

**SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 18, 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: Georg Pigg, Doug Thacker, Mark Koch, and Devin Cossel. Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, Kristi Bartolo, Ex-Officio member, and Rich Rhoades, District Manager.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Doug reported the balance on 4/30/2023 was \$27,363.51.

The spreadsheet balance matches the bank statement.

CD rates have increased significantly. The CD reached its maturity on 2/7/23; Devin did 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.

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

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Rhoades - \$203.30 for Grass ID books. The price was higher than anticipated due to increased book costs. George moved, and Devin seconded to pay; the motion carried. Check 2114.

Mark Koch - \$150 for Arkansas River Basin Watershed meeting. Previously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

CACD – Abbey Grey will assume the position of Executive Director for CACD; transitioning to organic grant information.

CSCB – Annual Report, the board received copies of the “Soil Health Fundamentals” handbook.

Email - Thank you for the Grass ID books from Patty Knupp and Ben Berlinger. They have 25 teachers registered for the TEN program in June.

The board received a copy of the signed Memorandum of Agreement between the District, NRCS, and the Colorado State Conservation Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Rich sent in a grant request for the Star Plus program. No word yet on approval.

Mark and Lana reported on the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum meeting and tours.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mark moved, and George seconded to appoint Doug to the unfilled term on the board; the motion passed.

Devin administered the Oath of Office to Ryan, Mark, and Doug.

Kristi reported on the Drought programs: the Drought Workshop has been funded. The Drought Workshop will be held June 15 at the Vineland United Methodist Church. Kristi prepared a flyer; Rich posted it on the district's website. The board and Turkey Creek CD will assist with meal costs. Kristi provided a draft agenda. Kristi also reported on corn and tomato projects and a youth camp.

**NRCS REPORT -**

Lana reported on sign-up for Grassland Easement Program.

The Bessemer Ditch project – no update.

NRCS may fill the engineering position soon.

The board discussed needing more funding for group requests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

**The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Vineland United Methodist Church before the Drought Workshop.**

**Approved minutes:**

**Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer**