

UWP Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes from 2/16/12 at the Ridgway Community Center

Attendance: Ken Lipton, Patrick Willits, Rein Van West, Debbie Cokes, Agnes Przeszlowksa, Ben Tisdell, Jeff Litteral, Lynn Padgett, Brian Haselnus, Matthew Jurjonas

Updates:

- CWCB grant proposal submitted for Uncompahgre River Riparian Health Improvement Project. Separate funding source to be sought for Youth Corps Team for tamarisk removal.
- WHWT OSM/VISTA awarded to UWP
- Fishing is Fun grant presentations on Feb 21 to City of Ouray and March 20th to Ouray County
- Abandoned Mine and Water Quality Conference April 26th in Silverton
- Matthew to Present to Montrose Forum Wed. Feb 29th at 8am
- UWP needs to do some Fundraising
- CDPHE and WQCD to help with sampling this summer
- Ridgway River Fest/MOSAIC needs volunteer help.

Fundraising Ideas:

- If pursuing a local movie night we may need to get a site license to host it.
- Applying for the MOSAIC Big IDEA grant with a match from ROCC could cover operating/reimbursement costs.
- Contributions to the UWP through TLR should be promoted as tax deductible
- A slide show at a local brewery/venue with a \$5 charge
- The DRMS money could be used for reimbursement in the short term, while these other outlets are being pursued.
- TU grants
- NRCS grants
- Patagonia and REI fund local projects

Regular Business:

- 50 cents to be mileage reimbursement rate for the OSM/VISTA
- The focus of the UWP in the Fishing is Fun Grant project idea will be to gain community support and locate matching funds.
- Invitation to Mike Berry to be on the Steering Committee. Apparent benefits for teaming water quality with water quantity and having a Water Conservancy manager on SC.
- Debbie to talk to Try County about fundraising
- Ensure Sarah addresses Tri County comments in Watershed Plan, as well as all other comments (She plans a final draft by the end of February.)
- Mtngeo geek LLC offers to host the UWP website free of charge. UWP accepts.
- A proposal will be made to MOSAIC offering a partnership with the UWP for split benefits from the Ridgway River Festival.

- The DRMS money can be used for support and consultation from sources like Coal Creek Watershed Coalition.
- A historical mine tour should be part of operation plan to maintain UWP/History connection.
- Comments on Business Plan to be incorporated into two documents; a business plan and an operating plan. Matthew to complete draft by next meeting.
- Ben Tisdell, Agnes, Przeszlowska, Debbie Cokes, and Matthew Jurjonas to coordinate and conduct interviews next week for the 4th term OSM/VISTA. A recommendation to SC will be provided by this group.
- An offer was made to Matthew Jurjonas to facilitate the transition with the new OSM/VISTA this summer. Details pending at next SC meeting.

Assignments.

- Debbie to discuss funding with Tri-County
- Jeff to draft Good Sam Support Letter for submission on behalf of the UWP
- Matt to draft Business and Operating Plan as separate documents
- Ben Tisdell, Agnes Przeszlowska, Debbie Cokes, and Matthew Jurjonas to conduct interviews.
- Brian to consult with Backstreet on hosting next **SC meeting on March 8th**.
- Matt to make proposal to MOSAIC
- Invitation to Mike Berry to be on steering committee?
- Rein to have fun in Chile!