

Willow Creek Reclamation Committee
Wednesday, November 3, 2010
1:00 PM, Creede Town Hall

In attendance: Don Dustin-WCRC, JB Alexander-WCRC, Kathleen Murphy-WHWT, Guinevere Nelson-WCRC, Jim Matush, Jim Loud-Creede, Jan Crawford-Creede, Charlotte Bobicki,-Senator Udall's Office, Ed Innerarity -Wason Ranch, Debby Roughton-Miles-City of Creede,

Call to order at 1:10 pm by acting Chairman Don Dustin. JB made a motion to accept August and October minutes, Jan Crawford seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Additions to the agenda included adding an additional signer to the Community Banks of Colorado Account. Ed Innerarity made a motion to add Don Dustin as a signer to the account and Jan seconded it. The motion passed.

Don Dustin added a Highway Clean-Up to the agenda.

Gwen has researched the XRF and has been in touch with the original vendor of our XRF. We will receive a \$2500 discount on a new XRF purchased through this company. Gwen will continue to research them. Printers were also researched, but since the chairman was absent, no action will be taken. Kara has sent a contract to be signed by the committee. This will be tabled until the next meeting when the chairman is present.

No chairman's report

No TAC report

VISTA Report: The Virginia Christensen board has recommended to the Board of Trustees to fully fund the Waterfest Application from WCRC for \$500.00.

Treasurer's Report

JB reported that a \$647.30 check was written for the prospectus deposit. \$100.00 was spent on the XRF to register with State Health Department. Kathleen mentioned that this was the time to request \$1500.00 from the county. Gwen will write a letter to request further support. JB mentioned we had left over monies from the VCT of April 2009. \$27.00 left in petty cash. Pam was given \$30.00 for coffee and creamer. \$18,600.00 for MKX has been invoiced and sent to RC&D.

Old Business:

Planting of the Re-Veg plots will not happen this fall. The plan will continue to be worked on through the winter. Ed asked why these are being put in place when the re-channelization will impede the monitoring of these plots. Gwen stated that plan calls for respecting these plots to ensure long term monitoring of success. Don asked if we can pursue the plots without the participation of CRI. JB mentioned that we could, however, WCRC is looking at one amendment, whereas CRI is investigating more amendments which plan to create optimal growing medium for the seed mix.

Ed Innerarity discussed the re-veg work that has been done at Wason and the success of transplanting willows on their property. JB has harvested and planted Mountain Mahogany seeds to see success rate of the seeds.

Don said that we still have 16 viable Ponderosa Pine trees. One looks iffy, the others are good. One of his neighbors has a lot of slash to use on the floodplain. Zimmerman also has a huge slash pile...something to look into for use on the floodplain and re-veg plots.

Highway Clean-Up: Gwen made a motion to have the highway clean-up on Saturday at 10 am. Meet by the sign closest to the Liquor Store. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business

Christmas Tree Walk:

The Committee is interested in participating. The cost is \$25.00, so Gwen made a motion that we participate in the Tree Walk. Jim Loud seconded the motion. Don mentioned that we should have a number of people involved and a theme decided by the December meeting.

Town Meetings Regarding the Lower Willow Creek Floodplain

-Planning and Zoning Meeting November 2, 2010

-Discuss/make recommendation about Annexation of CRI property

Gwen said that Eric Heil was present and that he explained the direction of the floodplain work and that efforts will be made to ensure all parties invested will be involved in the restoration work. Ed I. asked for a few moments to explain where Wason concerns are coming from. These included their senior water rights, the expertise of the City, and to be in the design plan, so that Wason can enjoy the remediated property as well.

Kathleen reminded the Committee that there was positive response to a proposed monthly call. Don suggested that we have a conference call including multiple players. Perhaps we have a review process to ensure that Wason, WCRC, City and CRI have concurrence on the final design. JB made a motion that WCRC will make a recommendation that the project area to include from the flume to the confluence with the Rio Grande be incorporated into the scope of work by drafting a letter and Zeke or Jim Loud to present the contents of the letter to the Trustees at the November 9 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. Jim Matush seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjourn

JB made the motion to adjourn. Ed seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:15.