

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Thursday, July 17, 2025

USDA Service Center, Pueblo, CO

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. TJ Knecht, Mark Koch, Devin Cossel, and George Pigg were in attendance as board members.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, and Rich Rhoades, Contract District Manager.

REVIEW AGENDA

Devin moved, and TJ seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Devin moved, and TJ seconded the approval of the June minutes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 30, 2025, the report totaled \$22,120.15 at Colorado Bank & Trust and \$0 at US Bank. The CD balance is \$13,157.80 as of April 23, 2025. The CD was transferred to the CO Bank and Trust for a 7-month CD with an APR of 4.48. It will be renewed on 8/23/25.

Interest earned on the CD in 2024 is \$629.94. The board will address the renewal of the CD at the August 21 meeting. Devin will check interest rates and options.

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

BILLS TO BE PAID

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Exemption from Audit was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The matching grant proposal was sent to CSCB by TJ on July 7.

Kristi authored an article about the Master Irrigator Workshop for the Colorado Conservator.

NEW BUSINESS

Extension Report – no extension report.

The district will receive \$8,854.40 in Direct Assistance. \$6,104.40 for direct assistance, \$750 for completing the annual report, and \$2,000 from

The report for Supervisor Names is due September 1, 2025. Rich asked if there were any changes from 2024; there were none.

NRCS REPORT

Lana reported that the Critical Vacancy Process is in effect to redistribute personnel from other states with a surplus of personnel to Colorado offices. Pueblo will receive one person, and Las Animas will receive one person. Lana may still be responsible for Las Animas.

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 7:15 p.m.

The next board meeting will be at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo, CO, on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Approved minutes: _____ Devin Cossel - Secretary/Treasurer