

SOUTH PUEBLO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 19, 2024
USDA Service Center, Pueblo, Colorado

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-President Mark Koch called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. George Pigg and TJ Knecht were board members in attendance.

Other attendees included Lana Pearson, Resource Team Leader; Rich Rhoades, Contract District Manager; and Kristi Bartolo, ex-officio member, CSU Extension.

REVIEW AGENDA

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TJ moved, and George seconded the approval of the August meeting minutes. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 31, 2024, the reports were \$26,392.14 at US Bank. A typo error incorrectly entered the Colorado Bank and Trust account amount.

The CD at the Bank of the San Juans was recently renewed for four months. The interest rate is yet to be determined.

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

No motion to approve was submitted due to the above error. Tabled.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Rhoades - \$500 3rd Quarter contract. TJ moved, and George seconded to approve; the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

CSCB- Nomination for a representative for the Upper Ark Watershed. New Urban-Ag position, Emma Hardiman

CACD – EQIP Customer Survey, Caleigh Payne, Watershed Technician – watershed survey

CACD Annual Meeting, December 1-4, Colorado Springs, Marriott

Arkansas River Basin Water Forum – request to serve on the planning committee. Previously forwarded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ryan and Devin will complete the banking signature cards and other account information changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Lana reported on the Upper Ark Watershed Association meeting held today in Pueblo West. Six of the twelve districts were in attendance.

Rich received requests for expenses associated with the Southeast Colorado Range Judging Contest and the State Range Judging Contest. George moved, and TJ seconded, to allocate \$200 to each contest; the motion passed.

Rich completed the Supervisor List and filed it with the Department of Local Affairs.

The board reviewed the draft budget for 2025. No action is necessary at this time.

Kristi discussed the draft agenda for the Irrigation Master course, which will be held on four Wednesdays in January 2025. The district is a sponsor of the course.

The “Women in Ag” registration has increased. TJ moved, and George seconded increasing the registration scholarships from \$100 to \$125, with a maximum of \$625; the motion passed. Kristi discussed “Tax Credits for Costly Equipment,” a small farm project, and several classes available through Extension.

NRCS REPORT

Lana reported that the offices she supervises may change. Once the change is official, more details will be provided.

No report on the Bessemer project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the USDA Service Center in Pueblo, CO.

Approved minutes: _____ Devin Cossel - Secretary/Treasurer