

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2023
USDA Service Center - Pueblo, Colorado

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-President Devin Cossel called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Board members in attendance: Georg Pigg, Doug Thacker, and Mark Koch.

Other attendees included Randa York, Resource Conservationist; Kristi Bartolo, Ex-Officio member; Garth Schaefer, Field Specialist from the Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) and Rich Rhoades, District Manager.

REVIEW AGENDA

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug reported the checking account balance on 7/31/2023 was \$24,916.81.

The spreadsheet balance was \$23,742.16 as of 8/16/23, assuming all checks have been cashed. 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. The current CD is for four months at 5% interest.

Doug and Devin are moving the checking account to Colorado Bank and Trust. Rich will provide the documents needed to open the account.

BILLS TO BE PAID

There were no bills to be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

CACD –

CSCB – Upper Arkansas Watershed Association meeting to be held September 21 in Pueblo West. Reservations are requested.

Direct Assistance will be coming soon. The estimated amount is \$6,625.27. An additional \$2,000 will be added with a separate check.

The Arkansas River Basin Water Forum will be held March 6-7, 2024, in La Junta.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SAMS registration information has been approved. Renewal will take place next year. Doug and Devin reported on the bank changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Garth Schaefer reported: The CSCB newsletter is called “The Scoop.” Board members can get on the mailing list for the newsletter. CSCB hosts a “Coffee Hour” on Wednesdays on various subjects. Mining will be an upcoming subject. The “Coffee Hour” is recorded and can be accessed for later listening. Maggie Hanna is the CSCB representative for our district. George Fosha is the CACD representative. Cindy Lair is now the Deputy Director of the Conservation Division.

Kristi reported that the Produce Bus tour will go through Pueblo, Extension will use the River Trailer for youth education, and the Creek Walk will feature Fountain Creek clean up.

NRCS REPORT -

Randa reported on CRP grassland sign-up, additional EQIP money, and the new engineer has reported.

No Bessemer Ditch report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo.

Approved minutes:

Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer