



MOTIVATING LANDOWNERS TO PURSUE, COMMIT, AND DELIVER ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION PRACTICES

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Minutes

Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors Also Serving as Annual Meeting of Landowners

December 17, 2024 – 12pm, In-Person and Zoom

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:07pm by President Deb Wood.

Roll Call - Board/Attendees: Quorum established with 5 of 5 voting members

Deb Wood, President - **yes**

Jay Yust, Vice President - **yes**

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

John Longhill, Board Member - **yes**

Brien Rose, Board Member - **yes**

Katlin Miller, District Manager - **yes**

Mark Volt, DCT - **yes**

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

CSU Extension – Summit – Dan Schroder - **yes**

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda as presented

- **Motion By:** John Longhill **Second By:** Brien Rose **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Oct 2024):

MOTION: Move to approve the October 2024 Minutes as presented ([Board Meetings - Middle Park Conservation District](#))

- **Motion By:** Deb Wood **Second By:** John Longhill **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

Partner Reports:

NRCS:

There have been 3 new hires in Glenwood that will assist the Kremmling Field Office. NRCS is still looking to replace Kara in Kremmling. The position will formally be a “Range Conservationist” but they will work on all conservation projects, including irrigation. Stephen presented the Annual Report of NRCS projects (attached). Drought is creeping across Grand County with D0 drought in much of Grand County and some of Summit County and D1 drought in East Grand. NRCS is expected to formally announce the new RCPP funding for Wolf Conflict Reduction in January. Potential projects may include prescribed grazing, wildlife exclusion fence, range riding, carcass removal, and scare tactics. Applications will likely open in January with funds obligated in March.

CSU Extension:

- **Summit:** New 4-H Coordinator in Summit has increased membership from 20-80 kids this year. Wildfire mitigation is a top priority for Summit Extension/Wildfire Council, and they have received a new grant from the state that pays for half of the Summit Wildfire Council’s mitigation costs. Summit Wildfire Council will be working on a new forest management project called “Frisco’s backyard” which will aim to mitigate 1200

acres of forest near Frisco. Dan's new motto for wildfire mitigation is "When nothing happens, You're Welcome".

- **Grand:** New 4-H coordinator just started. Grand County is also looking to hire a "Fair Coordinator" to assist the fair board. Brianna still does not have enough interest to for the CSU Extension Advisory Board.

CSFS: *None*

MPCD Reports:

DCT Activity:

Mark has been working on 3 EQIP and 4 CSP projects. He also has 2 potential new EQIP projects. In the office, Mark helped with seed recommendations throughout the fall.

DM Activity:

Katlin has been working on end-of-the-year documents including the Budget, LRP and Election Documents. She also presented to both Grand and Summit BOCCs. Earlier this fall she worked with GCWIN on the fall watershed field trips and the East Grand Water Warriors program (hosted by MPCD). Katlin also attended the Summit County WRAP Meeting.

Financials:

MOTION: Move to approve the financials, including Budget v. Actual, Balance Sheet, Checks since October, Deposits, and Open Invoices as presented.

- **Motion By:** John Longhill **Second By:** Brien Rose **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

Old Business:

SIPA Grant - Accessibility:

MPCD received the SIPA (Statewide Internet Portal Authority) grant to get the CommonLook PDF software. This software will help us with PDF remediation (process of making PDFs ADA accessible). By July 2025, MPCD will need to make our website more accessible. Katlin has not had a chance to do any document remediation yet, but she will work on that in the new year.

New Business:

Remaining Expenses 2024:

Katlin reported that a few more expenses to come this month include printing of 1250 copies of the Grand County Wildfire Guide (estimated at \$3537.50) and Pinnacol Assurance Workman's Comp for 2025 (\$626). The workman's comp will go on the 2025 budget. We will also have our December paychecks to Mark and Katlin.

Summit County WRAP Funding – 2025:

In 2024, MPCD gave \$1000 to the Grand County WRAP (Wildfire Ready Action Plan). The WRAP process works to identify mitigation strategies and projects that will help prepare for and minimize the impact of future wildfires on watersheds. Summit County (working through the Blue River Watershed Group) has just begun their WRAP process, and Katlin is a part of their stakeholder group. Katlin asked the Board to consider giving the Blue River Watershed Group \$1000 in the 2025 budget to help them with the process, just as we did for Grand County in 2024.

MOTION: Move to allocate \$1000 to the Blue River Watershed Group in 2025 for the Summit County WRAP.

- **Motion By:** Brien Rose **Second By:** Justin Fosha **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

2025 Election Resolution (Brien & Justin are up for election in 2025)

MOTION: Move to approve the “Resolution to Hold the Regular District Election in 2025” and the “Resolution to Appoint Katlin as the Designated Election Official and Authorizing DEO to Cancel Election”

- **Motion By:** John Longhill **Second By:** Brien Rose **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

2024 Exemption from Audit Approval:

MOTION: Move to ask Tim Day to perform the 2024 Exemption from Audit for MPCD prior to the March 31, 2025 deadline.

- **Motion By:** Justin Fosha **Second By:** Jay Yust **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

2025 Annual Budget Hearing/Approval:

After a thorough review and discussion of the proposed 2025 budget and budget docs, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Move to adopt the 2025 budget as presented and to appropriate sums of money in the amount of \$377,029.71 from the General Fund.

- **Motion By:** John Longhill **Second By:** Brien Rose **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

2025-2027 Long Range Plan Approval:

MOTION: Move to approve the 2025-2027 Long Range Plan as presented.

- **Motion By:** Justin Fosha **Second By:** John Longhill **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously

Closing Round Table:

None

Adjourn:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 1:10pm. Next meeting to be scheduled prior to March 31.

- **Motion By:** Deb Wood **Second By:** Brien Rose **Vote Outcome:** Passed unanimously