

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 21, 2025

USDA Service Center, Pueblo, CO

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-President Mark Koch called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. TJ Knecht, Devin Cossel, and George Pigg were in attendance as board members.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, and Kristi Bartolo, CSU Extension.

REVIEW AGENDA

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of July 3, 2025, the report totaled \$30,405.55 at Colorado Bank & Trust and \$0 at US Bank. The CD balance is \$13,157.80 as of August 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 for 7 months with an APR of 4.11%.

Interest earned on the CD in 2024 is \$629.94.

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

The group discussed moving some of the checking account into another savings account. No action at this time.

BILLS TO BE PAID

No bills were presented for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Upper Ark Watershed Meeting, September 18, 11:00, Pueblo West.

Upper Arkansas Watershed Association dues - \$10

FFA State Range Judging Contest - \$

Colorado Agrivoltaic meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor List sent to DOLA.

Rich attached a publication to the website “Horses and Poisonous Plants.”

NEW BUSINESS

Extension Report – Kristi discussed next year’s Irrigators Workshop. The group will meet to discuss the effectiveness of last year’s speakers. The 2026 meeting will be held in Rocky Ford on January 22, 29 and February. 5, 12th.

The Agrivoltaic meeting will occur in September. The Olney-Boone CD is interested as well.

The next Irrigator planning meeting will be at the start of the district meeting at 6:30 p.m. The board, plus Justin Barr and Roy Mastroantonio, will serve as the planning committee.

NRCS REPORT

Lana reported on year-end program reporting.

No personnel actions to date.

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 7:04 p.m.

The next board meeting will be at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo, CO, on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Approved minutes: _____ **Devin Cossel - Secretary/Treasurer**