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Quarterly Meeting Minutes January 12th, 2010 Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Office Lewistown, Mt.

Chairman Nick Schultz opened up the meeting at 1:05 p.m with introductions. Council members present were; John Chase representing Cascade County CD; Dean Rogge representing Garfield County CD; Paul Geis representing Fergus CD; Jim Beck representing Broadwater CD; Dennis Mitchell representing Blaine County CD; Karl Christians representing DNRC; and MRCDC Coordinator Laurie Riley, and MRCDC Secretary Carie Hess. Due to the fact that there was not enough member's present for quorum these are just meeting notes as no business was conducted.

General:

1. Minutes were read for any typo's to be corrected and will be approved at the next meeting. Carie has included the minutes from the Executive Committee conference calls as well and each person read those on their own.
2. Carie read the financial package. She briefly explained how she balances the income into the budget line items as some lines have higher percentages than others. Karl noted that it appears that DNRC is looking at a 5% vacancy savings cut and a 4% across the top budget cut equaling at least a 9% total cut.
3. Correspondence received and sent since the last meeting was presented and reviewed.
4. Coordinator's Report-Laurie reported on her activities since the November meeting. She also noted that she is attending the Natural Resource Partnership meetings on behalf of the council. She also discussed comment letters on the Hi- Line and Southeast RMP's.

Reports:

1. Upper Reach:
 - ❖ Whitmore Ravine Update: John reported that there has been no real movement on this he did state that there has been over \$400,000 spent in studies over the last 7 years but not s shovel full of dirt moved.

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Broadwater Conservation District
Lewis & Clark Conservation District
Cascade County Conservation District
Chouteau County Conservation District

Blaine County Conservation District
Big Sandy Conservation District
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Petroleum County Conservation District
Phillips Conservation District

Garfield County Conservation District
Valley County Conservation District
McCone Conservation District
Roosevelt County Conservation District
Richland County Conservation District

- ❖ CREP Update: Laurie reported that she had received an email from Tim Ouellette stating that grazing was allowed on the CREP projects but then Glen Patrick stated that it was not allowed. It was noted that Karl was going to work on getting some language for the addendum.
2. Middle Reach:
 - ❖ BLM RAC Update: Nick explained who and how the RAC was made up. He have a brief report from the last meeting he attended.
 3. Reservoir Reach:
 - ❖ CMR Stakeholder Group: The next meeting is on February 17th in Circle.
 4. Lower Reach
 - ❖ MRRIC Meeting Update: Laurie noted that Steven Fisher was appointed to the MRRP and she thought the council should send a congratulatory letter and ask him to visit Montana.
 5. MACD- none at this time
 6. DNRC- Nothing more than what was note earlier.
 7. NRCS- none at this time

New Business:

MRRIC Meeting Great Falls 2011 – Great Falls is the host city for the July 2011 MRRIC meeting. The council discussed the logistics for that meting including tour and cocktail hour. It was thought that a tour could be held at either Gates of the Mountains or Scott Blackman’s Ranch. It was also thought that a cocktail hour could be done at the CMR museum with hor’derves and a cash bar. Sponsorship was also discussed and it was thought that Farmer’s Union, Cascade CD, would be a good place to start.

Old Business:

The Flood photo archive was discussed and it was thought that the council could help with the sign project along the River’s Edge Trail. It was discussed that it would cost about \$375 per sign and they could be put up along the 25 miles of riverbank as well as the pedestrian bridge and boat launch sites.

Public Comment:

Next meetings:

It was noted that the council should have their work plan attached to the meetings agenda’s.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Approved by unanimous vote on,

Submitted by:

Carie Hess, Secretary

Nick Schultz, Chairman