

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Thursday, July 21, 2022

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: Doug Thacker, George Pigg, Mark Koch, and Devin Cossel.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader; Rich Rhoades, District Manager; Garth Schaefer, Southeast Regional Field Specialist, CSCB

REVIEW AGENDA

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

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Ryan – Bessemer Ditch meeting and field tour – 6 hours.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The board reviewed the minutes for the June monthly meeting. Devin moved, and Mark seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The checking account balance on the bank statement is \$25,703.08 as of 6/30/2022.

The CD reached maturity on 2/7/22, was renewed, and will expire on 8/7/22. The CD is with the Bank of the San Juans, and interest earned in 2021 is \$8.01 for six months. The interest rate is %0.05. The balance on 2/7/22 was \$12,309.43.

Mark moved, and Devin seconded to approve the report.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Review of Bills to date

Caterer for Drought Meeting. \$732.90. Paid in June #2089

Rhoades – contract manager \$600. Paid in June # 2090

American Fertilizer \$350 for PAM project. Paid in June # 2091

Greenhorn Valley View \$210, ad for Drought meeting. Paid in June # 2092

Pueblo Star Journal - \$125, ad for Drought meeting. Paid in June # 2093.

Meeting room rent, Drought meeting. -\$270. Paid in June # 2094

Camp Rocky Scholarship \$350. Paid in June. #2095

Joel Lisonbee- Drought meeting speaker. \$128. Paid in July #2096.

Turkey Creek indicated they would assist with meeting expenses. Rich will prepare a bill for Turkey Creek.

CORRESPONDENCE

CACD – Dues notice, \$1200, non-point source funding, Gunnison CD, CO Ag Water Alliance, Forest Service Fire newsletter, 2023 Farm Bill

CSCB – Annual Report

NRCS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

There is no new information about district consolidation. The District will need an election, new by-laws, and a decision about the number of board members. Garth mentioned a decision regarding Direct Assistance for combined districts may be decided this year.

PAM Update – none

NEW BUSINESS

Board mileage – recalculate based on current IRS mileage rate, August meeting.

Extension Report – Kristi could not attend but provided a report and several handouts on upcoming events. Including: A Moveable Feast – Saturday, August 13; Farm and Produce Bus Tour, August 19; CART training on August 14; Pueblo County Fair next week; Urban Wildlife and You, August 26; and a Thank You card from Kristi for the District's participation in the Drought Workshop.

Zoom renewal policy – table until February board meeting

Camp Rocky – Garth attended and provided a report

Ag in the Classroom – the brochure to George. George moved, and Devin seconded to pay up to \$200 for Ag in the Classroom for the Craver MS teacher.

Wildfire Mitigation was held July 9, 2022. Snacks and water provided. Another meeting will be held this Saturday. Bills will be presented afterwards. The District previously allocated \$200.

Rich noted the State Auditor approved the Exemption from Audit.

NRCS REPORT -

Lana noted 82% of EQIP money has been allocated

There is forestry money from the Joint Chiefs, but no word yet on when the funds will be available.

The NRCS State Office met with the Bessemer Ditch Company to discuss a possible PL-566 project. The projected funds needed are \$100 million.

Deric Clemons is the new Area Conservationist

Garth noted that Maggie Hanna is the new Upper Ark representative to the State Conservation Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting will be on August 18, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo, CO

Approved minutes:

Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer