



## Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors *July 30, 2024 – Noon, In-Person and Zoom*

### Call to Order:

12:03 pm by Deb Wood, President

### Attendees Present: Quorum established – 4 of 5 voting board members

Deb Wood, President - **yes**

Jay Yust, Vice President - **no**

Justin Fosha, Sec/Treas - **yes**

John Longhill, Board Member - **yes**

Brien Rose, Board Member - **yes**

Katlin Miller, District Manager - **yes**

Mark Volt, DCT – **no**

Kara Vigneau, NRCS Resource Con - **yes**

Stephen Jaouen, NRCS Team Lead - **yes**

CSU Extension – Summit – Dan Schroder - **no**

CSU Extension – Grand – Brianna Osborn - **yes**

Colorado State Forest Service – Ryan McNertney - **no**

Guest – Matt Collins, Western Landowners Alliance - **yes**

### Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION:** Approve agenda as written.

**Motion By:** John Longhill

**Second By:** Justin Fosha

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

### Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Nov 2023):

**MOTION:** Approve November 2023 minutes as written. [Board Meetings - Middle Park Conservation District](#)

**Motion By:** Deb Wood

**Second By:** Brien Rose

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

### Partner Reports:

#### ***Guest Speaker (Matt Collins, Western Landowners Alliance):***

Matt Collins, of Western Landowner’s Alliance, spoke about work WLA is doing regarding wolf-livestock conflict. WLA believes in the “4 c’s” of conflict resolution: Compensation, Conflict Prevention, Control, and Collaboration. WLA has been working NRCS and CACD on an EQIP cost-share program that will help landowners with non-lethal conflict reduction. Potential practices that may be compensated through the program include electric fencing, fladry, range riding, and carcass management. NRCS is still ironing out the details, but EQIP applications for this program (under the upland wildlife management category) should open this fall and funded next year. WLA has toolkits available to help landowners with conflict resolution on their website.

#### ***NRCS:***

Kara reported that she is still Acting at the Steamboat Team Lead part-time. She will likely continue this appointment into the fall. As such, she has only been in Kremmling a couple days a week all summer. Nonetheless, she is actively working on a few conservation stewardship and irrigation projects. NRCS has many positions open, and they are actively seeking to fill those positions. One of these positions is the Glenwood/Kremmling Team Lead. Stephen, who is still acting in the position moved to position in the Area Office.

### **CSU Extension:**

Dan (from Summit County) was not present, but Brianna reported on Grand County Extension happenings. The Middle Park Fair and Rodeo is next week, so the Extension staff is busy getting ready for the event. This summer, Grand County hosted the NW region 4-H expo. Brianna also reported that 4-H enrollment is higher than last year. Grand County Extension is looking to form an Advisory Committee of 5+ people. Interested parties should contact Brianna. Finally, Grand County Extension has hosted a CSU intern this summer working on livestock producer records.

**CSFS:** None

### **MPCD Reports:**

#### **DM:**

Activities since last meeting:

- Completed all end-of-year items. See 2023 Annual Report - [middleparkcd.com/files/dfb17e5d5/2023+Annual+Report.pdf](http://middleparkcd.com/files/dfb17e5d5/2023+Annual+Report.pdf)
- Put on 2024 Annual Dinner in February
- Completed 2023 Spring Tree Sales: 7,785 trees, \$20,000
- 2 Newsletters: [Newsletters - Middle Park Conservation District \(middleparkcd.com\)](http://middleparkcd.com/newsletters)
- Working on LWG and Community Survey online
- Preparing 2025-2027 Long Range Plan
- Student Education: Save the Frogs Day and Point Park Day (GCWIN partnership)
- GCWC education – Preparing for Wildfire Season presentation, Kid’s Library Program
- Tour of East Troublesome Burn Area for Ag Emergency Managers
- Katlin is currently planning GCWIN fall field trips (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and MPCD’s “Water Warriors” program (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**DCT:** None

#### **Financials:**

**MOTION:** Approve financial report as presented.

**Motion By:** John Longhill

**Second By:** Brien Rose

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

### **Old Business**

#### ***MPCD Policy Book & Bylaws Update:***

Updates to the 2024 Policy Book and Bylaws was unanimously postponed until the next meeting.

#### ***MPCD Scholarship:***

**MOTION:** Formally approve Mackenzie Moyer as the 2024 recipient of the MPCD \$500 scholarship.

**Motion By:** Deb Wood

**Second By:** John Longhill

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

### **New Business:**

#### ***2025 DCT Application Approval:***

**MOTION:** Approve the 2025 DCT Application for Re-enrolling Districts so we can maintain Mark Volt as the DCT in 2025.

**Motion By:** Justin Fosha

**Second By:** John Longhill

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

#### ***2025 Matching Grant Discussion:***

MPCD did not apply Matching Grant funds in 2025.

**Officer Election:**

**MOTION:** Maintain current officer positions as is: Deb (President), Jay (VP), and Justin (Secretary/Treasurer)

**Motion By:** John Longhill

**Second By:** Brien Rose

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

**Long Range Plan Discussion:**

Katlin presented the Board with the 2022-2024 Long Range Plan and asked the Board to think about potential changes for the 2025-2027 Long Range Plan that will be due at the end of this year. She also noted that a Community Survey/Local Working Group Survey went out via newsletter and newspaper recently. Submissions are still being accepted, but the results may help guide changes to the Long Range Plan.

**Wolf Discussion:**

Katlin asked the Board to discuss whether MPCD should take a stance on wolf reintroductions and livestock depredations. Knowing that our district is politically diverse and that our Ex-Officio members have a neutral stance, the Board mutually agreed to focus our efforts on education rather than political stances at this time. Education may include wolf impacts on the environment and agriculture, potential conflict reduction techniques, and more.

**Petition for Inclusion:**

Katlin presented the Board with a Petition for Inclusion into the District from William and Laurie Tart. The landowners have two parcels in the Val Moritz subdivision near Granby. They want to combine the two parcels into one parcel. As it stands, one parcel is included in the MPCD bounds and the other is not. To combine the parcels, both parcels must have the same tax status. Thus, they are asking that MPCD change its boundaries to include their parcel listed as Parcel No: 145121309002, Schedule No: R108921 in the Grand County Assessor Database. The lot is 0.99 acres in size.

**MOTION:** Approve the Petition for Inclusion of Parcel No: 145121309002, Schedule No: R108921 into the boundaries of the Middle Park Conservation District and permit Katlin Miller to file said approval with the Grand County Clerk, Grand County Assessor, and Colorado State Conservation Board.

**Motion By:** Deb Wood

**Second By:** Brien Rose

**Vote Outcome:** Motion Approved. Deb, Brien, and John voted. Justin had to jump off the call. Quorum still present with 3 of 5 voting members.

Closing Round Table: None

Adjourn:

**MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm

**Motion By:** Brien Rose

**Second By:** John Longhill

**Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously