

WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2009
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: Rex Shepperd, City of Creede; JB Alexander, Creede; Mark Walker, CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment); Jim Matush, Creede; Kathleen Murphy, OSM/Vista- Western Hardrock Watershed Team, WCRC; Jim McBride, Creede; Steve Way, EPA; Laura Archuleta, USFW; Phil Reinholtz, RGNF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark motions to approve the minutes, Laura seconds.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

- EPA Report added to Reports
- Relationship between City & WCRC be added to New Business
- WCRC to hold water right be added to New Business
- Solomon be added to New Business

REPORTS:

Director's Report: nothing to report

Chairmen's Report: nothing to report

TAC Report: The TAC was briefed by Mike Bratty re BioSulphide Plant as a treatment option for the Nelson Tunnel. Mark Motioned we should suggest this treatment to the EPA to be listed as a possible RIFS. Laura seconded, and the motion passed.

Steve mentioned the EPA Research & Development Department does fund pilot scale programs if WCRC wanted to conduct a BioSulphide test pilot. Mike Holmes can help with this.

The May water sample event will occur on May 12th. The sample locations were finalized and shared with the committee.

VISTA Report: Kathleen reported that the willow planting was a success. 14 volunteers showed up (half had not attended a WCRC event before) and the event was in the paper. The Western Hardrock Watershed Team training even in Ouray was attended.

Jim motioned to reimburse Kathleen for the food that was purchased for the willow planting event, Mark seconded, the motion passed.

Financial Report: JB will email to Kathleen and will accompany the distribution of minutes.

EPA Report: Wood and debris has been cleared, and the diversion is doing what it's intended to.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers Cont (Treas): Laura nominated JB, Rex seconds, and the motion passed.

Days of '92: Kathleen will contact Kathleen Riley regarding the duck costume and look to local businesses to donate prizes. It was also suggested to contact Judy Lopez re watershed trailer for booth.

Colorado Watershed Assembly membership: Rex motioned we renew our membership, Laura second, and the motion passed.

Grant Administration: Kathleen read Kelley's email, "Regarding the 319 mini-grants we were applying for, I changed the sponsor to RCD instead of Creede as instructed, but I got this response from Lucia (Kathleen's counterpart) : "we are not sure if we can, at this time, use the SLV RC&D... to be the fiscal agent". I'm still waiting to hear what they decide on that, and maybe they'll still allow RCD. However, if not, I guess the questions for the committee are:

- 1) is there really no possibility of having the city administer these mini-grants?
- 2) how soon could the Hecla/City non-profit form, and could this non-profit accept these mini-grants or any other grants that may not be floodplain specific?

Without 1) or 2), the WCRC may have no avenues to accept any more non-floodplain specific grants."

'b4 studio Contract: The committee expressed some concerns with the contract as stated. Kathleen will work w Kara so that the contract reflects a not to exceed amount.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hazwopr Refresher: No action.

Highway Clean-Up/Maybe Lower Floodplain too: Highway clean-up will take place on May 30th. Eight people will be needed. Mark motioned that snacks for the day not exceed \$35. Laura seconds, and the motion passed.

Foundation for Water Education Tour: The tour will occur June 18th in Creede. Kathleen will contact for final numbers.

Relationship between City and WCRC: A discussion occurred about the apparent lack of communication by WCRC to the City.

WCRC to hold Water Right: Since WCRC is Ad Hoc, we didn't think we could a water right.

Solomon: no time, will put on agenda for next meeting.

Laura motioned to adjourn meeting, Mark seconds and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy