

# WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 5, 2010

1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

**PRESENT:** JB Alexander, Creede; Don Dustin, Creede; Kathleen Murphy, WHWT; Jim McBride, Creede; Phil Reinholtt, USFS; Kelley Thompson, Volunteer; Jim Matush, Creede; Bruce Van Haveren, Creede

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

## **ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

- Trees added to Old Business
- CPR Class added to New Business
- Hazwoper added to New Business

## **REPORTS:**

**Director's Report:** Kelley reported that a contract needs to be signed by March/April for the "roundtable" grant. Kelley will email forms (W9 & proof of insurance) to Clyde Dooley, City Manager for the City of Creede. In turn, Clyde will have the forms filled out and contract signed by Rex Sheppard, City of Creede Mayor.

After a brief discussion, the Committee elected to keep the SLV RC&D as the fiscal agent for the "mini grants".

**Chairman's Report:** Don had spoken w Zeke, who was unable to attend, and reported that Zeke was in the process of transferring the monies from the Community Bank account, minus \$100 to the Miners & Merchant Bank account.

**TAC Report:** JB reported that the fall water sample data had been received the night before. Based on concentration data, it appears the work at the Last Chance has been successful. Load data needs to be calculated before we can wear our gold stars.

**VISTA Report:** Kathleen reported that the snow sample has been collected and sent to the EPA. Tim Garcia is our new contact at RC&D. The next WHWT training event will be Jun 4-6 in Gunnison. Also, Gwen w NRCS in Center has offered to do compile vegetation data for the group.

**Financial Report:** JB reported on the ear-marked money in the Miners & Merchant Account (\$2510 from the VCTF for the video and \$8000 from the Hitchcock Foundation for the prospectus). Some of the recurring charges, (about \$120/month for the phone bill and \$135/month for the VISTA rent subsidy) will cost about \$3000 for the year. A check has been received for \$3000 to reimburse the Miners & Merchant account from RC&D for the VISTA payment. The request

for \$1500 has been approved by the Mineral County Commissioners; a request for disbursement needs to be sent. JB and Kelley will work on finalizing the budget and take the Community Bank money (about \$10,000) into consideration while working on the budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Watershed Director: Kathleen read an email from Carishma to Zeke. She will not know their status until May and while she would like to return as the director, she understands if the committee can not wait any longer. A discussion occurred about the pluses and minus of waiting till May. JB made a motion that the committee begins advertising for a director, Bruce seconded the motion. There was a tie. After a second vote, the motion passed. Kathleen will e-mail the "hiring committee" (Jim Matush, JB, Don, and Bruce) the job description for the director position.

Trees: Don reported that he had purchased 30 ponderosa pines from the Colorado State Forest Service and JB reimbursed him \$60.76. Don has about 12 2 gallon pots and Zeke will be contacting Catlins in the valley requesting a donation of 20 2 gallon pots.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2010 Budget: Most of this had been covered during the financial report. JB asked if anyone had anything to be added. Kathleen requested that some money be set aside for lodging so that she could attend the CWA conference.

Hazwoper: Don mentioned that his Hazwoper expires in February, and that there is a refresher in Gunnison. In the past, he has been able to sit in the USFS/BLM class for free. Phil will get that information to Don.

CPR: Don also wanted to let everyone know there will be a CPR class, max 20 participants, Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for \$30.

Any Other Business to Discuss: Kathleen reminded everyone of the e-mail that Jeff Crane had sent out regarding the Healthy Rivers Fund (box 34 on the state tax return). In addition, Don suggested we hang signs around town informing the community of this fund and put something in the local paper.

Bruce suggested that the re-veg committee be reinstated.

Kelley motioned that we adjourn, JB seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy