

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 16, 2023
USDA Service Center - Pueblo, Colorado

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members in attendance: Mark Koch, Georg Pigg, and Devin Cossel. Doug is unable to attend due to health issues. Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, Kristi Bartolo, Ex-Officio member, and Rich Rhoades, District Manager.

REVIEW AGENDA

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

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Ryan – FSA meeting – 2 hours, Fowler

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug had not received the checking account balance statement as of today.

The spreadsheet balance is \$28,662.39.

The CD reached its maturity on 2/7/23; Devin will check into better rates. 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.

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

BILLS TO BE PAID

Rhoades - \$100 – two ads for the 2023 election. \$52.80 and 47.52. George moved, and Mark seconded to approve; the motion passed.

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CORRESPONDENCE

CACD – Upper Ark Watershed Association meeting is on April 17, 2023, in Pueblo West

CSCB – Elections, District Manager training, STAR program

Arkansas River Basin Water Forum – April 25-26 – Colorado Springs

Election request from Las Animas County

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The election was canceled. Mark and Ryan are considered elected. There will be one vacant board position to be filled in May 2023.

Rich published election cancellation notices at the polling place, in Pueblo Chieftain, the County Clerk's office, and on our website.

The board asked Rich to get more information on the Star Plus program.

The 1099 NEC was filed with the IRS, and a hard copy is in the district files.

NEW BUSINESS

The Oaths of Office will take place in May.

The "Resolution for Exemption from Audit" was approved. Devin moved and Mark seconded.

Kristi reported on several programs: Water Round Table, Sun, Soil and Water Ag Summit, Grape Growing class, Agro-Forestry Overview, CART training for emergency livestock care.

NRCS REPORT -

Lana reported that they are busy with ranking applications. They have 120 applications. They have over 12 million dollars in requests but have only \$420,000 in funds.

Climate-Smart Agricultural was also discussed.

The Bessemer Ditch study has been approved.

The inflation Reduction Act program is in the works.

No news on any positions to be filled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, April 20, 2023, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo.

Approved minutes:

Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer