

**SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 21, 2023**  
**USDA Service Center - Pueblo, Colorado**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Ryan Froman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members in attendance were Devin Cossel, Georg Pigg, Doug Thacker, and Mark Koch. Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Doug reported the checking account balance on 8/31/2023 was \$ 32,900.18.

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.

The board received \$6,625.27 in direct assistance on 8/25/23 and an additional \$2,000 on 8/24/23. Those amounts are reflected in Doug's report.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Rhoades – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter \$500. Mark moved, and George seconded to approve; the motion passed. Check 2125.

State Range Judging Contest – Burlington CD \$230, Mark moved, and George seconded to approve, motion passed. Check # 2124

Request for sponsorship of the Society for Range Management (SRM) workshop in Canon City for \$150. Mark moved, and George seconded to approve, and the motion passed. Check #2126.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

CACD – Upper Arkansas Watershed Association meeting was held on September 21 in Pueblo West. Lana's report is under new business.

CACD – Annual Meeting, December 4-5 in Colorado Springs. Mark would like the registration link.

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

Mined Land permit expansion, Martin Marietta Materials east of Wetmore.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Doug and Devin are working on a bank transfer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lana reported on the Upper Ark Watershed meeting. There were 19 in attendance; four awards were approved to move on to the State level, four resolutions were presented, and two were rejected. The speaker was Annie Overlin, CSU on Rangeland Health.

The board reviewed the draft budget.

Kristi reported by email – funding for food systems and farm access. Kristi requested that the board complete a survey she sent to the board via email.

**NRCS REPORT -**

EQIP – 19 contracts have been funded at Rocky Ford for 3.6 million dollars; 7 contracts were approved at Pueblo for 1.6 million dollars. The total contracts approved in Lana’s area is 5.3 million dollars on 26,951 acres.

Zach Jannush, an engineer, is now on board.

No Bessemer Ditch report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo.**

**Approved minutes:**

**Doug Thacker - Secretary/Treasurer**