

## WCRC Minutes

March 4, 2002

**Intro of members:** Joe Burkett, Wason Ranch; Dan Brennecke, Roy F. Weston; Steve Russell, NRCS; Jim Matush, Creede; Bob Kirkham, CGS; Laurie Clark, NRCS; JB Alexander, Creede; Chuck Barnes, Creede; Jon Graham, Creede; Don Gant, Creede; Marvin Reynolds, Creede; Jim Mietz, SLV RC&D; Kathleen Reilly, CDPHE; Steven Wardell, Mineral County Commissioners; Leigh Ann Vradenburg, Watershed Coordinator.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve the February minutes made by Jim Matush; second made by Bob Kirkham. Motion carried.

**Coordinator's Report:** (Leigh Ann) Has been working on a Data repository that is easily accessible to us as well as any other interested parties. Ultimately they would like to have a GIS map with several layers. Leigh Ann is going through the records to put together this information and find hard copies of this information.

Jim Matush and Leigh Ann have gone out and checked the wells. All but two are thawed.

Steve Russell on the board of the San Luis Valley GIS/GPS committee. They have a central computer already set up with this information. Suggested it as a secondary place for this information.

Les Dobsen has been working with the committee on developing this repository.

Leigh Ann will visit with the group that she has been working with to discuss this offer from Mr. Russell's committee.

Kathleen Reilly was unable to pay the reimbursement due to end of contract regulations. They will work on getting this taken care of as soon as possible.

**Steve Russell:** Came across studies done in 1980 on Willow Creek by NRCS. Much of the information may be of use to the Committee.

**In-Kind Donations:** All who have logged In-Kind hours need to get these turned in as soon as possible so that it can be used as match when Zeke does the final report for the 2001 319 Grant.

Kathleen Reilly, CDPHE: Leigh Ann, Zeke Ward, and Steve Russell attended a 319 meeting in Denver to make proposals to the board. Kathleen felt the WCRC report was favorably received. The Dept of Natural resources has pulled together superfund projects that are winding down, to bring together potential funding resources. Kathleen suggests having a similar meeting for WCRC where we bring the committee's priorities to the Dept. of Natural Resources. They will then bring funders to help us find money to fund projects when WCRC finishes it's characterizations.

**Waste Piles:** Discussion of samples collected and analyzed in the past and further testing; Mr. Herron recommended that further testing on Commodore, Park Regent, The Ridge. The TAC suggests going with Mr. Herron's suggestion; however, it was decided that further discussion would occur at a later time between informed parties which were not at this meeting (Mr. Herron, Mr. Wireman).

**EPA 303D Listing:** Mr. Burkett asked about the rescheduled 303D meeting that was supposed to have been in August. Kathleen says it was postponed to March 11. Mr. Burkett would like Leigh Ann to check on the report that Glen prepared, last fall, for this meeting.

**TAC recommendations:**

Geophysical analysis of the floodplain: TAC decided to see what proposals they get from Scott Randall and Art Lange. At which point, if proposed methods differ they would consider bringing in an impartial party to help decide which method is most viable.

**New Business:**

**Chairman:** Zeke Ward wrote a letter to the committee stating his willingness to resume his duties as chairman. JB Alexander motioned to reinstate Zeke as chairman and Chuck Barnes will be reinstated as Vice Chairman. Kathleen Reilly seconded. Motion carried.

**Coordinator Contract:** The new contract was discussed and it was decided that no motion was needed to begin the new contract.

**Sampling:** JB Alexander recommends that we sample in East Willow in order to narrow down non-point source areas of high metal loads. He feels that we should streamline the sampling plan to reflect less of what we don't use and more information in the areas that we are most interested in. He would like to propose a revised sampling plan by the next meeting. Kathleen Reilly will help pull together a sub-committee of the TAC in order to work on this at the next TAC meeting.

Steve Russell announced that Re-Veg committee will meet sometime in the next month. He will get with Leigh Ann as to the actual date.

Current water flow forecast is at about 50% of normal. The April forecast is usually most accurate.

Meeting Adjourned 2:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn L. Ward