

# WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2009  
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: Don Dustin, Creede; Erin Minks, Rep. Salazar; Jim Matush, Creede; Ed Innerurity, Wason Ranch; Bruce VanHaveren, Volunteer; Diann Gese, FS/BLM; Laura Archuleta, FWS; Jim McBride, Creede; Hays Griswold, USEPA; Zeke Ward, Creede; Tom Simmons, CDPHE; Rex Shepperd, Creede; Erik Sandvik, Creede; Mark Rudolph, CDPHE; Peggy Linn, EPA; Sharon Abendschan, EPA; Jeannine Nattermam, EPA; JB Alexander, Creede; Kathleen Murphy, WHWT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rex motioned to approve the minutes, Jim McBride seconds. The motion passed.

## ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

- Add CDPHE to Reports

## REPORTS:

Director's Report: nothing to report

Chairman's Report: nothing to report

TAC Report: nothing to report

VISTA Report: Kathleen assisted Bruce with reference stream reaches. The May water sample event went well, samples have been received by EPA. A rain sample was also collected and will be sent to the EPA. Kathleen also assisted the MCFA with their application for a Vista Summer Associate. In response to the lack of communication between WCRC and the City, WCRC will be submitting a read-only report to be included in the trustees' monthly packet. Grant research was conducted to be included in the Sub-Area plan pertaining to the lower floodplain. Kathleen's quarterly VISTA report for Apr-Jun is due in July, In-kind contributions for that time period were requested to be finalized by the July 1 meeting so they may be included in her report. The Colorado Foundation for Water Education will be touring Creede June 18, Zeke and Kathleen will be presenting to them and they'll explore some of the area. Kathleen will be attending Accessing Riparian Conditions workshop (it's FREE!) in Canon City June 9-10. One of the VISTA goals is to develop monitoring teams, so Kathleen is brainstorming ways to get the school involved with monitoring some of the past reclamation. Finally, part of her time is dedicated to professional development, and she's been reading up on the dust/snow issues.

Financial Report: JB will email to Kathleen and will accompany the distribution of minutes. A discussion ensued about combining both checking accounts. For the time being, things will remain as they are. Rex made a motion that we should spend \$300

for lab supplies (60ml bottles, 120 ml bottles, and filters). Erick seconds, the motion passed.

EPA Report: Hays reported that the EPA has changed their scheme, the run off was more than the culver could handle. The slope increased the velocity and moved stuff real quick. This event pointed out the possibility that material could get stuck under the constructed channel, which could leave the town with a big problem years later. The EPA doesn't want that to happen, so they are now looking for the hard bottom near the Commodore. The sides will be armored, and drop structure(s) may or may not be needed. The flume has been removed, hopefully the creek will find hard bottom, if not, a drop structure will need to be built. The rock pile will be cut back farther and the shop building will be removed.

Mike Holms will be in town next week. He is still sampling for remediation and using WCRC info. They are looking at hydrologic controls. EPA needs to know hydrology before fixing.

CDPHE Report: Tom attended the meeting to answer any technical questions.

- What is the difference between soil and sediment? Generally, sediment is wet.
- According to the FDA, daily value of copper is twice as high as toxic number in Health Consultation report. Tim did some looking and found a reference that the daily intake is 0.9, according to the USDA.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Reference Stream Reaches: Bruce presented his recommendations for the characteristics of the creek re-channelization. His PowerPoint presentation has been saved in C:\WCRC\Task 1.4 Reports and is titled "ref reaches pres.ppt".

b4 studio Contract: Kathleen met with Kara and communicated the concerns of WCRC. She will be resubmitting a revised contract with a capped amount.

Annual Meeting: The Committee chose two potential dates. September 25<sup>th</sup> or October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kathleen will check availability with the Community Center.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Solomon: Zeke and JB will discuss. The question was posed to the Committee if they would be okay with more discussion and another presentation regarding a pilot test. The response was unanimous and affirmative.

Lower Flood Plain Clean-Up: It was agreed to wait until the water is low, perhaps August. There will also be a clean-up of the creek north of town. The TAC was tasked with compiling a list of supplies needed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy