

- I) **Introductions** – Paul Montoia, Ann Oliver, David Tomko, Pete Nylander, Buck Skillen, Chuck Wanner, Carrie Lile, Warren Rider, Melissa May, Emma Lee Deyo, Curtis Hartenstine, Gary Thrash, Aaron Kimple, Pam Starr
- II) **October and December Meeting Notes** – Ann provided the notes attached in an email. In the future, Pam will send the notes to all steering committee members and after notes have been approved Pam will put the notes up on the website.
- III) **Financials** – Pam provided Income and Expense Tallies for NPS 319 Florida and Animas Water Quality Improvement grant and the BoR Watershed Management grant. The cash balance column on the spreadsheet shows a cumulative (adds incomes and subtracts expenses) balance.
- IV) **Review and Approve Invoices** – Marsha’s invoice has been approved (pay invoice out of BoR grant). Ann provided an invoice for NPS 319 work and an invoice from Keith Fassbender for work on the irrigation system. Ann presented a cost estimate from Witt and Sons for irrigation materials under the NPS 319 grant, Keith is asking for an advance to purchase the materials. Paul asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the irrigation materials. Buck moved, Carrie seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
- V) **Updates – Florida River Habitat and Water Quality Improvement Project (Ann):** The irrigation improvements have started up and will be completed this season. Monitoring will start in May. MSI has drafted a monitoring report that will, hopefully, be presented at next meeting. Neighboring property is interested in similar riparian buffer. The property is more degraded. Ann will look for a source of funds for that work. Bonie Pate, CDPHE, let Ann know that there are funds available through NPS. Paul asked for a motion authorizing Ann to explore and possibly expand existing NPS grant. Buck moved, Dave seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
Filling NM governmental seat (Melissa): Paul proposed to City of Aztec that they have a representative on the AWP and that person should be Melissa. The decision was postponed until the March 25th Aztec City Commission meeting 6:00pm. Ann asked for AWP representation at the meeting.
OSM/Vista Volunteer (Ann): Jonathan Scott will start Monday March 17th. He will have an office at the Conservation Legacy office. Tom Hartnett, La Plata Conservation District, might have office space available in the future in the NRCS office. Dave suggested that Jon get involved in the 4 Corners Paddle Trails project. Discussion of paddle trails project. Decision was made to see what the tribe’s involvement will be before agreeing to support the project. Pete will ask Chris what the level of involvement from the Tribal Council and Lands Division will be. Committee agreed that Jon should attend the meeting of the paddle trails project next Wednesday. Dave will send Ann the meeting information.
Lower Animas Watershed-Based Plan Sampling planning (Dave): Dave reported on the planning. Pete will email the contact info for the Lands Division to Aaron for access information and permits. Suggestions were made about possible access and contacts for access.
Retreat Notes and Products: Marsha has submitted the notes and draft bylaws from the meeting. Ann will finish the draft bylaws and present at the next Board meeting.
- VI) **Complimentary Sampling to MST project (Ann):** Discussion of the project. Ann talked to Bruce (SWCD) about submitting application for funding at next SWCD Board meeting. Ann will submit an application at the April meeting.
Animas Nutrient Workshop: Ann is planning the workshop for March 2015. Discussion of workshop planning. Ann asked for additional participation. Jonathan can participate in planning. Will discuss at next Board meeting.
- VII) **2014 Outreach Partnership with Conservation Legacy (Ann):** Ann will ask Jonathan to continue partnership with Conservation Legacy and high school work groups.
- VIII) **Partnering with La Plata Conservation District (Ann):** Ann met with Tom Hartnett to discuss possibility of sharing Vista. Discussion of LPCD and sharing Vista. Gary described some current projects with LPCD. Might be able to have a regular article in LPCD newsletter. . LPCD Board meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at NRCS office.
- IX) **Partner Updates**
Buck gave an update of Trout Unlimited sampling project. Buck is going to make a presentation to the La Plata BoCC about the AWP at one of the two meeting in April. Buck is on La Plata County Water Advisory Committee that advises the BoCC about water issues. Buck will let the AWP know when his presentation to the BoCC is. Chuck has been appointed to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission. Chuck described that the Commission decides the 319 grants each year so he asked to abstain from voting on 319 grant decisions. Curtis Hartenstine – hired as Water Quality Program Manager at the Tribe. Carrie will send the announcement for the SWCD Water Seminar.