

**SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 10, 2024**  
**Twenty One Steak - Pueblo, Colorado**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members in attendance were Devin Cossel, Doug Thacker, and Mark Koch.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader; Kristi Bartolo, Ex-Officio member from CSU Extension; and Rich Rhoades, contract District Manager.

Other guests were Randa York, Resource Conservationist; Zach Jannusch, Engineer; Kara Cossel, Brenda Koch, and Yvonne Froman.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Mark moved, and Devin seconded to approve the agenda with one addition. Motion passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mark moved, and Devin seconded to approve the minutes of the December meeting. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Doug did not receive the bank statement before the board meeting. Assuming all checks are cashed, the spreadsheet's checking account balance is \$30,178.43.

The CD is at the Bank of the San Juans, and interest earned in 2022 is \$6 for six months. The balance before expiration was \$12,315.59. The current CD is for four months at 4.91% interest. The balance as of 12/15/23 is \$12,527.86. Interest on the statement is shown as \$205.93.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Upper Arkansas Association dues for 2022 of \$10. Mark moved, and Doug seconded to pay; motion passed. Check # 2132. The 2023 dues were paid last month with check # 2130.

Twenty One Steak – dinner \$1,485.90. Mark moved, and Doug seconded to approve. The motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

CACD and Rye Envirothon Team request – the team requested \$1,000 for travel and registration. Mark moved, and Doug seconded to pay. The motion passed. Devin will write the check the applicable payee, most likely CACD, is identified.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Banking update – The board signed for signature authority for the new account. Devin moved, and Doug seconded to appoint Devin and Doug as signatories to the new account. The motion passed.

Budget – the budget was filed with DOLA

Kristi reported on various events.

Rich gave an update on requests for scholarships for the “Building Farmers” program. The board will pay 100% of the registration fee. Mark moved, and Doug seconded to approve, and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

January meeting – held January 10.

Kristi gave a brief report with more information for the next board meeting.

The following annual notifications and resolutions were reviewed and approved: Mark moved, and Doug seconded to approve the notifications. Motion passed.

Workers’ Comp Exemption Form and Resolution

A resolution designating a meeting place.

A resolution designating posting locations.

CORA – Open Records policy

The draft Annual Report was circulated among the board members. Rich will finalize and send it through the DOLA website before February 15.

**NRCS REPORT -**

Personnel – there is a possibility of a new Resource Conservation Specialist. Zach Jannusch was introduced to the board.

Bessemer Ditch will hold their annual meeting on February 10. NRCS will make a presentation about the proposed project.

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

**The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo.**

**Approved minutes:**

**Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer**