

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 20, 2022
Park East Restaurant - Pueblo, Colorado

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Board members in attendance: Doug Thacker, Mark Koch, and George Pigg, along with Kristi Bartolo, the Ex-Officio member. Also in attendance, Carl Beeman, Soil Conservationist, and Randa York, Resource Conservationist for NRCS and Rich Rhoades, District Manager.

REVIEW AGENDA

Mark moved, and George seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Ryan – Extension programs; Labor and Water – 2 hours.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The board reviewed the minutes for the December monthly meeting. Mark moved, and George seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The checking account balance on the bank statement is \$34,151.06 as of 12/31/2021. There are no outstanding checks.

The CD reached maturity on 8/7/21. The balance at maturity was \$12,309.43. The CD is with the Bank of the San Juans, and interest earned in 2021 is \$8.01 for six months. The board decided to allow the CD to renew for six months until February 7, 2022. The CD renewal will be addressed at our January meeting.

Mark moved, and George seconded to approve the Report. Motion passed.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Park East Restaurant - \$414.70. George moved, and Doug seconded to approve, motion passed. Rhoades reviewed the scheduled contract costs for 2022; copy attached. Mark moved, and Doug seconded to approve the estimated expenses; the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

CACD –

CSCB – Reports due

NRCS –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rich and Ryan will coordinate the Google sign-in for the District's email to include a PIN number. No action to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Last week, the report of 2021 district activities was emailed to the board. There were no comments or changes. Rich will post on the district website.

Rich completed the 1099 for his 2021 contractor work and mailed a copy to IRS; a copy will be in the District's file.

Doug moved, and Mark seconded the following resolutions:

- Resolution to Approve Designated Election Official (DEO) – Rich Rhoades and authorize the DEO to cancel the election.
- Resolution for the 2022 Regular District Election, May 3, 2022
- Resolution Designating the District meeting location, USDA Service Center at 200 South Santa Fe Ave, 4th Floor.
- Resolution Designating the Official Posting locations for the District; website (<https://southpueblocd.colorado.gov>) and the USDA Service Center.
- Resolution of Colorado Open Records Act Policy - (CORA).

The above motions passed.

George moved, and Doug seconded to approve the Resolution Excluding District Supervisors as Employees from Worker's Compensation. Motion passed.

Rich reviewed the election timetable. Devin and George's terms expire. The election for those positions will be for three-year terms. The state laws changed in 2018 to have supervisor elections on odd-numbered years. Call for Nominations will be posted between January 23-February 17. Rich will put it on the website and post a notice in the Pueblo Chieftain. The nomination deadline is February 23, 2022.

Kristi recently presented workshops on the new Farm Labor Laws and Water Concerns. Kristi has arranged for a Soil Health person to give a presentation in March. The focus will be cover crops.

NRCS REPORT -

Randa reported – two CRP Grassland contracts in the Pueblo Field Office. There were 34 EQIP applications in the Pueblo Office and 112 overall. Local Work Groups are to be completed by July 12. The EQIP deadline is March 18.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo.

Approved minutes:

Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer