josh Giddings – Land Manager- JIR, Bina Peters – JIR Attorney, Cord Kountz – Landowner, Jodi Kountz – JRWC DMP Coordinator, Cody Tebay – Landowner, Tim Mulligan – Landowner, Wayne & Sherrie Turner – Lake Creek Cattle Co., Terrie & Bob Cassagrande – Jefferson Slough

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, John Heide.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous meeting on July 19th, were reviewed. A motion by Gerry to approve the minutes was heard and seconded by Tom. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Board reviewed the financial report to date. A motion by Gerry to approve the financial report was heard and seconded by Tom. The motion carried and the financial report was approved as submitted. Kris reviewed the recent billing and invoices. Tom made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices submitted. Gerry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Renova Discussion:

Ron began the discussion by providing some history on the Renova site. Wayne Turner requested time on the agenda to discuss the work that has taken place on the site this year.

After much discussion, it was decided that an on-site meeting needs to take place on Friday, August 19th at 9:00 am. The members of the slough association and the members of the Jefferson Island Ranches will be in attendance to look at the situation and come up with a solution that will hopefully help everyone.

JRWC:

Jodi Kountz will be taking on the position of being the drought manager for the watershed council and will be monitoring the water levels for the watershed council. She will be sitting in on the JVCD meetings to keep track of work that is taking place on the Jefferson River and how the projects affect the water levels. The Council does not have any authority over water rights issues and the irrigators are meeting regularly in the summer months to discuss water levels.

John K. informed the JVCD Board that the Eurasian Milfoil weed kill project has been pretty successful. The council will be taking part in a discussion on drought resiliency in the near future.

310 Applications:

JV-22-16 – Will Dubrul – Troy Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board's final decision.

JV-25-16 – Intermountain Leasing, Inc. – Cataract Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board’s final decision.

JV-26-16 – Jefferson County – McCarty Creek – This application has been declared not a 310 project for the Board to consider. This application has been forwarded to the Department for their consideration.

JV-27-16 – LeRoy Fadness – Muskrat Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board’s final decision.

JV-28-16 – Joe Schmaus – Un Named Spring – This application was declared a project. An on-site inspection needs to be scheduled.

E-02-16-JVCD – John Merkel for Jefferson Canal – Jefferson River – This application received the Board’s and the Department’s final decision.

E-03-16-JVCD - Ken Glaus – South Boulder River – This application received the Board’s and the Department’s final decision.

E-04-16–JVCD - Todd Nelson for Creeoklyn Ditch – Jefferson River – This application received the Board’s and the Department’s final decision.

E-05-16-JVCD – Norman Ashcraft – Jefferson River – This application was scheduled for modification by the Board and the Department.

Area VI Meeting:

Kris informed the Board that the information for the upcoming Area VI meeting was submitted to them in their packet information. The meeting this year will be held in Ennis. Kris asked those board members wanting to attend to let her know so that she can submit the registration.

MACD/DNRC/NRCS:

Updates and information from all of these organizations were copied and submitted to the Supervisors for their consideration. A discussion of information took place.

Reports:

Supervisors Reports:

No reports were submitted at this time.

NRCS Report:

Nancy informed the Board of the current status of projects and programs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kris Hugulet, District Administrator