

MINUTES
Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors
March 13, 2026– 12pm, Zoom

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Deb at 12:00pm.

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

Deb Wood, President - **yes**

Mark Volt, DCT - **yes**

Jay Yust, Vice President - **yes**

Maria Bumgarner, Interim NRCS Team Lead - **yes**

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

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

John Longhill, Board Member - **yes**

CSU Extension – Grand – Sydney Pryor - **no**

Brien Rose, Board Member - **yes**

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

Katlin Miller, District Manager - **yes**

Members of the Public – **Michael (last name unknown)**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: *Move to approve the agenda as presented.*

• **Motion By:** John

Second By: Justin

Vote Outcome: Approved Unanimously

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Minutes can be found on the MPCD website under About Us → Board Meetings.

MOTION: *Move to approve December 3, 2025, minutes as presented.*

• **Motion By:** Deb

Second By: John

Vote Outcome: Approved Unanimously

Partner Reports:

NRCS: Maria Bumgarner introduced herself to the Board as the interim Glenwood Springs Resource Team Lead (120-day appointment). She then reported on the following:

- **Local Working Group Meeting** - Katlin told her that MPCD usually does an online survey for our LWG Meeting and that the survey is ready to go in our next newsletter.
- **Targeted Conservation Proposal Application** – This is a special program by NRCS that allows the State Director to allocate a special pool of funding for locally-identified conservation project implementation. The Board discussed the potential for a high mountain flood irrigation proposal, but the motion was postponed until after discussion of the CSCB Matching Grant application.
- **Unfunded Cooperative Agreement (UCA):** Maria noted that the District’s UCA is not at the federal level waiting for approval from the Assistant Chief. It will be then sent back to State Office for final signoff. Katlin noted that the UCA has become more critical at the moment because the current Farm Bill is expiring and Mark’s DCT position is tied to the Farm Bill. CSCB and NRCS are currently working to move DCTs from Farm Bill Agreements to UCA agreements.
- **EQIP:** Mark and Maria are currently working on ranking criteria for the 5 EQIP applications they received this year.
- **Snow:** Maria reiterated that we are in a snow drought this year and that may increase signups in the next year as producers see the effects of the drought this summer.

CSU Extension: none

Other: none

MPCD Reports:

DCT Activity: Mark has been working with Maria on EQIP projects. He is also currently writing a snow report based on current Snotel information and manual snow course data from the end of February. He noted that the overall average for Middle Park is at 65%. Snow density is averaging 25%, which means that for one foot of snow there is only 3 inches of water. These measurements and averages are from high elevation snow courses and SNOTEL sites. Low and mid snowpack is currently nonexistent.

DM Activity: Katlin has been working on various Youth Education initiatives with the local school (save the frogs, GCWIN, career day presentations). She is also preparing to order seed in the coming week and working on tree sales. She will also be putting out a spring newsletter this week.

Financials: Katlin presented the financials to the board for 12/1/25 to 3/13/26.

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

- **Motion By:** Justin **Second By:** Brien **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously

Old Business:

Funding for Headgate Replacement: Katlin has been investigating funding options. This could include going to CWCB, the Basin Roundtable, and the CSCB Matching Grant. Katlin also sent a survey to the Stockgrowers to see who may be interested in headgate and flume work in the future to gauge interest and need for funding.

- Results: see attached

2025 Exemption from Audit Approval:

MOTION: *Move to approve the Resolution to Approve the 2025 Exemption from Audit completed by Tim Day and to approve electronic signing of documents to be submitted to OSA.*

- **Motion By:** John **Second By:** Justin **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously

Tax Mailers: Katlin worked with both County Treasurers to get tax mailer inserts in both counties. 22,000 in Grand County and 29,642 in Summit County. We have since received over 40 requests for paper copies of our Ultimate Landowner Guide.

PAM: Mark asked Katlin for an update on PAM sales this year. Katlin reported that she has been in contact with Junior at Frontier Station. He is working on getting a supply of PAM in and will Katlin posted.

New Business:

- **CSCB Matching Grant:** Katlin told the board that the deadline has been moved up to June 1 for the CSCB Matching Grant Application. After some discussion, the board move forward with this motion:
 - **MOTION:** *Move to have Katlin submit applications to the **CSCB Matching Grant AND NRCS Targeted Conservation Proposal** for High Mountain Flood irrigation improvements with special emphasis on repair and replacement of faulty headgates and measuring flumes/devices.*
 - **Motion By:** John **Second By:** Justin **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously
 - The idea is that if we don't get funded for one, hopefully we will get funded for the other. Additionally, many of the headgate projects will be far more costly than the CSCB Matching Grant will pay for (knowing there is a \$25,000 cap in funding from CSCB).

Middle Park Conservation District

- **DCT Grant:** Katlin told the board that the deadline has been moved up to July 1 for the DCT Application. Mark agreed that he wanted to continue for another year.
 - **MOTION:** *Move to have Katlin submit a Renewing DCT Application for to CSCB for 2027.*
 - **Motion By:** Justin **Second By:** Brien **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously
- **Summit BOCC Grant:** Katlin informed the Board that we were awarded a grant from the Summit BOCC for general operating expenses in 2026. That said, they do want to see measurable goals, so Katlin is planning to do Webinars this summer on relevant conservation topics (topics and schedule TBD).
- **Seed Survey:** Katlin sent a seed survey for HPP clover seed and spring seed orders to the stockgrowers. If you have not completed it, please do.

Closing Round Table:

Lower Blue Sustainability Plan: Brien reported that he is currently working with a variety of stakeholders to develop a Lower Blue River Sustainability Plan (below Green Mountain River) that will hopefully help to manage recreation and river health through public and private lands. Katlin agreed to be a rep for the Middle Park Conservation District throughout the planning process.

MPCD Scholarship: The MPCD scholarship is due at the end of March. Katlin has not received any scholarship yet, so she encouraged board members to spread the word to graduating seniors they know.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for June 5th at noon.

Adjourn:

MOTION: *Move to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:06pm.*

- **Motion By:** Justin **Second By:** John **Vote Outcome:** Approved Unanimously