

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 16, 2024
USDA Service Center - Pueblo, Colorado

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Board members in attendance were George Pigg, Doug Thacker, Mark Koch, and Devin Cossel.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader, Rich Rhoades Contract District Manager, Kristi Bartolo, Ex-Officio member, Garth Schaefer, Southeast Regional Field Specialist for CSCB and TJ Knecht South Pueblo County cooperator.

REVIEW AGENDA

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug reported the bank statement dated April 30, 2024, was \$17,733.53 at US Bank plus \$7,244.01 at Colorado Bank and Trust.

The spreadsheet balance for Colorado Bank & Trust is \$7,244.01; this assumes all outstanding checks have been cashed.

The CD is at the Bank of the San Juans for four months at 4.91% interest.

The balance as of 12/15/23 is \$12,527.86. Interest on the statement in 2023 is \$205.93.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Ark Valley Watershed Forum – Mark's registration. \$150, Devin moved, and Doug seconded to pay, motion passed. Check #1004

Rich will review the US Bank account to determine any outstanding checks in that account.

CORRESPONDENCE

CSCB – District Operations training

CACD – Poster Contest

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Doug Thacker announced his retirement from the board and presented a letter of resignation.

George moved and Mark seconded to accept the letter, motion passed.

Devin moved and Mark seconded to appoint TJ Knecht to fill the remainder of Doug's term, motion passed.

The Oath of Office was administered and signed by TJ and Ryan.

Ryan thanked Doug for 31 years of service to the board.

Rich presented information about district operations received at the District Operations training.

Rich will present other information from the training at each board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Garth presented information about matching grants, direct assistance and other CSCB information.

Kristi discussed the Local Work Group and coordination with the Water Information/Drought meeting. George moved and Doug seconded to allocate \$500 of Drought Funds toward the meeting, motion passed. Turkey Creek may agree to assist with sponsorship. The meeting will be June 20th at the McHarg Park Community Center in Avondale.

Kristi is working on the Master Irrigator course and finding sponsors. TJ agreed to serve on the State Advisory Committee for the course.

Rich reported on the District Operations training held in Bromfield.

Rich discussed the ADA compliance status to date.

NRCS REPORT -

EQIPs are being funded but at a low funding level. Very few irrigation requests have been funded.

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

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the McHarg Park Community Center in Avondale, CO.

Approved minutes:

Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer