

WILLOW CREEK RECLAMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

PRESENT: Kathleen Murphy; WHWT, Bruce Ban Haveren; Consultant/Volunteer, JB Alexander; Creede, Zeke Ward; Creede, Phil Reinholtz; USFS, Peggy Linn; EPA, Erin Minks; Rep. Salazar, Casey Carrigan; WHWT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathleen informed the group that she wasn't able to finish them and will have them by the next meeting.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:
EPA added under reports.

REPORTS:

Director's Report: Kathleen read Kelley's email. "The only thing for me is the CWCB scope of work. Eric Heil told me at the council meeting that he wanted to integrate the VCUP stuff into my scope - but after proddings I still haven't got anything from him. I should have done it in the first place, but I just recently sent it off to the CWCB without any changes from Eric and have yet to hear back - so it doesn't look like we'll have it sorted out to sign at the May council meeting."

Chairman's Report: N/A

TAC Report: The XRF is out of date, it will not calibrate. Kathleen will put together a good comparison and price rental info, licensing and service fees, etc for the Niton and Inovex modles.

VISTA Report: Kathleen reported that WCRC did not receive the revitalization money from the EPA. The water sampling event went well. Rio Grande Silver made a financial contribution of \$200 to be used for the floodplain project and \$200 for Kathleen's help with their water sampling event from September. The red willows were planted on the floodplain. Hillary Morris and Heather Brophy helped Phil clip willows as part of a USFS Earth Day event. Kathleen gave the presentation to the VCTF board. She also sat in a Hypochlorination and MTU Leak Detection class with the City's Public Works Department. The email distribution list has been mainstreamed. Kathleen put together a letter for JB to sign so that the county would issue the money they had set aside for the WCRC. Looking forward, there will be a tree planting in Lake City if anyone is interested.

Financial Report: WCRC has received \$1500 from the county and \$200 from RGS was deposited. No major events.

EPA Report: Peggy mentioned that Kathleen worked really hard on the application for the revitalization money. Unfortunately, the Committee didn't have a solid project.

Mike Holmes (via phone): The first round of sampling went well. In about a month at high flow they would like to collect more samples and include the waste rock pile and will re-evaluate the work after that. Removal group will be back to check work to make sure going as planned and will be ready in the event that work is needed. The RI/FS is moving forward. If passive treatment is the avenue, the EPA will seek input from the group as to location.

OLD BUSINESS:

Watershed Director: Kathleen reported that the web site has been updated and as of today there have not been any calls, or resumes received as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Creak Clean-UP: Kathleen will talk with the county about donating half a day during low flow to pick up larger pieces of wood prior to high flow. Kathleen also mentioned to the group a fall creak clean up that she had started working on. That has been tabled.

Highway Clean up: 8 volunteers are needed to pick up trash along HWY 149 on May 22nd. They will meet at 9am in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

HIGH MOUNTAIN NEWS: Bruce reported that they are interested in the story, although they will most likely take a big picture approach.

Erin motioned that the committee adjourn, Laura seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Murphy