

# **SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**Giodone Library, Blende, Colorado**

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. TJ Knecht, Mark Koch, George Pigg, and Devin Cossel were board members in attendance.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, and Kristi Bartolo, ex-officio member of CSU Extension.

## **REVIEW AGENDA**

TJ moved, and George seconded the approval of the agenda.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

TJ moved, and George seconded the approval of the December meeting minutes. The motion passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of December 31, 2024, the reports were \$27,651.44 at the Colorado Bank & Trust and \$0 at the US Bank. Devin and Doug need to close the account.

The CD at the Bank of the San Juans expired on 12/17/24 at 4.5% interest, it was closed on 12/27/24. At closing, the balance was \$13,157.80. The CD was transferred to the CO Bank and Trust. Hoss needs to sign a new bank card.

Interest on the statement in 2024 is \$615.

Mark moved, and TJ seconded to approve the report; the motion passed.

## **BILLS TO BE PAID**

No bills were presented for payment.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Envirothon Sponsorship – moved to unfinished business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Master Irrigator Class was discussed. Mark moved, and TJ seconded to pay for lunch for week 3; the motion passed.

The budget was sent to the State Auditor on December 5, 2024.

The Long-Range Plan was sent to DOLA on December 20, 2024.

Election – nothing currently.

Envirothon - Ms. Dodge met with the board. Last year, the group won 3rd place and has three returning students. They requested sponsorship to cover \$1,452 in needed funds. Last year's students received \$1,500 for college. Mark moved TJ seconded to allocate \$1,200. Motion passed. Check # 1020.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Extension Report – Irrigation Workshop

Rich will need end-of-the-year statements for all accounts to prepare the Exemption from Audit report due March 31, 2025.

The board reviewed the annual report. TJ moved, and Devin seconded to approve with corrections noted on page one. The motion passed.

Rich completed the online form for Exemption from Workers' Compensation.

The board reviewed the Resolution designating the meeting place, USDA Service Center, Pueblo, Colorado. Devin moved, and George seconded to approve; the motion passed.

The board reviewed the Resolution Designating the Location for posting notices, the District website, and the NRCS office. Devin moved, and Mark seconded to approve; the motion passed.

Resolution approving CORA amounts when requesting information. George moved, and TJ seconded to approve; the motion passed.

The board discussed Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.

The February dinner/meeting will be on February 20. Rich will look into arrangements.

**NRCS REPORT**

NRCS is working under a continuing resolution. EQIP and CSP ranking will occur soon.

No changes in personnel.

Nothing is new on the Salt Creek PFIR (Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report). The PFIR is part of the PL-566 Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations funding. Lana will ask for an update.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be at Twenty One Steak on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m..**

**Approved minutes:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Devin Cossel - Secretary/Treasurer**