

JEFFERSON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

April 21, 2026

Borden's Hotel Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Mark Gornick – Vice-Chair, John Heide – Supervisor, Diane Fitzgerald – Supervisor

Others: Kris Hugulet – District Administrator, Cord Kountz – Associate Supervisor, Kipp Keim – Associate Supervisor, Rebecka Ayre – NRCS, Coltan Pipinich – DFW&P, Miranda Protzen – JRWC, Chris Edgington – TU/JRWC

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Mark Gornick at 11:00 am.

Minutes:

John made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Diane seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

Kris updated the board on the current invoices. John made a motion to accept the financial report as prepared. Diane seconded the motion and the motion carried. Kris asked the board if they were interested in having her submit a request for 310 reimbursement from DNRC. Diane made a motion to have Kris make this request. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Business:

Annual Budget Request:

The board reviewed the annual budget request. John made a motion to submit the request as prepared. Diane seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Review of Governance Calendar Documents:

Kris submitted the information regarding the March and April portions of the calendar to the board for their review. Kris stated that if the board has any questions on the information, they can submit it to her or look on the DNRC website for additional information.

MACD Dues Request:

Kris informed the board that the dues request from MACD has been received. She asked the board what they would like to submit this year. Diane made a motion to pay the \$500 dues this time. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

310 (s):

JV-29-25 – MT Trout Unlimited/WET – Boulder River – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board's final decision.

JV-02-26 – NorthWestern Energy – Corral Creek – this application has been placed on hold pending information from NWE.

JV-04-26 – Bill Gould – Jefferson River – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been completed. This application received the Board's final decision.

JV-05-26 – Farrell Madsen – Lump Gulch Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-07-26 – John Merkel /Jefferson Canal – Jefferson River – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-08-26 – Parrot Ditch Co/Cord Kountz – Jefferson River – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-09-26 – Kipp Keim/Shotgun Construction – Jefferson Slough – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-10-26 – Kipp Keim – Shotgun Construction – Jefferson Slough – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-11-26 – Steve Marks/Marks Ranch – Lump Gulch/Prickly Pear Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection needs to be scheduled.

JV-12-26 – Luke Fehlig – Golconda Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-13-26 – Clint Rieder – Muskrat Creek – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-14-26 – Jefferson/Slaughterhouse Slough WUA – Jefferson River – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-15 -26 - Jefferson/Slaughterhouse Slough WUA – Jefferson Slough – This application has been declared a project. An on-site inspection has been scheduled.

JV-28-25 – Dawson Homestead Heritage Ranch – Boulder River – EXTENSION REQUEST - this request has been approved for this field season.

JV-11-25 – Eli Buckmiller – Warm Springs Creek – EXTENSION REQUEST -this request has been approved for this field season.

Outdoor Classroom Event:

Kris updated the board on the planning of this event. Montana City, Boulder and Whitehall schools will be attending this year. As of right now, we have 12 stations. Porta potties, the fairgrounds site and lunches have been ordered and paid for.

JRWC Update:

Miranda updated the board on the projects going on and stated that they are now going to be working in the Boulder River drainage and the boundary for working will include the Boulder watershed as well. May 12th they will be holding a meeting regarding current water conditions and outlook. The meeting will be held at the Borden's conference room at 6:00 pm. Watershed restoration plans are being worked on and updated. Meetings will be taking place to review the plan before it is submitted.

NRCS:

Becky updated the board on the projects that she is currently working on. She will be coming to the ODF and they are bringing a second station for forestry. Becky stated that they have several workshops coming up one for realtors and a second one for invasive grass species.

DFW&P:

Coltan stated that new fishing regulations are being worked on and should be coming out.

Planning Board Meeting:

Diane stated that she has a copy of the growth plan that is currently being reviewed. It was noted that she will bring the plan to the next meeting for anyone interested in reviewing.

DNRC/CDB/MACD:

Written reports were submitted for the Board's consideration.

Correspondence:

MACD/DNRC/Western Governor's Report:

Reports were printed and submitted to the supervisors with their packet information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,


Kris Hugulet
District Administrator


Tom Carey, Jr.
Chair