

# WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: Erin Minks, Rep. Salazar; Ed Innerurity, Wason Ranch; JB Alexander, Creede; Kathleen Murphy, WHWT; Jeff Graves, CDRMS; Don Dustin, Creede; Bruce Van Haveren, Volunteer; Phil Bethke, Creede; Jim McBride, Creede; Rex Shepperd, Creede; Paul Glader, CRI; Charlotte Bobicki; Sen Bennet; Jim Matush, Creede

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

## ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

- Wason Ranch to new business
- Amethyst/Last Chance update to new business
- 319 grant to be added to old business

## REPORTS:

Director's Report: nothing to report

Chairman's Report: nothing to report

TAC Report: An application will be submitted to the NCCC requesting volunteers to assist with the creek clean-up, which has been scheduled for Sept 8-10. We need to find out if we can schedule with city and county the use and coordination of big equipment. Big equipment needed includes backhoe and dump truck. The question arose as to whether ER would be able to move wood once we've put it in piles. With the wood collected from the clean up, we'll have a community bon fire in the winter. No one is purchasing scrap metal at this time, so we can give that away to anyone interested. Wason Ranch was kind and has donated food for one day.

VISTA Report: Kathleen reported that 189 ducks were sold for the duck race and that \$343 was raised between duck sales and donations during the Days of '92. The Valley has received a grant that will compile multi-hazard mitigation plans, which would enable the City to be eligible for FEMA grants (hopefully for the flume repair), Kathleen attended this meeting with Clyde. Load data has been compiled for the past three spring water sample events. Kathleen is still working on the WCRC timeline, based on minutes from day one. b4 studio has submitted a revised contract for the video VCTF monies will be used for, everyone was asked to take a look and ensure all previous questions/issues were answered. Hillary Morris, a Creede high school student has been updating the web page. Kathleen requested that Hillary borrow one of the computers with FrontPage (the software used to update the web page) so that she may work on updates from home. There was no objection to that. Kathleen will coordinate with Hillary. DRMS is working

on a video regarding the role of OSM/VISTAs in watershed groups. The film crew will be shooting some of the meeting and then around Creede Friday, August 7 & 8. Kathleen gave a brief presentation at the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors July meeting updating them on the work WCRC has accomplished during the year. Finally, Kathleen will be spending some days in the field helping Rio Grande Silver with water samples. In lieu of paying Kathleen, they will be making a donation to WCRC.

Financial Report: JB reported, "We have money".

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Annual Meeting (Spet. 25): Phil, Don, and Kathleen will get together and plan. Jeff will provide data for the Amethyst sight, and Paul Glader will provide data pertaining to the mill site.

Water Sample Supplies: Wason Ranch kindly donated the cost of the water sample supplies.

319 Grant: An email will be sent to Lucia that a decision hasn't been made. This may be something for Carishma, Kelley, and Zeke to work out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wason Ranch: Ed reported that Wason Ranch is ready to come back to the table and participate. They would like to see zinc level in their diversion ditch at or below 1200 ppb upon completion of EPA work at the Nelson Tunnel.

Amethyst/Last Chance: Jeff reported there are still remaining monies to be spent, and that will be used to add more vegetation, etc. He also needed to ensure that someone will be available to help him with billings of the contractors. Kathleen said YES.

Before the meeting adjourned, Paul Glader reported that CRI is committed to the V-CUP. CRI doesn't want to hold things up, so they are seeking firm dates from WCRC regarding various grants for the floodplain below town.

Jim motioned that we adjourn, Phil seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy