

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 18, 2025
USDA Service Center, Pueblo, CO

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. TJ Knecht and George Pigg were in attendance as board members.

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

REVIEW AGENDA

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

George moved, and TJ seconded the approval of the August minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 29, 2025, the report totaled \$30,028.05 at Colorado Bank & Trust and \$0 at US Bank.

The CD balance is \$13,496.71 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 2025 to date \$50.25. The CD will expire 3/23/26.

George moved, and TJ seconded the motion to approve the report, and add \$6,700 to the CD from the checking account if possible or add the dollars to another CD; the motion passed.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Upper Ark Watershed Association dues \$10 foe 2025. George moved, and TJ seconded to approve. The motion passed.

State FFA Range Judging Contest donation – George moved, and TJ seconded to donate \$100, motion passed

Southeast CO FFA Range Judging contest donation: George moved, and TJ seconded to donate \$250; the motion passed.

Rhoades 3rd Quarter - \$500. TJ moved, and George seconded to approve, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Upper Arkansas Watershed Association dues - \$10

FFA State and Southeast CO Range Judging Contests

Assessed valuation for Pueblo County and Las Animas County

Arkansas River Basin Water Forum – Salida, April 22-23, 2026

Ag Water Summit, Greeley, CO, December 2.

Inquiry about Conservation Practices in the Saint Charles River Outlet Watershed- Natalie Acosta working with PACOG

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upper Ark Watershed Association - Lana reported on the meeting. Dues will increase to \$20.

NEW BUSINESS

Extension Report – Prior to the district business meeting, a planning session for the 2026 Master Irrigator course was held. Roy Mastroantonio and Kristi Bartolo were in attendance along with board members. The 2025 speakers and course topics were discussed. The 2026 meeting will be held in Rocky Ford at the Extension Office on January 22, 29, February 5, and 12th.

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.

Received a response from B Lindsay. They are waiting for sponsor letters from the City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, Bessemer Ditch, and the Pueblo Board of Water Works. The Salt Creek PFIR (Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report) is almost complete. The PFIR is part of the PL-566 Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next board meeting will be at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo, CO, on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Approved minutes: _____ Devin Cossel - Secretary/Treasurer