

Willow Creek Reclamation

Minutes

May 2, 2001

Intro of members:(Zeke) Denise Uhlemen-Armstrong, Chuck Barnes, Larry Bussey, Tim Oullette, Steve Russell, Jim Mietz, Scott Randall, Steve Renner, Les Dobson, Rodger Ortiz, MJ Miller, Herman Miller, Joe Burkett, Frank Bassett, Eric Twitty, Zeke Ward, Stephen Wardell, Glen Miller, Zeke Ward.

Additions or Corrections: Les Dobson corrected Administrative Order of Consent, should be Administrative Order on Consent. JB moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Chuck Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Historical Characterization: (Eric Twitty) Presented his findings on the History of the Holy Moses mine area and the East Willow area. This research was done last summer. This summer he will be doing research on the Alpha-Corsair and the other areas surrounding that. Loretta Panetta from Abandon Mine Lands Corporation is trying to get grant money to apply for nomination of these areas to the National Registry.

WCRC Letter Heads (Denise U-A) Denise presented several different options for letterheads. All were very appealing. The committee chose a favorite sketch and typeface. Denise will work with the ideas and present a new option next month.

Re-Vegetation: (Steve Russell) NRCS met today on the floodplain. They will do an intensive grazing and spread seed. This should create some good grass. Roto-tilling will happen soon to mix the lime with the soil. Tree planting will be on June 12. Volunteers will be appreciated. Letters to Wason Ranch concerning the Re-Vegetation project needs to be sent.

Meandering Stream- design was discovered in the district office. This design is a lot shallower than originally thought to account for slope and sediment removal. Two options were presented: 2½ year event or a 25 year event plan. Down by the Fish Hatchery they will keep the channel split to accommodate the wishes of the property owners. Motion by Chuck Barnes to give the TAC the stream channel design and let them make a recommendation to the committee on how to proceed. Scott Randall seconded. Mr. Burkett asked that NRCS be sure that Willow Creek does not end up removed from Wason Ranch. The Engineer that did the design will be gone the next two monthly meetings. It might be necessary to meet on a day other than a Willow Creek meeting day. Motion carried.

Schedule High Flow Water Sampling Event- This event will take place on the 22 and 23 of May.

Rio Grande Water Conservation Board & Colorado Water Cons. B. (Zeke) Zeke gave a report to this group and received \$7,000 from them. They asked if from time to time the WCRC would come down and give a report of our activities. The Colorado Water Conservation Board approved a grant for \$15,000. This money will be applied to design work on the flume. Steve Russell says that The NRCS may have some possibilities for us. The committee gave the direction to allow NRCS to proceed with the engineers and thank them for the offer. The city will send NRCS a letter saying that they have permission to be on the right-a-ways.

HECLA- Gary Nelson will be moving on to another job. We don't know yet who his replacement will be. Zeke is in contact with that office.

East Willow Report: (Glen) See Glen's summary in his report.

Miscellaneous Zeke discussed a little of the details for the NPDS Permit. "National Pollution discharge and elimination system".

Stephen Wardell asked if the committee could use calcium carbonate. JB says we could use it to amend soil for Ph.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn L. Ward