

**SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 17, 2024**  
**USDA Service Center, Pueblo, Colorado**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. George Pigg and Devin Cossel were board members in attendance.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, and Rich Rhoades, Contract District Manager. Kristi Bartolo, ex-officio member of CSU Extension, did not attend but provided materials for the meeting.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

George moved, and Devin seconded the approval of the agenda by correcting the bank name from Pueblo Bank and Trust to Colorado Bank & Trust. Motion passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Devin moved, and George seconded the approval of the September meeting minutes. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of September 30, 2024, the reports were \$26,38.14 at US Bank and Colorado Bank & Trust \$5,57.80.

The CD at the Bank of the San Juans was recently renewed until 12/17/24 at 4.5% interest. The balance will be \$12,996.68. The plan is to move the CD to CO Bank and Trust at expiration.

The previous CD balance as of 12/15/23 was \$12,527.86.

Interest on the statement in 2023 is \$205.93.

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

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Rhoades - \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter contract. Approved last month. Check # 1017.

Devin paid sponsorship to the East Otero CD for the Southeast Colorado Range Judging Contest, check # 1015, \$200.

Devin paid sponsorship to the Burlington CD for the State Range Judging Contest, check # 1016, \$200.

Devin paid sponsorship to the Women in Ag conference, check # 1014, \$500.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

CSCB- Maggie Hanna was elected as the Upper Ark Watershed representative.

CACD Annual Meeting, December 1-4, Colorado Springs, Marriott

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ryan and Devin completed the banking signature cards and other account information changes. New checks were received.

The Colorado Bank and Trust and Bank of the San Juans requested the PDPA (Public Deposit Protection Act) identification number with the DORA (Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies) letterhead. Rich supplied the information.

We will re-send the information to the CSCB to change the electronic bank information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kristi provided the most recent draft of the Irrigation Master course, which will be held on four Thursdays in January 2025 at the Giadone Library Branch in Blende. The board made speaker recommendations. Lana emailed them to Kristi.

Kristi provided handouts for an upcoming webinar on Grasshopper Control and a Pumpkin informational session.

The board decided to hold the budget hearing on November 21, 2024. Rich will publish a notice on the district's website and at the office.

Rich noted the Long-Range Plan will expire in December 2024 and asked for changes or additions for the next three-year plan.

**NRCS REPORT**

Lana reported deadline changes for programs in 2025. There is a possibility for a new employee in Pueblo.

Rich completed a draft sponsor form for the Bessemer project, Salt Creek PFIR. Devin moved, and George seconded the approval of it as a draft sponsorship. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:305 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo, CO.**

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